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GERMAN DISCRIMINATION IN COAL IMPORTS

Memorandum from the Government of the United States

The following memorandum was received from the United States Government on 5 October 1954, following the request that the matter be placed on the agenda of the Ninth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

"In answer to an inquiry in June 1953, United States representatives were informed that from 1 June 1953 until September 1953 new licences for United States coal would be granted by the Federal Republic only for United States coking coal that could be delivered by 30 September 1953. No licences were being granted, or would be granted in the future, for other kinds of coal from the United States. Since the promulgation of these regulations, United States coal has been permitted to enter Germany only in limited quantities through third countries. The problem has been discussed between the two governments but without any satisfactory results.

"It is the view of the United States that these restrictions are inconsistent with the obligations of the Federal Republic toward the United States under the General Agreement."