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AMCONSUL MUNICH FOR RADIOS

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: PINR, PREL, SCOM, UR, US
SUBJECT: OLEG TUMANOV TELLS LITTLE, INSINUATES MUCH

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

SUMMARY

2. OLEG TUMANOV, FORMER RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE EDITOR FOR RADIO LIBERTY, TOLD HIS STORY APRIL 28 IN MOSCOW. HE REFUSED TO CLARIFY OR ENLARGE UPON THE FEW CONCRETE DETAILS OFFERED OF HIS TWENTY YEARS IN GERMANY IN THE SERVICE OF RL. JOURNALISTS FROM THE WESTERN PRESS WERE NOT RECEPTIVE TO HIS CLAIMS.
END SUMMARY

3. DURING A 105-MINUTE PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE MFA PRESS CENTER APRIL 28 P.M., OLEG TUMANOV TURNED ASIDE REPEATED REQUESTS FOR THE DETAILS OF HIS "ESCAPE" FROM A TWENTY-YEAR "NIGHTMARE" WORKING FOR RL IN MUNICH. HE INSTEAD OFFERED A FEW FACTS ON RADIO LIBERTY OPERATIONS WITH AN OBVIOUS IDEOLOGICAL TWIST, AMONG THEM:

--RL CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING OPERATIONS OF THE U.S. BY COLLECTING INFORMATION FROM INTERVIEWS WITH SOVIET EMIGRES. SINGLED OUT IN THIS REGARD WERE JEWS LEAVING THE USSR FOR ISRAEL, BUT WHO GO TO THE U.S.

--SERGE SCHMEMANN OF THE NY TIMES WAS NAMED BY TUMANOV AS AN EXAMPLE OF A CORRESPONDENT WHO PROVIDES INFORMATION TO RL, THE EVIDENCE OF THIS BEING USE OF MATERIAL FROM HIS ARTICLES IN RL BROADCASTS, AND WHO GETS INFORMATION FROM RL -- APPARENTLY A REFERENCE TO THE RESEARCH BULLETIN.

--RL WORKING LEVEL RECEIVES INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COVER VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD AND VARIOUS EVENTS, E.G., THE REAGAN-GORBACHEV MEETING. TUMANOV ALLEGES THAT RL WAS TOLD TO START EMPHASIZING GRENADA ... AND SOON PARATROOPERS WERE LANDING ON THAT ISLAND. NOW THE EMPHASIS IS ON NICARAGUA.

4. N.A. USHAKOV OF THE INSTITUTE OF STATE AND LAW ALSO SPOKE, COMMENTING AT LENGTH ON THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF RL'S ACTIVITIES AND (LATER)

ITS PRESENCE ON WEST GERMAN TERRITORY, AND REFERRING PRIMARILY TO THE UN CHARTER. D.D. BIRYUKOV OF SOVIET TELEVISION COMMENTED ON THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN "IMPERIALIST CENTERS OF DISRUPTION AND DISINFORMATION" AND RL.

5. AMONG THE QUESTIONS THAT TUMANOV EVADED, OR OUTRIGHT REFUSED TO ANSWER WERE:

--HOW MUCH DID YOU MAKE WHILE WORKING FOR RL?
HOW MUCH ARE YOU MAKING NOW?
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--WHY DID YOU WAIT SO LONG TO LEAVE THIS SO-CALLED
"NIGHTMARE?"

--HOW DO YOU EXPECT WE JOURNALISTS TO REGARD YOUR
STATEMENTS WITH ANY MEASURE OF CREDIBILITY WHEN YOU
REFUSE TO SAY HOW, WHY, OR WHEN YOU RETURNED TO
THE SOVIET UNION?

--IS THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER BEING "RIPPED OFF" IN
FOOTING THE BILL FOR RL? IF IT IS NOT EFFECTIVE,
WHY DOES THE SOVIET UNION WASTE SO MUCH MONEY
JAMMING ITS BROADCASTS, AND, IS THE JAMMING
EFFECTIVE?

--PLEASE DEFINE THE NIGHTMARE QUALITY OF YOUR
TWENTY YEARS ON RL'S STAFF? WAS IT A NIGHTMARE
CONSTANTLY? ONLY DURING THE DAYS? ONLY AT
NIGHT?

COMMENT

6. EMBASSY OBSERVERS AND A HASTILY-POLLED GROUP
OF WESTERN JOURNALISTS FELT THAT THE SOVIETS DID
NOT GET THEIR MONEY'S WORTH FROM TUMANOV'S
PERFORMANCE. WHILE HE SEEMED WELL PREPARED, TUMANOV
APPEARED TO BE ON A TIGHT LEASH IN TERMS
OF SCRIPT. PERHAPS AS A RESULT OF JOURNALISTIC
STANDARDS ACQUIRED DURING TWENTY YEARS WITH RL, HE
DID NOT APPEAR TO FEEL ABLE TO EMBROIDER TOO MUCH
ON THE STORY AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED AT THE
BEGINNING OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

7. COPIES OF OUR TAPE OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE
ARE BEING POUCHED TO FBIS AND AMCONSUL MUNICH
FOR RL.

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
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SUBJECT: CHERNOBYL' NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

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2. EMBASSY HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT, AS HAVE OTHER WESTERN EMBASSIES, TO OBTAIN FURTHER ACCURATE INFORMATION REGARDING ACCIDENT AT SOVIET NUCLEAR POWER STATION AT CHERNOBYL', BUT WITH LITTLE SUCCESS. MOST INFORMATION WE HAVE AT THIS POINT (APPROXIMATELY 1100 ZULU APRIL 29) HAS BEEN GLEANED FROM WESTERN RADIO BROADCASTS, WHICH APPEAR TO BE BASED MOSTLY ON HEARSAY, WITH LITTLE SUBSTANTIATION. THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE SOVIETS SINCE THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 28 THAT THE ACCIDENT HAD TAKEN PLACE. LATE REPORT: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A WESTERN JOURNALIST WHO WAS IN TURN INFORMED THAT A FIRE IS INDEED RAGING INSIDE THE CHERNOBYL' NUCLEAR PLANT.

3. VOA AND BBC HAVE BROADCAST STORIES THAT KIEV BUS SERVICE HAS BEEN STOPPED SO THE BUSES COULD BE USED TO EVACUATE PEOPLE LIVING NORTH OF THE CITY, AND THAT THE KIEV WATER SUPPLY HAS BEEN CONTAMINATED. ANOTHER RUMOR HAS IT THAT EVACUEES HAVE ALREADY BEEN ARRIVING IN KIEV ITSELF. WE VIEW THESE REPORTS WITH A GREAT DEAL OF SUSPICION AT THIS POINT. WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF A GROUP OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN STUDENTS STUDYING IN KIEV, WHO CALLED US TO FIND OUT WHAT

HAD HAPPENED. THEY NOTICED NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN THE CITY, BUT HAD HEARD STORIES (POSSIBLY FROM WESTERN RADIO BROADCASTS) ABOUT THE BUSES AND THE WATER. THEY NOTED THAT THE WATER WAS STILL ON AND THAT BUS SERVICE SEEMED TO BE CURTAILED, BUT THAT THIS MIGHT BE DUE TO MAY DAY PARADE PREPARATIONS.

4. THE FRG EMBASSY REPORTS A CONVERSATION WITH A GERMAN BUSINESSMAN WORKING IN THE WESTERN PART OF KIEV WHO REPORTED LIFE WAS NORMAL, AND HIS SOVIET COUNTERPARTS WERE DISPLAYING NO CONCERN. THE BUSINESSMAN ALSO REPORTED THAT HIS LOCAL EMPLOYEE HAS LEARNED THAT A 30-KILOMETER REGION SURROUNDING CHERNOBYL' HAS BEEN CORDONED OFF AND IS BEING EVACUATED. HE ADDED THAT TOURIST GROUPS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE AT THE RUS' HOTEL AS PER NORMAL. HOWEVER, HE RELAYED RUMORS RPT RUMORS THAT 3,000 PEOPLE HAD DIED AND 40,000 WERE BEING EVACUATED.

5. CANADIAN EMBASSY (PROTECT) REPORTS ITS MILITARY ATTACHE RETURNED FROM KIEV MORNING OF APRIL 29 AND HAD NOTICED NOTHING UNUSUAL IN THE CITY AS OF DEPARTURE SUNDAY EVENING. A U.S. EMBASSY MILITARY ATTACHE WHO RETURNED FROM KIEV MORNING OF APRIL 29 GAVE NO EVIDENCE OF EXPOSURE TO HIGH RADIATION LEVELS. AN AMERICAN TELEVISION CORRESPONDENT REPORTED TO US THAT HE INTERVIEWED SOVIETS ARRIVING FROM KIEV IN MOSCOW BY TRAIN THIS MORNING AND FOUND A LACK OF CONCERN, EVEN IGNORANCE, REGARDING ACCIDENT. ANOTHER AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT TELLS

US AEROFLOT FLIGHTS ARE STILL FLYING TO KIEV.

6. AN AMERICAN WIRE SERVICE REPORTS THAT PRIME MINISTER OF POLAND HAS MADE PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING A RADIOACTIVE CLOUD WHICH PASSED OVER THAT COUNTRY APRIL 28. SAME SERVICE HAS RECEIVED A REPORT THAT HUNGARIAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IS REPORTING DEATHS IN USSR AS A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT, BUT INQUIRIES OF LOCAL HUNGARIAN CORRESPONDENTS HAS TURNED UP NOTHING IN THIS REGARD.

