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NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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The attached letter for your signature and the accompanying memorandum respond to Under Secretary Olmer's request for a CIA assessment of West European reservations about US efforts to increase exports to China of COCOM-controlled items. In general, analysts in the Directorate believe our allies are primarily concerned that the United States is unilaterally attempting to change the operating procedures and principles of COCOM. Strategic considerations probably play only a marginal role in allied misgivings over such sales.

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