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1. Ambassador Dobrynin called on Assistant Secretary Leddy December 1 to make following oral statement in response to Mr. Leddy's statement of November 11 (reftel).

QUOTE On October 27 of this year in the Polar regions of the Soviet Union, an underground nuclear explosion was conducted at a great depth under conditions entirely excluding the appearance in the atmosphere of radioactive particles and the fallout of radioactive debris. Special control organs which monitor ~~radio~~ radioactivity confirmed that the nuclear explosion was effected without the emergence to the surface of radioactive particles or the fallout of radioactive debris. Therefore, the nuclear explosion conducted by the Soviet Union on October 27 of this year fully conforms to the provisions of the Moscow Treaty banning nuclear weapon tests in the atmosphere, in outer space and under water. END QUOTE

2. None of above information should be released and news media, if they inquire, should be referred to Department.

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