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National Security Decision Memorandum 250

TO: The Secretary of Defense
The Deputy Secretary of State
The Director, Central Intelligence Agency
The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
The Director, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency
The Director, Federal Energy Office
The Assistant to the President for International
Economic Policy

SUBJECT: U.S. Policy Toward Purchase of Soviet Uranium
Enrichment Services

The President has reviewed the study on U.S. Policy Toward Purchase of Uranium Enrichment Services from the Soviet Union, as forwarded by the Chairman of the NSC Under Secretaries Committee on December 4, 1973.

The President has approved the recommendations that the U.S. should take a neutral posture toward Soviet sale of enrichment services and should consult with certain allies to ascertain the necessity and feasibility of establishing some limit to these purchases to avoid significant dependence on Soviet supply. The timing and nature of the consultations should be carefully selected so as not to conflict with other critical energy discussions. The consultations may be incorporated, as appropriate, in the framework of the international Working Group on Uranium Enrichment of the Energy Coordinating Group.

The President has also approved the recommendations that:

- The domestic company which has so requested to be allowed to purchase Soviet enrichment services to fuel U.S.-built nuclear plants abroad, and that future similar requests should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

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-- The question of domestic purchase of foreign enrichment services should be held in abeyance pending further analysis and developments.

In addition, the President has directed that U.S. policy options, including our position in COCOM, on the disposition of tails from Soviet enrichment should be examined and a report forwarded for his consideration by May 1, 1974.

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Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff