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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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July 5, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: *Interia* Reply to Your Memorandum
of May 20, 1943, For Release of
HELEN PAI

We are seeking further information on possible German or Italian assistance to the Marie Curie gaseous diffusion project, but as you requested, we will not at this time make any representations to German or Italian officials.

We did not raise the subject with German Science Minister Lehn during his recent visit as suggested in our memorandum of May 27. During his meeting at the Atomic Energy Commission, however, Minister Lehn volunteered a denial of any German intention to take action which would strengthen French development of a nuclear weapons capability. He said that Germany has had nothing to do with the Marie Curie plant.

We are reviewing allied attitudes toward the Marie Curie project and possible measures for inhibiting German cooperation, particularly if it is clandestine. We will report on our studies and conclusions as soon as they are completed. In the interim, we are prepared to support, in whatever manner may be useful, the efforts of the Atomic Energy Commission to provide assurances of long term U. S. supply of enriched uranium for peaceful purposes on the most suitable terms.

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