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SUBJ: FRENCH AND CHINESE NUCLEAR TESTING

- 1. THE FRENCH AMB TELLS ME THAT THE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE IN PARIS TO PROCEED WITH THE FRENCH TESTS PROGRAM FOR 1973 BUT THAT TESTS WILL BE UNDERGROUND, THEREBY ELIMINATING PROBLEM WITH PERU AS WELL AS OTHER COUNTRIES ON THE PACIFIC COAST AND THE ANTIPODES. INCIDENTALLY, AMB CHAMBON SAID THAT THIS DECISION WOULD ADD SOMETHING OVER \$1 MILLION TO THE COST OF THE TESTS PROGRAM.
 - 2. THE CANADIAN AMB HAS HEARD FROM RELIABLE SOURCES THAT THE CHINESE WILL SOON PUBLICLY REVERSE THEIR STAND ON THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AT LEAST TO THE EXTENT OF AVOIDING FURTHER ATMOSPHERIC TESTING.
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