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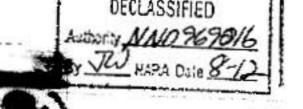
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SUBJ. RDC DECIDES AGAINST PURCHASE OF MUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT

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1. FORMIN SHEN FEB A INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT IN COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. WISHES ROC HAD DECIDED ABAINST RECOMMENDATION OF SOME OF ITS SCIENTISTS TO PURCHASE NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT. AMBASSADOR SAID US WOULD BE GRATIFIED BY THIS DECISION AND PROMISED TO CONVEY IT IMMEDIATELY TO MASHINGTON. HE COMMENDED ROC FOR HAVING MADE A HISE AND PRUDENT DECISION WHICH HOULD SIMPLIFY THE QUESTION OF INSPECTION AND SAFETY PROCEDURES IN NUCLEAR FIELD AND HELD OUT BEST HOPE FOR CONTINUATION OF IAEA'S MODEST INSPECTION ROLE HERE.



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2. SHEN NOTED THAT ROC HOULD HAVE TO COUNT ON CONTINUED US SUPPORT AND COBPERATION IN ASSURING SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF NECESSARY MATERIALS FOR ROC CIVILIAN NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS. AMBASSADOR REPLIED: THAT HE HAS MINDFUL OF OUR PREVIOUS ASSURANCES. USG: HOULD ENDEAVOR TO HELP THE ROC SATISFY ITS LEGITIMATE REQUIREMENTS IN THIS FIELD, INCLUDING PERFORMANCE OF NECESSARY REPROCESSING FUNCTIONS. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS MAKING THIS COMMITMENT IN GRERAL SENSE AND SUBJECT TO COMMERCIAL AND TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

3. SHEM REVEALED THAT MEMBERS OF ROC ARC WOULD PROBABLY VISIT STATES IN NEAR FUTURE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON TECHNICAL PROBLEMS CONCERNING ROC'S PRESENT AND FUTURE NUCLEAR ENERGY NEEDS. AMBASSADOR ASSURED FORMIN THAT VISITORS WOULD BE WARMLY WELCOMED AND DECEIVE FULL! COOPERATION. GOS.

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