7. AP IS NOW RUNNING A STORY THAT ALEKSANDR SAZONOV OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS OFFICE TOLD ONE OF THEIR REPORTERS THAT "IT MAY BE BT

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"DANGEROUS" TO TRAVEL TO KIEV NOW. WE ARE URGENTLY TRYING TO CONTACT FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS OFFICE FOR CONFIRMATION AND MORE INFORMATION. WE ARE ALSO ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT NUCLEAR ENERGY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS ACCIDENT, BUT NEITHER WE NOR OUR COLLEAGUES AT OTHER WESTERN EMBASSIES HAVE YET SUCCEEDED IN FINDING ANYONE WHO WILL DISCUSS THE MATTER. THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR SAFETY IN THE ATOMIC ENERGY POWER INDUSTRY IS WILLING TO MEET WITH US TOMORROW, BUT HAS NOT SET A TIME.

8. CONGEN LENINGRAD, IN PHONE CONVERSATION, REPORTS NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN THAT CITY.

9. EMBASSY HAS SPOKEN WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH WHICH MONITORS RADIATION LEVELS AND WAS TOLD THAT THERE IS NO ABOVE-AVERAGE RADIATION RECORDED AT THIS TIME "IN MOSCOW."

10. BBC AT 1100 GMT CARRIED REPORT THAT SOVIET EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM HAS APPROACHED SWEDISH NUCLEAR POWER OFFICIALS FOR ADVICE ON HOW TO PUT OUT A FIRE AT A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. THEY SWEDS REPORTEDLY TOLD THE SOVIETS THEY DO NOT HAVE THE TYPE OF POWER PLANT IN QUESTION, AND ADVISED THE SOVIETS TO TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH BRITAIN. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A WESTERN JOURNALIST WHO WAS IN TURN INFORMED THAT A FIRE IS INDEED RAGING INSIDE THE CHERNOBYL' NUCLEAR PLANT.

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2. EMBASSY PRESS SPOKESMAN TALKED WITH ALEKSANDR SAZANOV, DEPUTY CHIEF OF MFA PRESS OFFICE, WHO, WHILE UPSET ABOUT BEING QUOTED BY AP, CONFIRMED THAT KIEV WAS "CLOSED." EMBASSY TRAVEL OFFICER CONFIRMED WITH MFA THAT KIEV HAS BEEN CLOSED TO TRAVEL BY DIPLOMATS AND JOURNALISTS UNTIL MAY 4; THIS WILL BE EXTENDED IF NECESSARY. HOWEVER, INTOURIST TOLD DEPUTY CONSULAR CHIEF THAT THEY DO NOT CONSIDER KIEV DANGEROUS AND ARE STILL TAKING TOURISTS THERE.

3. VISITING STUDENT REPORTS SPEAKING WITH A CANADIAN VISITING A HOSPITAL IN KIEV WHO STATED THAT WHILE HE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL, AUTHORITIES BEGAN "ISOLATING" ENTIRE WARDS. AN AMERICAN TOUR GROUP REPORTED THAT THEIR INTOURIST GUIDE SUDDENLY CANCELLED A PLANNED TRIP TO THE EXHIBITION OF ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS (VDNKH) AND SUBSTITUTED A TRIP TO THE BABI YAR MEMORIAL GIVEN THE CHERNOBYL' ACCIDENT AS THE REASON. THE GUIDE CLAIMED THE ACCIDENT HAD CAUSED 350 FATALITIES. (NOTE: SINCE THE VDNKH AND THE BABI YAR MEMORIAL ARE ON THE SAME SIDE OF KIEV, THE GUIDE'S EXPLANATION MAKES LITTLE SENSE. END NOTE.)

4. BBC REPORTED AT 1300 GMT THAT IN ADDITION TO APPROACHING THE SWEDES FOR HELP IN PUTTING OUT WHAT THE STATION CLAIMS IS A GRAPHITE FIRE AT THE CHERNOBYL' PLANT, THE SOVIETS HAVE ALSO APPROACHED THE WEST GERMANS IN BONN. AMONG OTHER RUMORS CIRCULATING HERE:

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- -- A FINNISH JOURNALIST TOLD THE NORWEGIAN
AMBASSADOR (PROTECT) THAT PARTS OF MINSK WERE BEING
EVACUATED;

- -- BOTH THE SWEDISH AND THE BRITISH AMBASSADORS
HAVE BEEN QUOTED SECOND-HAND AS SAYING THE WINDS
ARE SHIFTING AWAY FROM SCANDINAVIA AND TOWARDS
MOSCOW, CAUSING EVEN GREATER CONCERN AMONG LOCAL
WESTERNERS.

5. SWEDISH EMBASSY HERE (PROTECT) TELLS US THEIR
AMBASSADOR HAS SUBMITTED A LONG LIST OF TECHNICAL
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE INCIDENT ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM
STOCKHOLM, BUT THAT NO ANSWERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

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1. UPI MOSCOW BUREAU IS MOVING STORY BASED ON CONTACTS WITH A SOVIET CITIZEN KNOWN TO THEM LIVING IN KIEV WHO HAS "CHECKED HOSPITALS." ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, OVER 2,000 PERSONS HAVE DIED AS A RESULT OF CHERNOBYL' NUCLEAR ACCIDENT. AT LEAST TWO AIRCRAFT AND ONE HELICOPTER WERE INVOLVED IN EVACUATION EFFORTS; SUPPOSEDLY RADIATION LEVELS ON ONE EVACUATION AIRCRAFT REACHED 80 ROENTGENS, WHILE NORMAL LEVEL IS SUPPOSED TO BE 12 ROENTGENS. (NOTE: WE HAVE NO WAY TO EVALUATE THESE FIGURES. END NOTE) THE SOURCE REPORTS THAT 80 PERSONS DIED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ACCIDENT, WHILE 2,000 OTHERS DIED EN ROUTE TO HOSPITALS. THE OKTYABRSKAYA HOSPITAL IN KIEV IS SAID TO BE CRAMMED WITH PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM RADIATION SICKNESS. TEN TO TWELVE THOUSAND PERSONS HAVE ALLEGEDLY BEEN EVACUATED FROM THE TOWN OF PRIPYAT, NORTHWEST OF CHERNOBYL'. THE SOURCE CLAIMS THE DEAD ARE NOT BEING BURIED IN A CEMETERY, BUT IN A NUCLEAR WASTE DUMP AT PEROGOZ (PHON). THE SOURCE ALSO SAYS THERE IS A FIRE STILL BURNING AT THE REACTOR SITE.

2. SOVIET TELEVISION EVENING NEWS "VREMYA" CONVEYED A COUNCIL OF MINISTERS STATEMENT REGARDING THE "ACCIDENT" AT CHERNOBYL'. ACCORDING TO THE STATEMENT, A STATE INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION IS ON THE SCENE HEADED BY DEPUTY PREMIER BORIS SHCHERBINA, ALONG WITH "HEADS OF MINISTRIES, SPECIALISTS AND SCIENTISTS." THE STATEMENT SAID THE ACCIDENT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THE FOURTH GENERATOR RESULTING IN "DESTRUCTION OF PART OF THE STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS OF THE BUILDING" HOUSING THE GENERATOR, PRESUMABLY THE NEWEST UNIT. THE OTHER THREE GENERATORS HAVE BEEN SHUT DOWN. THE STATEMENT SAID TWO PERSONS DIED "DURING" THE ACCIDENT. PRIORITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND RADIATION LEVELS HAVE BEEN "STABILIZED"

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(LEVEL NOT GIVEN). EMERGENCY MEDICAL HELP IS BEING RENDERED TO THOSE SUFFERING THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ACCIDENT (NO INJURY STATISTICS WERE GIVEN). THE REPORT STATED THAT THE POWER STATION SETTLEMENT AND THREE OTHER AREAS HAD BEEN EVACUATED AND THE SURROUNDING AREA IS BEING KEPT UNDER "OBSERVATION."

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE ON REACTOR ACCIDENT

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2. ASST. SEC RIDGWAY WILL DELIVER POINTS AT PARA 3 BELOW TO SOVIET CHARGE SOKOLOV TUESDAY MORNING. EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK URGENT APPOINTMENT AT HIGHEST AVAILABLE LEVEL OF MFA TO DELIVER PARALLEL DEMARCHE USING SAME POINTS. POINTS SHOULD BE DELIVERED AS AN ORAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO GORBACHEV. YOU SHOULD LEAVE PAPER INCORPORATING POINTS FOR THE RECORD. YOU SHOULD MAKE THE TWO POINTS AT PARA 4 SEPARATELY FROM THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S ORAL MESSAGE:

-- WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP REGRET OVER THE ACCIDENT AT THE CHERNOBYL ATOMIC ENERGY STATION. WE HOPE CASUALTIES AND MATERIAL DAMAGE ARE MINIMAL.

-- THE PRESIDENT HAS DIRECTED ME TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE SOVIET UNION HUMANITARIAN AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN DEALING

WITH THIS TRAGEDY.

