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Mr. Edward S. Mason, Commissioner
President's Materials Policy Commission
Executive Office of the President
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mason:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the letter you received from Oscar Lange, Polish ex-ambassador to the United States, and of the reply you propose to send.

I consider Lange's statements on his activities and on the proposed international economic conference in Moscow as an interesting and possibly significant move, and am glad to know about it.

We agree with you that it may well be another step in a developing policy of relaxing tensions. It may also reflect concern about future trade. In any case, it represents a highly plausible proposition and some of the addresses may be taken in by it.

Your projected reply seems to me much to the point.

Sincerely,
SIGNED

WALTER B. SMITH
Director

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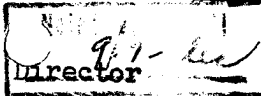
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MEMORANDUM TO: The  Director

Oskar Lange - former Polish ambassador and representative to UN - on 22 August 1951 wrote to Mr. Mason - Commissioner on President's Materials Policy Commission and Harvard professor asking his views on proposed international economic conference to be held in Moscow in late 1951.

Mason's reply indicates his belief that the possibilities of such a conference are small since it would be assumed in the U.S. that the Russian and satellite delegates would not be free to express individual opinions. Mason suggests an intergovernmental conference on the same topic and also exchange of scholars and technically qualified individuals. Reply prepared by O/NE.

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