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State Department Executive Secretary Benjamin H. Read to National Security Adviser McGeorge Bundy, 'NSAM 241 on Report on French Gaseous Diffusion Plant'

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Summary:

Noting that the situation that gave rise to NSAM 41 had improved, Read informed Bundy that intelligence reporting would continue but he wanted permission to stop work responsive to the NSAM. There had been "no indication of any attempts by the French to enlist German or Italian cooperation in the Pierrrelatte project."

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: NSAM 241 on Report on French
Gaseous Diffusion Plant

The situation which gave rise to NSAM 241 and the subsequent 5/30 memo to holders of this NSAM has significantly ameliorated. During the past year there has been no indication of any attempts by the French to enlist German or Italian cooperation in the Pierrelatte project. There also is no evidence that the Germans or Italians have been giving serious consideration to such cooperation.

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While we shall continue to monitor the situation from an intelligence standpoint, in view of these facts, I request authorization to discontinue reporting on this NSAM, including possible measures for inhibiting bilateral cooperation.

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