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Note by the Director General

In response to the request made by the Resident Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in the last sentence of a letter which he addressed to the Director General on 6 April, the text thereof is reproduced below.

"Ref. No. 82

"6 April 1971

"In connection with the letters dated 9 October 1970 from the Representatives of the Governments of the Federal Republic of Germany, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and the French Republic,^{1/} the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the International Organizations in Vienna considers it necessary to state the following: The Permanent Mission of the Soviet Union rejects the statements contained in these letters relating to membership of the International Atomic Energy Agency by the German Democratic Republic. These statements can only be regarded as an attempt at gross interference in the sovereign rights of other States Members of the organization with the aim of forcing upon them a policy in regard to the German Democratic Republic which is incompatible with the generally expected standards of international law and the principle of universality attaching to international co-operation. The German Democratic Republic is a sovereign and independent State, possessing rights in international affairs which are equal to those of other States. Any attempts to prejudice the interests of the German Democratic Republic and to prevent its participation in international life on an equitable basis, including

^{1/} The texts of these letters were reproduced in document GC(XIV)/INF/128.

membership of the Agency and other international organizations, constitute an obstacle to the easing of international tension, hinder the progress of European co-operation, retard the normalization of relations between the German States themselves, and accordingly must be condemned.

"I would ask you to have this letter circulated as an official document of the Agency."