-- WE COULD SEND IMMEDIATELY A PARTY OF SCIENTISTS FROM OUR NUCLEAR EMERGENCY SEARCH TEAM (NEST) WHO CAN ASSIST IN DETERMINING AND SUBSEQUENTLY COORDINATING THE BEST USE OF THE RESOURCES FROM THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS.

-- THESE RESOURCES CAN ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CAPABILITIES:

1. ATMOSPHERIC RELEASE ADVISORY CAPABILITY (ARAC) WHICH CAN PREDICT RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL DISPERSION BASED ON GEOGRAPHY, WEATHER, AND THE RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS RELEASED.

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2. AERIAL MEASURING SYSTEM (AMS), A HELICOPTER-BORNE RADIOLOGICAL MEASUREMENT SYSTEM WHICH CAN MAP THE ACTUAL SPREAD OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION.

3. RADIOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS INCLUDING HEALTH PHYSICISTS AND EQUIPMENT TO MEASURE RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION IN WATER, AIR, AND SOIL. ALSO, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN ASSESSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS RELEASED.

4. MEDICAL PERSONNEL EXPERIENCED IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF RADIATION EXPOSURE IN PEOPLE.

5. TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND ASSISTANCE IN RADIOLOGICAL DECONTAMINATION, RECOVERY FROM A NUCLEAR REACTOR ACCIDENT, AND MINIMIZING ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS.

END TEXT.

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4. BEGIN TEXT OF ADDITIONAL POINTS.

-- WE ARE OF COURSE CONCERNED ABOUT THE LEVELS OF RADIATION RELEASED AS A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE HIGHER THAN NORMAL RADIATION LEVELS AS FAR NORTH AS FINLAND.

-- SINCE RADIOLOGICAL DAMAGE OR ACCIDENT ASSESSMENT ISSUES WITH INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS MAY RESULT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS YOU CAN PROVIDE ON THE CHERNOBYL ACCIDENT. WHITEHEAD
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SUBJECT: EUR DAILY PRESS GUIDANCE 4/29/86.

1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT AND CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCES WERE PREPARED FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESPERSON ON APRIL 29, 1986. IN ADDITION TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT, GUIDANCE IN SECTION 3 WAS USED IN TODAY'S BRIEFING.

2. (PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT) SOVIET NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

-- ASSISTANT SECRETARY RIDGWAY MET WITH SOVIET CHARGE SOKOLOV THIS MORNING AND EXPRESSED, ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES' DEEP REGRET OVER THE ACCIDENT AT THE CHERNOBYL ATOMIC ENERGY STATION. WE HOPE CASUALTIES AND MATERIAL DAMAGE ARE MINIMAL. THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE SOVIET UNION HUMANITARIAN AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN DEALING WITH THIS ACCIDENT.

-- THE UNITED STATES IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE ACCIDENT AND REQUESTS THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE COORDINATION AMONG ALL CONCERNED COUNTRIES. WE HOPE

THE SOVIET UNION WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACCIDENT IN A TIMELY MANNER.

3. SOVIET NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

Q: HOW DID THE U.S. GOVERNMENT LEARN ABOUT THE NUCLEAR ACCIDENT? DID THE SOVIETS INFORM THE GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY?

A: -- WE LEARNED OF THE NUCLEAR ACCIDENT AT CHERNOBYL FROM THE TASS ANNOUNCEMENT ON MONDAY AFTERNOON. THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS NOT CONTACTED US THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

Q: ARE WE TALKING TO THE SOVIETS ABOUT IT?

A: -- ASSISTANT SECRETARY RIDGWAY MET WITH SOVIET CHARGE SOKOLOV THIS MORNING TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN AND TO EXTEND OUR OFFER OF ASSISTANCE. WE ALSO HOPE THE SOVIET UNION WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACCIDENT IN A TIMELY MANNER.

Q: WHAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE HAVE WE OFFERED THE SOVIET UNION?

A: -- ASSISTANT SECRETARY RIDGWAY MET THIS MORNING WITH SOVIET CHARGE SOKOLOV AND EXPRESSED, ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES' DEEP REGRET OVER THE ACCIDENT.

-- WE INDICATED TO THE SOVIETS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THEM HUMANITARIAN AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

Q: WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT DOING TO NOTIFY AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE SOVIET UNION ABOUT THE NUCLEAR ACCIDENT?

A: -- OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW IS IN CONTACT WITH REGISTERED AMERICAN CITIZENS KNOWN TO BE IN THE AFFECTED AREA. THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR NOTIFYING RESIDENTS OF POTENTIAL DANGER AND FOR TAKING

STEPS TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC OBVIOUSLY LIES WITH THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS.

Q: ARE THERE ANY AMERICANS IN THE AREA OF THE ACCIDENT?

A: -- WE DO NOT HAVE AN ACCURATE ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS WHO MAY BE IN THE AREA AFFECTED BY

THE ACCIDENT AND ARE IN CONTACT WITH INTOURIST, THE SOVIET TRAVEL AGENCY, ABOUT AMERICAN TOURISTS WHO MAY BE AFFECTED.

-- (FYI) THE LATEST AVAILABLE POST ESTIMATE, 1984, INDICATES ONLY 367 AMERICANS RESIDING IN ALL THE SOVIET UNION.

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4. IN CLOSING, FINNISH ENERGY REP SAID HIGHLY PUBLICIZED REACTOR ACCIDENT WOULD MAKE JOB OF PRESSING FORWARD WITH A FIFTH NUCLEAR REACTOR IN FINLAND EVEN MORE DIFFICULT. EMBOFF INFERRED HE MEANT OPPOSITION WOULD MOUNT TO BUILDING A FIFTH REACTOR OF ANY ORIGIN, NOT JUST OF SOVIET ORIGIN. HE SAID HE HOPED LEVEL HEADS WOULD PREVAIL.

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SUBJ: FINNS RESPOND TO SOVIET NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

1. FINNISH RESPONSE TO SOVIET NUCLEAR REACTOR ACCIDENT IS STILL FORMING. TO DATE, MOST MEDIA REPORTS HAVE STUCK TO A FEW KNOWN FACTS AND HAVE REITERATED SPECULATION APPEARING IN FOREIGN MEDIA. THESE INCLUDE THE EXTENT OF MEASURED INCREASES ABOVE NORMAL RADIATION LEVELS IN PARTS OF SCANDINAVIA, AS WELL AS THE BELATED AND SKETCHY SOVIET ADMISSION THAT AN ACCIDENT OCCURRED. LOCAL MEDIA HAVE REITERATED ARTICLES IN U.S. PRESS TO EFFECT THAT A "MELT-DOWN" OCCURRED.

2. SOME MEDIA CONCERN HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO SAFETY OF FINNISH STUDENTS AND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS IN THE UKRAINIAN CITY OF KIEV. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INDICATED IT HAS NO DETAILS AS TO THEIR FATE BECAUSE MINISTRY ITSELF IS CURRENTLY ON STRIKE AND BECAUSE FINNISH LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE TO USSR IS ALSO SHUT DOWN BY STRIKE ACTION.

3. FINNISH NUCLEAR EXPERTS HAVE TOLD THE MEDIA AND THIS EMBASSY THAT INCREASE IN RADIATION HAS RANGED FROM TWO TO SIX TIMES NORMAL BACKGROUND LEVEL, BUT THAT THIS IS NO CAUSE FOR HEAVY ALARM. GOF ATOMIC ENERGY OFFICE REP TOLD EMBOFF THAT RADIATION LEVEL IS ALREADY DECLINING BECAUSE OF WIND SHIFTS. HE SPECULATED THAT A DESCENDING AIR MASS CAUSED THE HIGHER RADIATION LEVELS TO FALL IN A WIDE BAND ACROSS FINLAND AND SWEDEN. AIRCRAFT SAMPLES TENDED TO CONFIRM THIS. TYPES OF FISSION BYPRODUCTS DETECTED WAS CONSISTENT WITH POWER REACTOR ACCIDENT AS SOURCE, BUT HE WAS RELUCTANT TO SPECULATE FURTHER ON LIMITED INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO INFORMATION ON ACCIDENT HAS YET COME TO HIS ATTENTION FROM SOVIET NUCLEAR EXPERTS.

