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EEC & USA CO-OPERATE ON ENERGY RESEARCH

From May 16 to 21, 1974, 16 representatives of American Government Organisations visited the European Commission to exchange information on energy research which is being promoted in the EEC and the USA with public funds.

On the first two days the American guests visited the research installations of the Joint Research Centre in Ispra and Karlsruhe and the Institute for Plasma Physics in Garching, where they had discussions with the leaders of various research projects.

On 20 and 21 May 1974, working meetings were held in Brussels, with leading officials from the fields of research, energy, industrial and technological affairs, environmental protection and external relations taking part on the Commission side. The American delegation was led by Dr Paul F. Donovan, Director for energy research in the National Science Foundation. Professor Ralf Dahrendorf, Member of the Commissin, took the chair at the talks.

In Brussels, working parties discussed the following subjects:-

- better exploitation of energy,
- non-electrolytic production of hydrogen and its use as a source of energy,
- solar energy,
- extraction of non-polluting energy from coal and the non-pollution mining of coal,
- geo-thermal energy,
- controlled thermonuclear fusion,
- atomic reactor safety,
- nuclear processing heat,
- method for estimating energy meeds in advance and possibilities for meeting them in the future.

The American delegation included representatives of the National Science Foundation and the United States Atomic Energy Commission. The meeting had been arranged in Washington in the summer of 1973 by Professor Ralf Dahrendorf and Dr Guyford Stever, Director of the US National Science Foundation.

The technical reports of the working parties in the concluding plenary session revealed the existence in many fields of a mutual interest in deepening the information exchanges.