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**A.R. Luedecke, General Manager, Atomic Energy  
Commission, to Philip J. Farley, Department of State**

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**Summary:**

The AEC agrees to initiate talks with Western European nations in the attempt to control nuclear proliferation through the classification of gas centrifuge technology.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Philip J. Farley  
Department of State

SUBJECT: INITIATION OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GERMAN, NETHERLANDS, AND  
U.K. GOVERNMENTS REGARDING CONTROL OF GAS CENTRIFUGE  
INFORMATION AND EQUIPMENT

I refer to previous correspondence between the Commission and the Department, subject: "Control of and Cooperation in Gas Centrifuge Research and Development Technology."

The Commission has now considered this problem, including your preliminary views transmitted to Mr. Wells by memorandum of March 23, 1960, and the discussions which took place April 1. The Commission feels that exploratory discussions should be initiated promptly with the German, Dutch, and U.K. Governments to seek control of gas centrifuge equipment and materials and control of centrifuge technology.

I therefore recommend that the Department take appropriate steps as expeditiously as possible to arrange discussions with these three Governments. In this regard, it would, in our judgment, be most desirable to hold such discussions in Europe. In view of the delicacy of both the classification and the political problems involved, we suggest a mission made up of representatives of the Department and the Commission.

If these suggestions meet with your approval, I would appreciate your designating a member or members of your staff to join with Mr. Wells on an urgent basis to do the necessary preparatory work.

- cc: Division of Security
- Division of Production
- Division of Classification
- Division of Research
- Division of Reactor Development
- Office of General Counsel
- AGMIA

*John*  
A. R. Luedecke  
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