



## AIDE-MEMOIRE

*Am 24. Juni 1976, 11 30h  
Botschaftsrat Grür, GB-Botschaft,  
dem Unterzeichneter über-  
reicht*

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Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy has been informed that the Swiss Federal Institute for Reactor Research have requested the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority to supply 10 kg of plutonium for research purposes.

As a member of the ten nation Nuclear Supplier's Group the United Kingdom can only meet this request after concluding with Switzerland a safeguards agreement and after negotiating assurances on storage, retransfer and physical protection of such material as required by the Guidelines for the Supplier's Group agreed in London at the end of 1975. If these intergovernmental requirements are met the United Kingdom would be able to supply the desired amount of plutonium.

Should Switzerland in the meantime have ratified the Non-Proliferation Treaty an agreement would have to be negotiated between Switzerland and the International Atomic Energy Agency and this agreement would provide the necessary safeguards under which plutonium and other fissile materials could be supplied from the United Kingdom.

United Kingdom policy in this matter was set out in Parliament on 31 March 1976 by the then Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. A copy of this statement is attached.

BRITISH EMBASSY

BERNE

18 June 1976

