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**Letter, South African Charge d'Affaires in Vienna,  
'Production of Heavy Water in the Union'**

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**Summary:**

Letter to the South African Charge d'Affaires in Vienna stating that research is continuing into the production of heavy water in South Africa.

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DIE SEKRETARIS VAN BUITENLANDSE SAKE, PRETORIA.

The Chargé d'Affaires of the Union of South Africa,  
VIENNA.

Vervaardiging van Swaarwater in die Unie.

Met verwysing na u diskoers 137/11/23 van 20 Oktober, 1957, en die verslag van die Raad van Swaarwater van die Unie van 18 Oktober 1957, word u versoek om kennis te gee van die huidige stand van die vervaardiging van swaarwater in die Unie. Die Raad van Swaarwater van die Unie het u versoek om kennis te gee van die huidige stand van die vervaardiging van swaarwater in die Unie.

Production of Heavy Water in the Union.

I refer to your minute No. 29/7 of the 18th October about the production of heavy water in the Union and seeking further detailed information in that regard.

Attached is a copy of a minute, No. A.E.B. 41 of the 20th November, in which the Deputy Chairman of the Union's Atomic Energy Board sets out the present position in regard to the manufacture of heavy water in the Union.

You will notice that he says, for your confidential information, that the report which appeared in the State Information Digest of South African Affairs, Volume 4, Number 19, about the manufacture of heavy water at Sasol, was unduly optimistic.

Research is continuing into the manufacture of heavy water in the Union, and with its supplies of cheap coal South Africa may be able to produce heavy water on a competitive basis.

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