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SUBJECT: SWEDISH REACTIONS TO UKRAINIAN NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

1. SUMMARY. THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW WILL BE USING A PRE-SCHEDULED MEETING AT THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY ON APRIL 27 TO DEMAND CLARIFICATION AND DETAILS ON THE NUCLEAR ACCIDENT AT THE CHERNOBYL REACTOR IN THE UKRAINE AND TO COMPLAIN OVER THE SOVIET DELAY IN NOTIFYING SWEDEN OF THE ACCIDENT. AIRBORNE NUCLEAR DEBRIS FROM THE ACCIDENT WAS FIRST REGISTERED BY "AUTOMATIC" MEASURING STATIONS IN SWEDEN ON APRIL 26 BUT NOT READ UNTIL OPENING OF BUSINESS THE FOLLOWING DAY. A CLOUD OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS IS NOW OVER MOST OF THE SCANDINAVIAN PENINSULA BUT POSES NO SERIOUS RADIATION THREAT AND IS EXPECTED TO DISPERSE SHORTLY. SWEDISH AUTHORITIES NOW SPECULATE THAT THE CHERNOBYL ACCIDENT COULD HAVE OCCURRED EARLY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 25, AND THAT IT HAS RESULTED IN SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE REACTOR'S CORE AND POSSIBLY A CORE MELT. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FIRST MEASUREMENTS OF INCREASED RADIOACTIVITY IN SWEDEN WERE RECORDED ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26 AT SEVERAL OF THE COUNTRY'S "AUTOMATIC" MEASURING STATIONS. THIS DATA WAS DISCOVERED ONLY ON THE FOLLOWING MORNING WHEN STAFF RETURNED TO WORK. THAT DISCOVERY OCCURRED ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH "MANUAL" READINGS OF HIGHER-THAN-NORMAL RADIATION AS WORKERS CHANGED SHIFTS

AT THE FORSMARK NUCLEAR POWER STATION ON THE COAST NORTH OF STOCKHOLM. THE FIRST ASSUMPTION BY SWEDISH AUTHORITIES WAS OF A LOW-LEVEL LEAK AT FORSMARK. THOUGH THE PLANT CONTINUED OPERATION, IT WAS EVACUATED OF ALL BUT ESSENTIAL STAFF AND NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TAKEN. A SEARCH FOR THE LEAK WAS CONDUCTED BUT AFTER A FOUR-HOUR INSPECTION THE PLANT WAS DECLARED SAFE AT APPROXIMATELY 14:00 HOURS. THE SAFETY INSPECTION AND PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES ARE SAID TO HAVE GONE WELL AT FORSMARK, BUT THERE WERE COMPLAINTS THAT PERSONNEL EVACUATION AND DECONTAMINATION OF STAFF WAS TOO SLOW.

3. BY THIS TIME, SWEDISH OFFICIALS WERE AWARE OF SIMILAR HIGHER-THAN-NORMAL RADIATION READINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND IN FINLAND. SWEDISH MEASUREMENTS ALSO DETERMINED THAT THE SOURCE OF THE HIGHER RADIATION WAS A NUCLEAR REACTOR ACCIDENT, NOT A NUCLEAR TEST. AT 1600, ENERGY MINISTER BIRGITTA DAHL CALLED A PRESS CONFERENCE AT WHICH SHE REVIEWED THIS INFORMATION AND STRESSED THAT THE RADIATION LEVELS BEING RECORDED WERE NOT DANGEROUS. THE CLOUDS CARRYING THE RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS OVER MUCH OF SWEDEN AND SCANDINAVIA SHOULD DISPERSE IN A FEW DAYS' TIME. DAHL, AS WELL AS SPOKESMEN FOR THE SWEDISH NUCLEAR INSPECTORATE AND RADIATION PROTECTION INSTITUTE, WERE CAREFUL NOT TO SPECULATE ON THE LOCATION OF THE ACCIDENT. NOTE. CONTACTS AT THE SWEDISH INDUSTRY (AND ENERGY) MINISTRY TELL US THAT THE SWEDES WERE CERTAIN BY THEN THAT THE SOURCE WAS THE SOVIET UNION. SWEDISH EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAD ENQUIRED IN MOSCOW THAT AFTERNOON ABOUT THE DETAILS OF ANY ACCIDENT, BUT WERE TOLD THAT THEIR SOVIET CONTACTS HAD NO INFORMATION.

4. AT 17:30, WE ARE TOLD, BIRGITTA DAHL TELEPHONED THE

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY DIRECTOR HANS BLIX TO REQUEST HIS HELP IN DETERMINING THE SITE AND EXTENT OF THE NUCLEAR ACCIDENT. BLIX AGREED TO MAKE ENQUIRIES.

5. EARLY IN THE EVENING (APPROXIMATELY 19:30 SWEDISH TIME), THE SOVIETS PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT AN ACCIDENT HAD TAKEN PLACE AT CHERNOBYL NORTH OF KIEV, THE SITE OF SEVERAL GRAPHITE-MODERATED BOILING WATER REACTORS. THE SWEDISH PRESS, AND THE SWEDISH ENERGY OFFICIALS TO WHICH WE HAVE SPOKEN, HAVE NO OTHER DETAILS ON THE ACCIDENT.

6. THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS DIRECTED ITS AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW TO USE A PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED VISIT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO RAISE ITS CONCERNS ABOUT THE

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HANDLING OF THE ACCIDENT, THE FAILURE OF SOVIET
OFFICIALS TO NOTIFY THEIR NEIGHBORS, AND INFORMATION ON
WHAT MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN TO CONTAIN FURTHER
RADIATION LEAKS. THAT MEETING WAS TO TAKE PLACE AT
09:30 SWEDISH TIME.

7. SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS THAT, ON THE BASIS OF WIND
CURRENT CALCULATIONS MADE BY THE SWEDISH METEOROLOGICAL
AND HYDROLOGICAL INSTITUTE (SMHI). THE ACCIDENT IN
CHERNOBYL COULD HAVE OCCURRED EARLY ON SATURDAY, APRIL
25. THE PARTICLES THAT SMHI IS FINDING IN THE SWEDISH
ATMOSPHERE ARE OF A COMPOSITION AND HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO
SUCH A HIGH TEMPERATURE THAT THEY CAN ONLY BE ACCOUNTED
FOR BY SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE REACTOR'S CORE AND POSSIBLY
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1. WE REPORT BELOW SEVERAL NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND SWEDISH REACTIONS TO THE CHERNOBYL REACTOR ACCIDENT IN THE UKRAINE. IN CONTACTING SWEDISH OFFICIALS AT THE SWEDISH NUCLEAR INSPECTORATE AND ENERGY MINISTRY, WE HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY ASKED FOR ANY INFORMATION WE COULD SUPPLY ON THE BACKGROUND TO THE ACCIDENT AND SITUATION AT CHERNOBYL. ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT HAVE TO SHARE WITH THE SWEDES, WHO SEEM VERY MUCH IN THE DARK, WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

2. THE SWEDISH NUCLEAR INSPECTORATE (SKI) HAS CONFIRMED FOR US THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH IT FOR ADVICE ON EXTINGUISHING A REACTOR FIRE. THE SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER WAS UNABLE TO GIVE SKI ANY DETAILS AND SKI AUTHORITIES ASSUME THAT IT IS THE GRAPHITE MODERATOR IN THE REACTOR WHICH IS ON FIRE. THE SWEDES HAVE LITTLE TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE IN THIS AREA AND RECOMMENDED COOLING BY USE OF WATER AND ENCAPSULATING THE REACTOR CORE. THE SWEDES ALSO REFERRED THE SOVIETS TO BRITISH EXPERTS WHO HAD EXPERIENCE WITH A GRAPHITE REACTOR FIRE IN THE 1950'S AT THEIR WINDSCALE PLANT.

3. IN A PRESS INTERVIEW, STIG BERGSTROM, DIRECTOR OF NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTER AT THE SWEDISH ENERGY INSTITUTE AT STUDSVIK, CLAIMS THAT HIS CENTER'S ANALYSIS OF THE PARTICLES AND CESIUM 137 EMITTED FROM CHERNOBYL LEADS HIM TO ASSUME A CORE MELT HAS OCCURRED.

4. THE SWEDISH METEOROLOGICAL AND HYDROLOGICAL INSTITUTE (SMHI) IS HOPING THAT WESTERLY WINDS WILL DEVELOP BY TOMORROW TO DISPERSE THE RADIOACTIVE CLOUD NOW OVER SCANDINAVIA. SMHI AGAIN STRESSES THAT RADIATION LEVELS ARE NOT DANGEROUS BUT THAT NIGHTLY RAINS HAVE BROUGHT THE RADIOACTIVITY DOWN TO GROUND LEVEL. THE SMHI ALSO REPORTS THAT THE REGION OF KIEV, WHERE THE CHERNOBYL REACTOR IS LOCATED, IS EXPERIENCING ONLY LIGHT WINDS AND THIS WILL TRANSLATE INTO HIGHER EXPOSURE FOR ITS POPULATION. NEWELL
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2. WESTERN RADIO BROADCASTS THE EVENING OF APRIL 28 INFORMED POLES OF THE CHERNOBYL REACTOR ACCIDENT. THE APRIL 29 POLISH MORNING DAILIES DID NOT CARRY THE STORY PROBABLY BECAUSE THE SOVIETS' OWN TASS BULLETIN ARRIVED TOO LATE. A GOP STATEMENT WAS READ, HOWEVER, ON THE RADIO. IT SAID THERE HAD BEEN A BREAKDOWN AT THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN CHERNOBYL AND THAT "ONE OF THE NUCLEAR REACTORS HAD BEEN DAMAGED." IT SAID THAT A SPECIAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION HAD BEEN APPOINTED, HEADED BY DEPUTY PREMIER ZBIGNIEW SZALAJDA, TO MEASURE THE LEVEL OF RADIOACTIVITY THROUGHOUT POLAND AND "PRESENT CURRENT DATA" TO SOCIETY. THE STATEMENT WENT ON TO SAY THAT AS A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT, "A RADIOACTIVE CLOUD PASSED OVER THE NORTHEAST TERRITORIES OF POLAND ON MONDAY AT HIGH ALTITUDES" AND THAT MEASUREMENTS CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED SHOW THAT "THE LEVEL OF RADIOACTIVITY DOES NOT CREATE A HAZARD TO THE HEALTH OF THE POPULATION." POLISH RADIO ALSO REPORTED NAMES OF MEMBERS OF SZALAJDA'S COMMISSION; THOSE WHO ARE KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY ARE RESPECTED SCIENTISTS.

