

UNITED STATES
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : K. E. Fields
General Manager

FROM : H. L. Price, Director
Division of Civilian Application

SUBJECT: EXPORT BY UK OF RADIOISOTOPES TO THE SOVIET BLOC

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Attached for your information is a letter dated August 26 from Mr. J. A. V. Willis of the UK Scientific Mission informing us that the UK is putting into effect a decision to lift their administrative controls over the export of radioisotopes to the Soviet bloc.

Also enclosed is the September 3, 1954, letter referred to by Mr. Willis. This original letter resulted in a memorandum dated October 21, 1954, to the General Manager from the Director of Construction and Supply. This general subject was discussed by the then General Manager with the Commission on October 23, 1954, in anticipation that the subject would be brought up by Sir John Cockcroft and other UK officials then visiting Washington. The British, however, did not mention this subject and it was later ascertained from discussions with Mr. Jackson that the UK had decided not to press the U. S. for views at that time.

A staff paper is now in preparation which deals with the subject of a revised U. S. export policy regarding radioisotopes. It is expected that this paper will be ready for submission to the Commission in about two weeks.

I suggest that Mr. Willis's letter of August 26 be reproduced by the Secretary for the information of the Commission.

Enclosures:

1. Ltr. from Mr. Willis of 8/26/55
2. Ltr. from Mr. Jackson of 9/3/54

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