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SALES OF NATURAL URANIUM WITHOUT SAFEGUARDS

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The General Manager has requested that the attached memorandum from the Director of International Affairs be circulated for the information of the Commission.

W. B. McCool

Secretary

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Memorandum

TO : A. R. Luedecke, General Manager
(THRU) AGMIA

DATE: SEP 22 1961

FROM : A. A. Wells, Director
Division of International Affairs

SUBJECT: SALES OF NATURAL URANIUM WITHOUT SAFEGUARDS

The Commission has previously been informed that Spain and India were negotiating a contract concerning a sale of 20 metric tons of natural uranium without effective safeguards (AEC 997/54). Despite an Aide-Memoire transmitted by the Department of State (CA 10308, May 26, 1961), which strongly urged the Spanish Government to require safeguards consistent with those of the IAEA, we have been informed that Spain has recently signed a contract to deliver 20 tons of uranium concentrate to India without effective safeguards.

The Division of International Affairs will continue to consider, in consultation with the Department of State, possible actions on the part of the United States which might discourage the supply of nuclear material or other assistance without safeguards.

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