

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. President:

Section 144 b. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 empowers you to authorize the Department of Defense, with the assistance of the Atomic Energy Commission, to cooperate with another nation or regional defense organization to which the United States is a party and to communicate to that nation or organization such atomic information as is necessary to the development of defense plans, the training of personnel in the employment of and defense against atomic weapons, and the evaluation of the capabilities of potential enemies in the employment of atomic weapons. This cooperation and communication, however, may be undertaken only in accordance with the limitations imposed by the Act and under an agreement entered into pursuant to Section 123 thereof.

The first of these agreements was with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. It was approved by you on April 13, 1955, and has been before the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy for the required thirty-day period. With the cooperation of the Department of State, a separate agreement has now been negotiated with Canada and recommended for signature. This proposed agreement is submitted herewith for your approval.

It is the view of this Department that this agreement is entirely in accord with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954. The execution of this agreement should do much to advance our mutual defense interests, especially the vital cause of North American defense in which we have long been working closely with our Canadian neighbors, and will thereby aid materially in the defense of the United States. I therefore strongly recommend that you approve this proposed agreement as required by Section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act and transmit the agreement to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy together with your determinations and authorizations as to execution.

With great respect, I am

Faithfully yours,

SIGNED
C. E. WILSON

The President
The White House

Special Assistant to the Secretary
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