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Reference Department to Paris 60, Bonn 37, July 6; Bonn to Department 4023, June 23.

Admiral Alberto called on me today with Professor Groth of Bonn University to urge my assistance in securing MSB license for exportation centrifuges. He confirmed use of equipment would be to enrich uranium for industrial reactors, but emphasized no (repeat no) bomb development envisaged. Alberto gave impression of frankness and I gathered he has convinced his government of his ability to organize practical project in Brazil for industrial atomic power.

Views Atomic Energy Commission will enable us determine position in MSB on pending application which British and French prepared approve. Visitors indicated Germans consider their development activity not (repeat not) illegal and seemed disposed to discuss their project with us openly. Actually we believe activity probably conflicts with control legislation unless licensed. We intend make further inquiries regarding this project, and suggest Atomic Energy Commission might consider sending someone to survey project and to look at two centrifuges now understood to be operating Hamburg, if their interest sufficient. We could assist in acquiring plans or even unit for shipment United States if they desire. In spite keen Brazilian interest, applicant insists rate separation with this equipment extremely slow, which I would expect to be the case.

Department's views requested.

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