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Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the
Government of the Kingdom of Norway
concerning the Safeguards and Assurances
relating to a transfer of Nuclear Material
from the United Kingdom to Norway

Oslo, 15 June/3 July 1984

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by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
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**EXCHANGE OF NOTES
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY CONCERNING
THE SAFEGUARDS AND ASSURANCES RELATING TO A
TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL FROM THE UNITED
KINGDOM TO NORWAY**

No. 1

*Her Majesty's Ambassador at Oslo to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Norway*

Note No. 56

British Embassy

Oslo

15 June 1984

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the proposed export by British Nuclear Fuels PLC (BNF PLC) to Norway of 12 PWR fuel rods containing:

- (1) approximately 150 grammes natural uranium (bulk weight approximately 170 grammes) as oxide pellets
- (2) approximately 14 kilogrammes enriched uranium at enrichments of 3.93 per cent and 4.37 per cent U235 (bulk weight approximately 20.5 kilogrammes) as oxide pellets

for the purpose of nuclear fuel research by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Halden reactor project. It is understood that following irradiation the fuel rods will be returned to the United Kingdom for post irradiation examination and eventual reprocessing.

In this connection I have the further honour to refer to International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) document INFCIRC/254⁽¹⁾ and to state that the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "The United Kingdom Government") base their nuclear export policies on this document.

So that the United Kingdom Government may give effect to the guidelines set out in the appendix to that document, I have the honour to propose that the Government of the Kingdom of Norway (hereinafter referred to as "The Government of Norway") shall, in respect of the material described above, comply with the following conditions:

- (a) In accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of the guidelines the material and any material derived from it shall be used only for peaceful purposes and shall not be used in any way which would result in any nuclear explosive device.
- (b) In accordance with paragraph 3 of the guidelines the material shall be placed under effective physical protection in accordance with the protection characteristics set out in Annex B to the guidelines, the implementation of those measures of physical protection being the responsibility of the Government of Norway.

⁽¹⁾ Not reproduced.

- (c) In accordance with paragraph 4 of the guidelines, IAEA safeguards shall apply to the material and any material derived from it.
- (d) In accordance with paragraph 10 of the guidelines the Government of Norway shall not retransfer the material or transfer any materials which may be derived from it and which are identified in the trigger list in part A of the annex to IAEA document INFCIRC/254 to any third party unless the recipient of the retransfer or transfer shall first have provided the Government of Norway with the same assurances as those required by the United Kingdom Government for the transfer of this material and the Government of Norway is satisfied as to the *bona fides* of such third party.

The principle of the implementation of safeguards for the material which it is proposed to export from the United Kingdom to Norway having been accepted, and in order that this implementation may be effective, the United Kingdom Government shall confirm officially to the Government of Norway the execution of the transfer providing the relevant information as to the quantity and form of the material, date of despatch and consignee.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of Norway I have the honour to propose that this Note and your reply in that sense shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

W. BENTLEY

No. 2

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Oslo

*Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Oslo*

3 July 1984

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note of 15 June 1984 which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

I have the honour to confirm that the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of Norway and that Your Excellency's Note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force on today's date.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

SVENN STRAY