3. SCICOUNS HAS BEEN TRYING TO ACQUIRE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RADIATION LEVELS IN POLAND FROM SCIENTIST FRIENDS. A CONTACT AT THE INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR CHEMISTRY REFERRED HIM TO THE CENTRAL LABORATORY FOR RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION (CLRP) WHOSE DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN TURN REFERRED HIM TO THE NATIONAL ATOMIC RESEARCH AND NUCLEAR ENERGY AGENCY (PAN), WHO TOLD HIM THAT NO ONE THERE WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER AT PRESENT. HE WAS ASSURED THAT SZALAJDA'S COMMISSION WOULD REPORT ON THE SITUATION IN DUE COURSE. GOP SPOKESMAN URBAN STATED IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD REPORT LATER THIS AFTERNOON.

4. EMBASSY HAS NO RADIATION MONITORING EQUIPMENT AND

HAS BEEN THEREFORE UNABLE TO MAKE INDEPENDENT MEASUREMENTS OF RADIATION LEVELS. CONSEQUENTLY WE ARE OBLIGED TO RELY ON WHAT THE POLES TELL US. THE CLRP IS CERTAINLY PROPERLY EQUIPPED TO MAKE THE REQUIRED MEASUREMENTS. THE EXTENT THAT THEY WILL CHOOSE TO SHARE THEIR DATA WITH US AND THE PEOPLE OF POLAND IS UNCERTAIN. POLAND IS ONLY NOW BUILDING ITS FIRST REACTOR. SZALAJDA IS A PRINCIPAL ADVOCATE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND MAY WANT TO AVOID CONFRONTATION ABOUT THE LONG-TERM GOP NUCLEAR PROGRAM BY DOCTORING THE DATA. THE PRESENCE OF RESPECTED SCIENTISTS ON THE COMMISSION WILL, HOWEVER, HELP TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVITY.

5. COMMENTS. THE GOP HAS REACTED WITH UNUSUAL SPEED AND VIGOR TO THE CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR ACCIDENT. ASSIGNMENT OF A VICE PREMIER TO CHAIR THE COMMISSION CHARGED WITH EVALUATING THE SITUATION INDICATES THE GRAVE CONCERN OF THE GOP. THE COMMISSION HAS ESSENTIALLY PRODUCED A NEWS BLACKOUT; IT CONTROLS TIGHTLY THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE DIMENSION OF THIS RADIATION ACCIDENT. THEY ARE PROBABLY RESPONDING TO USSR CONCERNS; THE SOVIETS ARE ALSO TRYING TO CONTAIN THE FLOW OF INFORMATION. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF AN ANTI-NUCLEAR LOBBY IN POLAND; THE GOP DOES NOT NEED ONE TO ADD TO ITS WOES. IT HAS ADVERTISED NUCLEAR ENERGY AS THE WAY OUT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION PROBLEM AND DOES NOT WANT PUBLIC OUTCRIES AGAINST ITS FLEDGING NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAM.

6. THERE IS NO SPECIFIC INDICATION THAT THE POLES (AND, OF COURSE) EMBASSY AND CONSULATE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO DANGEROUS AMOUNTS OF RADIATION. HOWEVER, AN INVOLUNTARY EXPOSURE TO ANY AMOUNT OF RADIATION ABOVE BACKGROUND LEVEL IS UNDESIRABLE, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION WHICH IS ALREADY THE LOT OF ANYONE LIVING IN POLAND. IN DUE COURSE, INFORMATION ON EXPOSURE LEVELS FROM AN INDEPENDENT SOURCE LIKE THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, WOULD BE REASSURING.

7. WHILE THE POLES HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO REASSURE THE PUBLIC THAT EVERYTHING IS OK, WE NOTE THAT CERTAIN UNPUBLISHED PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN. AT THE MFA, FOR EXAMPLE, AN EMBOFF SPOTTED A NOTICE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD THIS MORNING TELLING ALL EMPLOYEES TO KEEP THEIR WINDOWS CLOSED BECAUSE OF THE NUCLEAR ACCIDENT.

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1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT AND CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCES WERE PREPARED FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESPERSON ON APRIL 29, 1986. IN ADDITION TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT, GUIDANCE IN SECTION 3 WAS USED IN TODAY'S BRIEFING.

2. (PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT) SOVIET NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

-- ASSISTANT SECRETARY RIDGWAY MET WITH SOVIET CHARGE SOKOLOV THIS MORNING AND EXPRESSED, ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES' DEEP REGRET OVER THE ACCIDENT AT THE CHERNOBYL ATOMIC ENERGY STATION. WE HOPE CASUALTIES AND MATERIAL DAMAGE ARE MINIMAL. THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE SOVIET UNION HUMANITARIAN AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN DEALING WITH THIS ACCIDENT.

-- THE UNITED STATES IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE ACCIDENT AND REQUESTS THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE COORDINATION AMONG ALL CONCERNED COUNTRIES. WE HOPE THE SOVIET UNION WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACCIDENT IN A TIMELY MANNER.

3. SOVIET NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

Q: HOW DID THE U.S. GOVERNMENT LEARN ABOUT THE NUCLEAR ACCIDENT? DID THE SOVIETS INFORM THE GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY?

A: -- WE LEARNED OF THE NUCLEAR ACCIDENT AT CHERNOBYL FROM THE TASS ANNOUNCEMENT ON MONDAY AFTERNOON. THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS NOT CONTACTED US THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

Q: ARE WE TALKING TO THE SOVIETS ABOUT IT?

A: -- ASSISTANT SECRETARY RIDGWAY MET WITH SOVIET CHARGE SOKOLOV THIS MORNING TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN AND TO EXTEND OUR OFFER OF ASSISTANCE. WE ALSO HOPE THE SOVIET UNION WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACCIDENT IN A TIMELY MANNER.

Q: WHAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE HAVE WE OFFERED THE SOVIET UNION?

A: -- ASSISTANT SECRETARY RIDGWAY MET THIS MORNING WITH SOVIET CHARGE SOKOLOV AND EXPRESSED, ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES' DEEP REGRET OVER THE ACCIDENT.

-- WE INDICATED TO THE SOVIETS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THEM HUMANITARIAN AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

Q: WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT DOING TO NOTIFY AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE SOVIET UNION ABOUT THE NUCLEAR ACCIDENT?

A: -- OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW IS IN CONTACT WITH REGISTERED AMERICAN CITIZENS KNOWN TO BE IN THE AFFECTED AREA. THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR NOTIFYING RESIDENTS OF POTENTIAL DANGER AND FOR TAKING STEPS TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC OBVIOUSLY LIES WITH THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS.

Q: ARE THERE ANY AMERICANS IN THE AREA OF THE ACCIDENT?

A: -- WE DO NOT HAVE AN ACCURATE ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS WHO MAY BE IN THE AREA AFFECTED BY THE ACCIDENT AND ARE IN CONTACT WITH INTOURIST, THE SOVIET TRAVEL AGENCY, ABOUT AMERICAN TOURISTS WHO MAY BE AFFECTED.

-- (FYI) THE LATEST AVAILABLE POST ESTIMATE, 1984, INDICATES ONLY 367 AMERICANS RESIDING IN ALL THE SOVIET UNION.

4. USSR: EX-DEFECTOR TUMANOV

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON ALLEGATIONS BY EX-DEFECTOR OLEG TUMANOV THAT RADIO LIBERTY AND RADIO FREE EUROPE ARE CONTROLLED BY THE CIA?

A: -- MR. TUMANOV'S ALLEGATIONS ARE WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

-- HIS APPEARANCE IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY WAS A BLATANT PROPAGANDA EXERCISE. HIS COMMENTS WERE UTTER RUBBISH.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON TUMANOV'S INSINUATIONS THAT U.S. JOURNALISTS IN MOSCOW WORK FOR RADIO LIBERTY AND HIS ALLEGATIONS THAT THEY USE RADIO LIBERTY RESEARCH SERVICES?

A: -- HIS INSINUATIONS THAT U.S. CORRESPONDENTS IN MOSCOW WORK FOR RADIO LIBERTY OR ANY OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION ARE ALSO WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

-- MANY SCHOLARS USE RADIO LIBERTY'S EXCELLENT

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RESEARCH SERVICE. THERE IS NOTHING IMPROPER ABOUT IT.

5. ROMANIA: DEFECTOR BEING HANDED BACK?

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON ROMANIAN DEFECTOR NICOLAE HORODINCA, WHO IS REPORTEDLY GOING TO THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY TO REDEFECT TO ROMANIA?

A: -- THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF THE SITUATION OF MR. HORODINCA, A SECRETARY OF THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WHO WAS GRANTED ASYLUM IN THE U.S. SIX YEARS AGO. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MR. HORODINCA HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN DISSATISFIED WITH HIS MATERIAL SITUATION HERE; HIS FAMILY HAS RETURNED VOLUNTARILY TO ROMANIA.

