

## Memorandum from the American Embassy in Luxembourg (7 November 1955)

**Caption:** On 7 November 1955, officials in the United States Embassy in Luxembourg draft a confidential memorandum which sets out the American position vis-à-vis a possible European Atomic Energy Community.

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Indications that certain opponents of European integration in the field of atomic energy are making use of the argument that less favorable terms would be received by a given foreign country as a member of a European Atomic Agency than it would obtain bilaterally are causing the United States Government some concern.

It is of course not possible to decide what the United States' relations with the proposed European Atomic Agency would be until the Europeans can agree on the structure, the powers and the purposes of such an agency. If, however, the Europeans should establish a common institution which the United States could consider as possessing sovereign responsibility and authority and which would otherwise contribute to a stronger and prosperous Europe through integration, the Executive Branch of the Government would be prepared promptly and vigorously to seek the necessary Congressional action to permit cooperation for atomic energy including the supply of atomic materials. The United States can enter into an arrangement for cooperation with a group of nations following a joint resolution or treaty.

A relationship concluded in the manner envisaged above would of course reinforce United States Executive and Congressional support of European integration with unforeseeable but real mutual practical advantages accruing to both the United States and the European Agency.

American Embassy  
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