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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 9, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM:

JAMES E CONNOR

The attached letter was returned in the President's outbox with the following question:

"How do we get action? "

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

~~Ben Seward~~

How do we get  
action?

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH DON RUMSFELD


FROM: RON NESSEN *RAN*

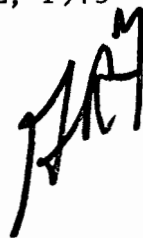
You asked me to remind you after the European trip that in Poland First Secretary Gierk expressed to you his desire to buy American color TV sets and American color TV technology for his country.

~~SECRET~~INFORMATION

September 2, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger 

SUBJECT: Sale of Color Television Technology  
and Equipment to Poland 

During your meeting with First Secretary Gierk and other Polish leaders in Warsaw on July 28, both Gierk and Chairman of the Council of Ministers Jaroszewicz expressed interest in the purchase of U.S. color television technology and equipment. On your return to the United States, you inquired as to the status of the Polish request.

Action is already underway on the Polish attempts to obtain color television equipment and technology from U.S. firms. The U.S. licensed for Poland in 1974 technical data for the design and construction of plants to produce commercial color television tubes. More recently, as both Gierk and Jaroszewicz specifically noted, RCA has applied to export to Poland technology and equipment for the production of several color television electrical components -- such as transistors -- necessary to the manufacture of two versions of color television picture tubes. The Department of Commerce, in cooperation with the Department of State, is currently processing the RCA application (valued at \$12.5 million).

While there seems to be no significant export control problem in furnishing Poland with U.S. technology simply for the wiring and assembly of commercial color television sets, the capability of the equipment and technology ordered in the pending RCA case goes well beyond requirements for color television set components. The technology and equipment to manufacture some of these components also might be appropriate in the manufacture of embargoed devices -- notably military types of integrated circuits. Any proposal involving the export of such dual-purpose equipment would undoubtedly give rise to strong objections, particularly by the Department of Defense. These issues are presently being addressed by the concerned Departments.

The memorandum is for your information. I will keep you advised of developments in the RCA case.

~~SECRET~~ - GDS

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