-- MR. HORODINCA IS NOT BEING "HANDED BACK". SHOULD MR. HORODINCA VISIT THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY, HE WILL CLEARLY BE DOING SO OF HIS OWN FREE WILL, AND IN FULL AWARENESS OF ANY POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES. HE HAS BEEN GRANTED ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES AND IS FREE TO REMAIN HERE AS LONG AS HE WISHES.

6. USSR: VISA DENIALS FOR SOVIET AUTO WORKERS

Q: WHY DID THE DEPARTMENT DENY VISAS TO A GROUP OF SOVIET AUTO WORKERS PLANNING TO VISIT THE U.S. AS TOURISTS?

A: -- THE 22 AUTO WORKERS ARE COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OFFICIAL SOVIET LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. THEY ARE INELIGIBLE FOR VISAS UNDER SECTION 212 (A) (28) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT OF 1952 (INA). THE DEPARTMENT DECLINED TO SEEK TEMPORARY WAIVERS OF INELIGIBILITY IN THIS CASE. DUE TO THE LACK OF RECIPROCITY BY THE USSR IN ALLOWING U.S. LABOR REPRESENTATIVES TO FREELY MEET IN THE SOVIET UNION WITH SOVIET WORKERS, THE DEPARTMENT REGULARLY DECLINES TO SEEK WAIVERS FOR SOVIET LABOR REPRESENTATIVES.

-- UNDER THE SOVIET SYSTEM, THE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT INDEPENDENT, BUT RATHER OFFICIAL ORGANS OF THE STATE. WHEN THEIR REPRESENTATIVES SEEK TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES, THEY DO SO AS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, NOT AS LEADERS OF INDEPENDENT LABOR UNIONS.

Q: UNDER THE MCGOVERN AMENDMENT, ISN'T IT MANDATORY THAT THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND WAIVERS FOR APPLICANTS INELIGIBLE SOLELY DUE TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY?

A: -- NO. IN 1979, CONGRESS AMENDED THE MCGOVERN AMENDMENT ITSELF TO REMOVE FROM ITS PURVIEW TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES FROM TOTALITARIAN COUNTRIES.

7. FRANCE: MITTERRAND COMMENTS ON TERRORISM

Q: WOULD YOU COMMENT ON PRESIDENT MITTERRAND'S RECENT INTERVIEW CARRIED IN A JAPANESE NEWSPAPER SAYING THAT FRANCE IS READY TO UNDERTAKE JOINT ACTION AGAINST TERRORISTS WITH OTHER WESTERN NATIONS?

A: WE WELCOME FRENCH INTEREST IN COOPERATIVE EFFORTS AGAINST TERRORISM. THE PRESIDENT IS LOOKING FORWARD TO DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF COOPERATIVE MEASURES AGAINST TERRORISM WITH THE FRENCH AND WITH OTHER ALLIES IN TOKYO NEXT WEEK.

9. FRANCE: LE MONDE STORY ON OVERFLIGHTS

Q: WOULD YOU COMMENT ON THE DETAILED LE MONDE ACCOUNT OF THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE FRENCH REJECTION OF OVERFLIGHT FOR THE F-111S, PARTICULARLY THE COMMENT THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN HAD TRIED TO INVOLVE FRANCE IN AN "ANTI-LIBYAN" OPERATION AS EARLY AS FEBRUARY 25?

A: -- IT IS OUR PRACTICE NOT TO COMMENT PUBLICLY ON THOSE DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGES.

10. TURKEY: LIBYAN DIPLOMATS

Q: DID WE ASK TURKEY TO EXPELL THE LIBYAN AMBASSADOR, MOHAMMED ABDULMALIK?

A: -- WE HAVE RAISED WITH THE TURKISH AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LIBYAN PEOPLES BUREAU AND URGED THEM TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS. WE ARE NOT GOING TO GET INTO SPECIFICS ON INDIVIDUAL SITUATIONS.

Q: IS IT TRUE THAT MR. ABDULMALIK WAS DECLARED PER SONA NON GRATA FROM THE UNITED STATES IN 1980 FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN A CAMPAIGN AGAINST ANTI-GOVERNMENT LIBYANS HERE?

A: -- YES.

11. KIEV/NEW YORK CONSULATE EXCHANGE (TAKEN QUESTION)

Q: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE U.S. CONSULATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN KIEV? WHAT IS THE TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION?

A: -- CONSTRUCTION OF THE KIEV CONSULATE HAS NOT BEGUN.

Q: WHAT ARE THE PLANS FOR THE ADVANCE TEAM?

A: -- WE ARE DISCUSSING WITH THE SOVIETS QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE EXCHANGE OF ADVANCE TEAMS. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO EXCHANGE ADVANCE TEAMS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HOWEVER, WE CLEARLY WILL NOT SEND ANY PERSONNEL TO KIEV UNTIL WE ARE SATISFIED THERE IS NO DANGER TO THEIR HEALTH AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT NUCLEAR ACCIDENT. WHITEHEAD

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2. USSR: JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON TODAY'S (APRIL 28) WASHINGTON TIMES ARTICLE WHICH STATES THAT SENATOR DOLE HAS CALLED FOR LIFTING THE JACKSON-VANIK TRADE AND CREDIT RESTRICTIONS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION?

A: -- NOTHING SPECIFIC ON SENATOR DOLE'S REMARKS.

- ENCOURAGING FREER EMIGRATION AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS HAS BEEN A VERY HIGH PRIORITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION IN OUR DEALING WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES. THE JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT, WHICH TIES FREE EMIGRATION TO THE EXTENSION OF MOST FAVORED NATION

(MFN) TARIFF TREATMENT, HAS THE SAME LAUDABLE GOAL.

-- WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY POINTED OUT THE TIE BETWEEN FREE EMIGRATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NORMAL TRADING RELATIONSHIP. WHILE THE SOVIETS HAVE PUBLICLY AND FORMALLY REJECTED SUCH A RELATIONSHIP, IN THE 1970S, THEY SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED THE RATE OF EMIGRATION IN THE HOPE OF OBTAINING MFN. HOWEVER, SINCE 1979 THE LEVEL OF EMIGRATION HAS DECLINED SHARPLY

-- WE WELCOME A DIALOGUE WITH THE CONGRESS AND AMONG INTERESTED PRIVATE SECTOR GROUPS ON POSSIBLE WAYS OF ENCOURAGING INCREASED FREEDOM OF EMIGRATION AND IMPROVING HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE BY WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES, ALL OF WHOM ARE SIGNATORIES TO THE HELSINKI ACCORDS.

3. USIA JOURNALIST EXCLUDED FROM SOVIET EMBASSY PRESS BRIEFING

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE INCIDENT IN WHICH A USIA CORRESPONDENT WAS EXCLUDED FROM A SOVIET EMBASSY PRESS BRIEFING TODAY?

A: -- EARLIER TODAY WE UNDERSTAND THE SOVIET EMBASSY EXCLUDED A USIA CORRESPONDENT FROM A PRESS BRIEFING AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY ON GROUNDS THAT THE USIA CORRESPONDENT WAS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF AN OFFICIAL ORGANIZATION. WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE PROPRIETY OF THIS SOVIET ACTION. THE USIA CORRESPONDENT EXCLUDED WAS A LEGITIMATE JOURNALIST. WE DO NOT EXCLUDE SOVIET JOURNALISTS FROM PRESS BRIEFINGS FOR FOREIGN JOURNALISTS HELD AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. IN ANY CASE, THE SOVIET ACTION IS EXTREMELY QUESTIONABLE COMING FROM A NATION WHICH HAS NOTHING BUT OFFICIAL NEWS ORGANIZATIONS.

4. U.S.-U.K. EXTRADITION TREATY

Q: WHAT IS THE ADMINISTRATION'S REACTION TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER'S CRITICISM OF THE DELAY IN RATIFICATION OF THE U.S.-U.K. SUPPLEMENTARY EXTRADITION TREATY?

A: -- THE ADMINISTRATION UNDERSTANDS AND SHARES PRIME MINISTER THATCHER'S CONCERN. WE ARE PUSHING HARD FOR RATIFICATION OF THIS IMPORTANT ANTITERRORIST MEASURE. THIS NEW TREATY MAKES CLEAR THAT ACTS OF TERRORIST

VIOLENCE WILL NO LONGER BE EXCUSED OR CONDONED AS "POLITICALLY MOTIVATED." THE TREATY HAS BEEN BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE SINCE AUGUST 1985 AND THE ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR FAVORABLE ACTION BOTH THERE AND ON THE SENATE FLOOR. BRITAIN HAS RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO TAKE COURAGEOUS ACTION ON AN ISSUE INVOLVING TERRORISM OF PRIMARY CONCERN TO US. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, AS PRIME MINISTER THATCHER'S COMMENTS INDICATE, REGARDS THE TREATY AS A CRUCIAL WEAPON IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM IN THE U.K. THE ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES THE SENATE SHOULD SWIFTLY RATIFY THE TREATY, DEMONSTRATING OUR WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT THE BRITISH ON AN ISSUE OF TERRORISM OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE TO THEM.

5. AUSTRIA: WALDHEIM CASE

Q: ARE JUSTICE'S "WATCH LIST" AND STATE'S LOOKOUT LIST ALWAYS THE SAME?

