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March 10, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER

FROM: Helmut Sonnenfeldt

SUBJECT: Dr. David's Interest in the Catalytic Cracker
for Poland

Dr. David's Polish counterpart, Jan Kaczmarek, is expected to visit in April. Dr. David has written to you (Tab B) to express his hope that he might be able to tell Kaczmarek that if the Poles are still interested in purchasing US fluid catalytic cracking technology, the US would be willing to reconsider the matter. In this way, he argues, there could be no possible embarrassment to the Polish Government which would otherwise result if we suddenly approved the sale.

You will recall that last year the President decided against the sale of this technology to Poland at the time he decided in favor of the sale of more sophisticated hydro-cracking technology to Romania (Romania has had the catalytic cracker for five years).

The Commerce-chaired Advisory Committee on Export Policy recently completed at the expert level a report on catalytic cracking export. A majority (State, Commerce, CIA and OST) would establish a presumption of approval for licensing catalytic crackers for Eastern Europe, while the minority (Interior and Defense) would not support a presumption of approval. Dr. David refers to this report in his memorandum.

I assume that given the fluid situation in Poland, and the general thrust of the President's recent decisions on trade with Eastern Europe, you will wish to advise Dr. David that now is not the appropriate time for us to advance any signal to the Poles on catalytic crackers. At the same time, should the Pole raise it, Ed David could be authorized to say that he will look into the matter. A memorandum to that effect is at Tab A.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to Dr. David at Tab A.

Concur: Bergsten

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reviews
completed.

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March 30, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. DAVID

FROM:

Henry A. Kissinger /S/

SUBJECT:

The Visit of Jan Kaczmarek

I appreciate your memorandum on the visit of your Polish counterpart. While I understand your views on the question of the catalytic cracker, I do not believe that the occasion of his visit would be an appropriate time for us to take an initiative. If the Pole should raise the matter, I believe you should simply indicate that you will look into it. Perhaps after his visit, and taking into account any views on the issue he may offer, we might then take another look at it.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 23, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger
The White House

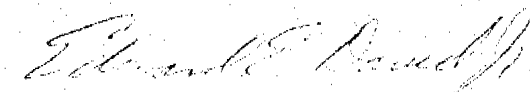
Subject: Visit of Chairman of Polish Committee for Science
and Technology

I expect my Polish counterpart, Jan Kaczmarek, to be here at the end of March or beginning of April. In preparing for his visit, I wonder if it is useful to reconsider last year's Polish request to purchase U.S. fluid catalytic cracking technology of the kind sold to Romania in 1965.

A recent interagency review of the strategic considerations in the export of such technology to Eastern Europe is just being completed under the chairmanship of Commerce. One of my staff members participated and the conclusion of the majority favored an assumption of approval of such cases in limited quantity to Eastern European destinations. Interior and Defense constituted a "minority view" on the Task Force, arguing that there was risk to the U.S. in providing better gasoline-making technology to Eastern Europe. I concur with the majority view.

I do not believe that one should simply move now to approve the Polish case; however, if it were acceptable to the President, I would like to be in a position in the course of my discussions with Kaczmarek to be able to say that "if the Poles are still interested, the U.S. would now be willing to reconsider the matter." In this manner any possible embarrassment of the new Polish Government vis-a-vis the Russians by our sudden approval would be avoided.

I believe the State Department is also submitting a memo to you on this subject. In any event, it seems to me that such a move might give the Kaczmarek visit, which is a new departure in itself from past Polish behavior, a special significance and visibility with regard to overall U.S. - Polish relations.



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