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SATELLITE COUNTRIES

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Paragraph 2

Indications are that, although in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, the Soviet occupied Zone of Germany and Yugoslavia production may be stabilised by 1980, in Rumania, Poland and Bulgaria coal extraction is likely to continue to expand.

Table 1

Poland. Our information is that Poland has deferred planning of atomic power production until the early nineteen seventies.

Paragraph 5

The CSR now has a pilot plant for producing fuel elements; it will probably produce the first fuel elements in 1967 or 1968.

Paragraph 6

We have no record of a Poland - USSR agreement.

Table of existing and planned nuclear power plants

The figures for Poland and Rumania do not correspond to our information. The Polish figures may be based on reports of a materials testing reactor now under construction, and on the design of a fast breeder reactor using molten salts (plutonium and uranium trichlorides and chlorides of alkali earth metals). There are no plans, as yet, for the production of this reactor.

The Rumanian figures are certainly over estimates.

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