A: -- NO. THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S AUTOMATED VISA LOOKOUT SYSTEM (AVLOS) PERTAINS TO VISA ISSUANCE AND INCLUDES THE NAMES OF ALL ALIENS FOUND INELIGIBLE FOR U.S. VISAS. WHILE STATE'S SYSTEM INCLUDES ALIENS FOUND OR SUSPECTED TO BE INELIGIBLE FOR VISAS UNDER ONE OF THE 33 STATUTORY CATEGORIES LISTED IN THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT (INA), THE LARGE MAJORITY OF AVLOS ENTRIES ARE ALIEN VISITOR VISA APPLICANTS WHO COULD NOT OVERCOME THE STATUTORY PRESUMPTION THAT THEY WERE

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INTENDING IMMIGRANTS. THE INS "WATCH LIST" PERTAINS TO ALIENS WHO MAY BE EXCLUDABLE FROM ENTRY INTO THE U.S. (FA VISA ENTITLES THE BEARER TO APPLY TO AN INS OFFICER FOR ENTRY AT A U.S. BORDER POINT.)

Q: WOULD WALDHEIM'S NAME AUTOMATICALLY GO IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT LIST IF JUSTICE PUTS IT IN THE "WATCH LIST"?

A: -- INS SHARES INFORMATION FROM ITS LIST WITH THE DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, HAVING A NAME IN AVLOS DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WOULD ULTIMATELY BE FOUND INELIGIBLE FOR A VISA. A POTENTIALLY INELIGIBLE ALIEN WOULD HAVE TO BE INTERVIEWED BY A CONSULAR OFFICER AND (IN SOME CASES, DEPENDING ON THE CATEGORY OF INELIGIBILITY) AN ADVISORY OPINION SOUGHT FROM THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE A FORMAL DETERMINATION OF INELIGIBILITY COULD BE MADE.

Q: DO HEADS OF STATE GET VISAS? ARE THEY SUBJECT TO THE LOOKOUT AND "WATCH LISTS"?

A: - ANY ALIEN EXCEPT A CANADIAN CITIZEN IS SUBJECT TO THE VISA REQUIREMENT. UNDER SECTION 102 OF THE (INA), RECIPIENTS OF A-1 VISAS -- IN THIS CATEGORY -- HEADS OF STATE ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE INELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS OF THE ACT (EXCEPT SECTION 212 (A) (27).

Q: WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE PROCESS BETWEEN JUSTICE AND STATE?

A: -- THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAVE JOINT STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY TO ENFORCE AND ADMINISTER THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT. EITHER MAY MAKE A DETERMINATION OF INELIGIBILITY. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

Q: HOW DOES THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION LEAD TO A WATCH LIST?

A: -- YOU WILL HAVE TO CONSULT JUSTICE FOR THAT.

Q: HOW DOES A STATE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION LEAD TO A LOOKOUT LIST?

A: -- WHEN THE SECRETARY, THROUGH THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS, MAKES A DETERMINATION OF INELIGIBILITY UNDER 212 (A) (33) OF THE INA, THE NAME OF THE INELIGIBLE PERSON IS PLACED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S "AUTOMATED VISA LOOKOUT SYSTEM" OR AVLOS. THIS LIST IS CONSULTED BY CONSULAR OFFICERS WHEN REVIEWING VISA APPLICATIONS.

Q: WHERE ARE WE ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S INVESTIGATION?

A: -- WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ANALYZING THE MATERIALS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE.

Q: ARE WE DRAGGING OUR FEET UNTIL AFTER THE AUSTRIAN ELECTIONS?

A: -- NO. WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH DUE DILIGENCE.

6. AFGHANISTAN: BABRAK KARMAL

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN KABUL? WHERE IS BABRAK KARMAL? IS HE LIKELY TO BE REPLACED IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

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A: -- KARMAL APPEARS TO BE STILL IN THE SOVIET UNION, ALTHOUGH HIS VISIT WAS NEVER FORMALLY ANNOUNCED. HIS LONG STAY THERE HAS FUELED RUMORS ABOUT HIS HEALTH AND ABOUT SOVIET DISSATISFACTION WITH HIS INABILITY TO MANAGE AFGHAN AFFAIRS.

-- KARMAL'S ABSENCE FROM FESTIVITIES IN KABUL MARKING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1978 COMMUNIST COUP ADDS TO THE ONGOING SPECULATION ABOUT HIS POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT.

-- THE SOVIET PROBLEM CONTINUES TO BE FINDING A REPLACEMENT WHO WOULD HAVE ANY MORE SUCCESS THAN KARMAL IN RALLYING SUPPORT FOR A GOVERNMENT MAINTAINED BY THE SOVIET ARMY.

7. TURKEY: LIBYAN CONNECTION?

Q: A TURKISH PROSECUTOR IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT LIBYAN PEOPLES BUREAU PERSONNEL SUPPLIED HAND GRENADES TO THE TWO LIBYANS ARRESTED APRIL 18 FOR TRYING TO BOMB THE U.S. OFFICERS CLUB AT ANKARA. DO WE HAVE ANY CONFIRMATION OR COMMENT?

A: WE ARE AWARE OF THE REPORTS AND ARE IN CONTACT WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS WHO ARE CONDUCTING THE INVESTIGATION. WE DO NOT HAVE INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION. WHITEHEAD

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SUBJECT: ~~REPORTING ON SOVIET NUCLEAR ACCIDENT: SWEDEN~~

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2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HARD-PRESSED OFFICIALS
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ON THE SOVIET NUCLEAR ACCIDENT. THESE SUPPLEMENT EMBASSY COMMENTS IN REFTELS B AND C. WE WILL FOLLOW UP SHORTLY WITH A MORE DETAILED REPLY.

3. SOURCE/NATURE OF THE ACCIDENT. THE SWEDES HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THE BACKGROUND TO THE ACCIDENT BUT HAVE CONCLUDED FROM THEIR OWN ANALYSIS OF DEBRIS AND EMISSIONS THAT A CORE MELT DOWN OF THE REACTOR HAS OCCURRED.

4. INJURIES AND DAMAGE RESULTING. THE SWEDES HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION IN OR AROUND THE CHERNOBYL SITE IN THE SOVIET UNION. RADIATION LEVELS RECORDED IN SWEDEN ARE HIGHER THAN NORMAL BUT NOT AT A DANGEROUS LEVEL. THE AVERAGE LEVELS ARE 2 TO 3 TIMES NORMAL BACKGROUND RADIATION. IN SOME PLACES OF HEAVY RAINFALL (I.E., WESTERN AND NORTHERN SWEDEN) IT IS UP TO 10 TO 15 TIMES THE NORMAL BACKGROUND LEVEL. SSI IS TELLING THE SWEDISH PUBLIC THAT RADIATION LEVELS HAVE SHOWN NO INCREASE SINCE EARLY ON APRIL 29 AND THAT NO SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS ARE NECESSARY.

5. NATURE OF THE RADIATION. THE INCREASED RADIATION IS COMING FROM AIRBORNE MATERIALS OF A TYPICAL FISSIONABLE NATURE. THESE INCLUDE IODINE 131, LITHIUM 140, RUTHENIUM 103, IODINE 132 AND 133, CESSIUM 137, NEPTUNIUM 239, TECHNETIUM 99 M, CERIUM 140, TELERIUM 132.

6. MONITORING EQUIPMENT. SWEDISH AUTHORITIES ARE RELYING ON 20 IONIZATION CHAMBERS SITUATED IN LOCATIONS ALL OVER SWEDEN. THEY PROVIDE FOR CONTINUOUS MONITORING OF BACKGROUND RADIATION. NEWELL
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AMBASSADOR KENNEDY

S/S Officer: AND

The following points were used in the noon press briefing today in response to press inquiries:

-- Assistant Secretary Ridgway met with Soviet Charge Sokolov this morning and expressed, on behalf of the President, the United States' deep regret over the accident at the Chernobyl Atomic Energy Station. We hope casualties and material damage are minimal. The United States is prepared to make available to the Soviet Union humanitarian and technical assistance in dealing with this accident.

-- We learned of the nuclear accident at Chernobyl from the Tass announcement on Monday afternoon. The Soviet Government has not contacted us through diplomatic channels.

--We do not have an accurate estimate of the number of Americans who may be in the area affected by the accident and are in contact with Intourist, the Soviet travel agency, about American tourists who may be affected.

--Our Embassy in Moscow is in contact with registered American citizens known to be in the affected area. The primary responsibility for notifying residents of potential danger and for taking steps to safeguard the public obviously lies with the Soviet authorities. We are in contact with the Soviets on the safety of our citizens.

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2. ASST. SEC RIDGWAY WILL DELIVER POINTS AT PARA 3 BELOW TO SOVIET CHARGE SOKOLOV TUESDAY MORNING. EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK URGENT APPOINTMENT AT HIGHEST AVAILABLE LEVEL OF MFA TO DELIVER PARALLEL DEMARCHE USING SAME POINTS. POINTS SHOULD BE DELIVERED AS AN ORAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO GORBACHEV. YOU SHOULD LEAVE PAPER INCORPORATING POINTS FOR THE RECORD. YOU SHOULD MAKE THE TWO POINTS AT PARA 4 SEPARATELY FROM THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S ORAL MESSAGE:

-- WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP REGRET OVER THE ACCIDENT AT THE CHERNOBYL ATOMIC ENERGY STATION. WE HOPE CASUALTIES AND MATERIAL DAMAGE ARE MINIMAL.

