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THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20230

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Secretary Rusk has brought to your attention by his memorandum of April 4 his view that we should at this time approve exports to Rumania of advanced equipment and technology which would be helpful to a buildup of its petroleum industry. As he indicated, a number of cases of this nature were discussed by him, Deputy Secretary Vance, Secretary Udall, Mr. Cline of CIA, and myself in a meeting last Thursday of the Export Control Review Board. I enclose a memorandum to you of my views, together with a summary of the discussion that took place at the Board meeting.

I feel strongly that these cases raise a substantial question under the Export Control Act because of the significant contributions which this kind of technology and equipment would make to the economic and military potential of Rumania, the USSR, and the other Communist countries. Furthermore, they would help Rumania in an industry providing petroleum to North Vietnam.

I urge that you read the attached four-page memorandum as well as the two-page memorandum by Secretary Rusk on the same subject and that the two of us be given an opportunity to discuss it with you personally.

Sincerely yours,

Jack

John T. Connor

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By JC, NARA. Date 1-4-01

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