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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

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Subject: Press conference in Bonn on Ultra-centrifuge process.

Mr. Opfermann of the German Embassy received a cable this afternoon outlining the main points of the press conference in Bonn on the ultra-centrifuge process. They were as follows:

1. Germany will adhere to its undertakings under the Brussels Agreement.
2. The action was taken as a result of American suggestions.
3. State secrecy is being imposed.
4. Action was also taken since knowledge of this development might make it easier for other countries to make weapons.
5. This action was not contrary to Germany's undertakings under the Euratom Treaty, since the Treaty permits classification of patents for defense purposes. Classification is not proposed against other members of the Community. The telegram then referred to Article 25 of the Euratom Treaty.
6. It is not yet clear from the experiments made thus far whether the process will be economic.

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