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W. B. McCool

Secretary

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# Memorandum

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

SUBJECT: SALES OF NATURAL URANIUM WITHOUT SAFEGUARDS

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The Commission has previously been informed of sales of natural uranium made by other supplier countries without effective safeguards, and of the steps taken in attempt to forestall such sales (AEC 997/18, 997/20, 997/28). Two additional situations of this nature have developed within recent weeks:

1. Belgium has shipped 15 tons of uranium ore to India within the framework of an agreement made last year for the export of a total of 100 tons without effective safeguards. Despite United States protests, Belgium has previously shipped 30 tons of natural uranium to India under this agreement. Indications are that the Belgians intend to complete the remaining shipments.
2. Spain has been negotiating with India concerning a sale of 20 metric tons of natural uranium without effective safeguards. The Department of State has urged the Government of Spain to reconsider its position on this transaction in light of its support of international safeguards in the IAEA.

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