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SUBJECT: Protest in Parliament Against Delay of Sale of Krupp Coal and Steel Holdings *USIA-10 ARMY-4 NAVY-3 AIR-1*

Attached is an extract from Hansard, February 18, 1959, Columns 345-346, setting out several questions relating to the delay in the implementation of the order requiring the sale of the coal and steel holdings of Krupp.

The matter was raised during the oral question period in Parliament, and among the questions asked was whether the United Kingdom Government had protested to the Federal German Government regarding its failure to ensure the implementation of Allied Law No. 7. Mr. Bevan, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, pressed the Government for a statement of the conditions which would need to be satisfied before an extension of time for the sale would be allowed.

In reply, the Government spokesman said that the procedure followed was that envisaged in the Bonn Settlement Convention.

In the supplementary questions, the Opposition indulged in harsh comments and drew to the attention of the Government the very deep feeling in the country about this matter. The Government spokesman said that he would bear that in mind.

Comment: This was the first time that questions relating to Krupp came up during the oral answer period. Previous questions had not been reached in time for an oral reply and, therefore, had been answered in writing (see Embassy No. 183, February 9, 1959). This was the first occasion, therefore, for members of Parliament to speak on the subject.

For the Ambassador:

Daniel F. Margolies  
First Secretary of Embassy

Attachments:

Extract from Hansard, "Krupp  
Deconcentration Agreement" (6 copies)

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