

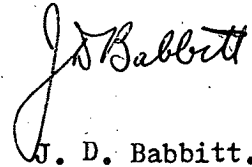
NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM:-

TO Dr. G. Herzberg.

I have consulted External Affairs on the question of the application of the People's Republic of China to join the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics. There does not seem to be any established policy governing our attitude in an international union like the IUPAP. In U.N. organizations Canada has supported the postponement of a decision by means of procedural action. Although IUPAP gets support from UNESCO it is an autonomous organization and our attitude would not compromise the position in the U.N. I should recommend, therefore, that you take as little part as possible in the discussion and vote as you think best.

It is interesting to note that the People's Republic of China already belongs to three of the constituent unions of ICSU and that Canada is also a member of these unions. Accordingly their application to join IUPAP does not establish a precedent.

  
J. D. Babbitt.

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