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Summary:

In a follow up report to an airgram from December 28, 1962, the U.S. embassy in Bonn determined that the French and the Germans were considering building a reprocessing plant at the Karlsruhe nuclear complex.

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According to UK Scientific Attache (Spedding), French not interested in joint Franco-German effort for reprocessing of spent fuel elements highly enriched uranium. Joint Franco-Italian program well under way with plant under construction near Turin for this purpose. Franco-German plans call for plant, probably to be erected on German soil within Karlsruhe nuclear complex, to concern itself with plutonium reprocessing. Facility to be financed jointly by French and Germans and to be in operation 1964. Technical details not disclosed.

For the Ambassador:

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