-- THE PRESIDENT HAS DIRECTED ME TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE SOVIET UNION HUMANITARIAN AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN DEALING

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-- WE ARE PREPARED TO DEPLOY IMMEDIATELY AN ADVANCE PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT PARTY OF SCIENTISTS, ~~WITH EQUIPMENT~~ FROM OUR NUCLEAR EMERGENCY SEARCH TEAM (NEST) WHO CAN ASSIST IN DETERMINING AND SUBSEQUENTLY COORDINATING THE BEST USE OF THE RESOURCES FROM THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS.

-- THESE RESOURCES CAN ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE AND INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CAPABILITIES:

1. ATMOSPHERIC RELEASE ADVISORY CAPABILITY (ARAC) WHICH CAN PREDICT RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL DISPERSION BASED ON GEOGRAPHY, WEATHER, AND THE RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS RELEASED.

2. AERIAL MEASURING SYSTEM (AMS), A HELICOPTER-BORNE RADIOLOGICAL MEASUREMENT SYSTEM WHICH CAN MAP THE ACTUAL SPREAD OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION.

3. RADIOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS INCLUDING HEALTH PHYSICISTS AND EQUIPMENT TO MEASURE RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION IN WATER, AIR, AND SOIL. ALSO, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN ASSESSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS RELEASED.

4. MEDICAL PERSONNEL EXPERIENCED IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF RADIATION EXPOSURE IN PEOPLE.

5. TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND ASSISTANCE IN RADIOLOGICAL DECONTAMINATION, RECOVERY FROM A NUCLEAR REACTOR ACCIDENT, AND MINIMIZING ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS.

END TEXT.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF ADDITIONAL POINTS.

-- WE ARE OF COURSE CONCERNED ABOUT THE LEVELS OF RADIATION RELEASED AS A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE HIGHER THAN NORMAL RADIATION LEVELS AS FAR NORTH AS FINLAND.

-- SINCE RADIOLOGICAL DAMAGE OR ACCIDENT ASSESSMENT ISSUES WITH INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS MAY RESULT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS YOU CAN PROVIDE ON THE CHERNOBYL ACCIDENT.

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ALL ASSISTANT SECRETARIES AND OFFICE DIRECTORS

**SUBJECT : Coordination of Department Activities Regarding
Soviet Nuclear Accident**

In order to ensure coordination of all Department activities regarding the Soviet nuclear accident at Chernobyl, an informal working group has been established under the direction of OES Assistant Secretary Negroponce. He will be closely supported by Ambassador Kennedy and the staff of S/NP and by Assistant Secretary Ridgway of EUR.

Effective immediately any activities or written products concerning the Chernobyl accident should be coordinated and cleared with Mr. James B. Devine, home phone (703) 573-0655; ext. 74360 in OES and Mr. Mark Parris, home phone (703) 644-7668; ext. 73738 in EUR.


Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

The President ~~of the United States~~ offers the scientific and technical capabilities of the Department of Energy, through its National Laboratories and industrial contractors, to the Soviet Union to assist efforts to ~~recover from the reported~~ nuclear reactor accident at Chernobyl, ~~USSR~~. *deal with*

could send We ~~are prepared to~~ immediately ~~deploy~~ ^a ~~an advance planning and assessment~~ party of scientists, ~~with equipment~~, from our Nuclear Emergency Search Team (NEST) who can assist in determining and subsequently coordinating the best use of the resources from the United States' nuclear safety and environmental protection programs. These resources could also be made immediately available and include the following capabilities.

1. Atomospheric Release Advisory Capability (ARAC) which can predict radioactive material dispersion based on geography, weather, and the radioactive materials released.
2. Aerial Measuring System (AMS), a helicopter-borne radiological measurement system which can map the actual spread of radioactive contamination.
3. Radiological assistance teams including health physicists and equipment to measure radioactive contamination in water, air, and soil. Also, technical assistance in assessing the environmental effects of the radioactive materials released.
4. Medical personnel experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of radiation exposure in people.
5. Technical expertise and assistance in radiological decontamination, recovery from a nuclear reactor accident, and minimizing environmental effects.

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SPOT COMMENTARY: Soviet Nuclear Accident

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: The Soviet nuclear accident announced by Moscow yesterday possibly occurred [REDACTED] the Chernobyl Power Plant [REDACTED] extensive damage, indicating a large explosion occurred in the hall of the fourth reactor building. The event probably was initiated by some kind of loss-of-coolant-accident, which caused fuel melting. We believe that the associated high temperatures produced hydrogen and methane which caused the explosion.

[REDACTED] The continuing [REDACTED] fire will be a major problem for rescuers and plant personnel trying to contain radioactive release. The fire will continue to spread radioactive fallout as long as it burns. Firefighting efforts will be extremely difficult, however, since the radiation level in the reactor hall certainly is above lethal levels. A further concern is the possibility that water used to extinguish the fire could cause another nuclear reaction.

Principal damage from the releases will be caused by radioactive iodine, which concentrates in the thyroid. The Soviets could be expected to divert milk supplies, since radioiodine concentrates heavily in dairy products. Other major health threats are direct damage to lungs and contamination of water supplies, especially since the reactor is located near the main reservoir for the city of Kiev. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reports that the region where the accident occurred is experiencing only light winds, exposing the population there to greater radioactivity.

SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN REACTION: The Soviets delayed admission of the disaster and continue to minimize domestic media coverage, with no local announcement that the government has established a commission to investigate the disaster. Media management of the accident appears to be a critical test of Gorbachev's year-long push for openness and publicity.

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So far we have heard only from Poland and Hungary of Moscow's Warsaw Pact allies. Polish radio has admitted that a radioactive cloud passed over Poland "at a great height," but Warsaw apparently is seeking to minimize any possible health concerns. Nevertheless, the government has established a special commission to track the effects and has set up two hundred additional monitoring stations. Hungarian radio has indicated only that there were injuries during the disaster and has admitted that Kiev's water supply possibly was affected.

The Chernobyl disaster already has put Moscow on the defensive regarding its advocacy of civilian nuclear power programs, and Moscow is seeking to deflect criticism of its reactor program by unfavorable comparisons to nuclear accidents in the West. The Soviets are also trying to gain a propaganda advantage by stressing the "terrible consequences" of accidents involving military weapons or weapons production, whose abolition Gorbachev demanded early this year. Meanwhile, the disaster represents a significant setback to Moscow's efforts to increase its reliance on nuclear power, may effect Soviet electricity deliveries to Eastern Europe, and probably has impacted on agricultural production in one of the country's major grain-producing areas.

WESTERN EUROPE: Scandinavian countries have expressed considerable anger with the Soviets. Sweden in particular has protested Moscow's failure to notify its neighbors. Stockholm claims its original inquiries in the USSR received no response. Only after high radiation levels were detected in Scandinavia and inquiries were made at the IAEA in Vienna did Moscow admit to the accident, [REDACTED]

Denmark and Norway have also expressed concern over Soviet hesitancy to inform neighboring countries.

Meanwhile, the West Germans have detected two to three times the normal radiation levels in their northernmost state, Schleswig-Holstein. This still remains below those levels being measured in Scandinavia—four to five times above normal in Sweden, and 60 above normal in Norway. Bonn has offered to assist the Soviets.

Over the long term, we do not see the accident changing West European views on security issues such as a nuclear weapons-free

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zone, largely because both sides will use the accident to support their own arguments. Proponents will argue that such steps are now more necessary than ever, while opponents will point out that the radiation came from outside any zone currently being proposed. Opponents are also likely to use Moscow's slow reaction to raise new questions about Soviet credibility. Western Europe's nuclear industry is likely to suffer a blow, at least initially as ecologists use this accident to highlight the dangers accompanying nuclear energy. Political groups [REDACTED] may benefit from a heightened public sensitivity to the issue.

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No. 2, 29 April 1986

SPOT COMMENTARY: Update on Soviet Nuclear Accident

POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS: Whatever the safety and inspection record at the Chernobyl nuclear plant, Ukrainian party leader Shcherbitskiy, party secretary Dolgikh and other officials involved with the nuclear power program will be vulnerable to charges of improper attention to problems that may have been previously identified. Gorbachev and most of his Moscow colleagues, however, are unlikely to be faulted for decisions regarding design and location made long before they took office.

More broadly, senior officials may eventually have to answer for the way they have responded to problems presented by the accident. As with the KAL shootdown, the regime apparently reverted to its typical reaction in such cases—hush it up and hope it goes away. Moscow apparently did not get an early scientific assessment alerting them to the certainty that traces of the accident would be picked up in the West. Nor did information appear to have been disseminated beyond the local population that a severe accident had occurred. People in Kiev were aware of the accident but uninformed of its severity or what precautions, if any, to take.

The reaction contrasts sharply with Gorbachev's recent efforts to provide more timely and accurate coverage of developments rather than be preempted by foreign reporting and "rumormongering." This policy has failed its first important test. The regime's credibility again has been seriously damaged abroad and the incident has undermined Gorbachev's efforts to persuade Soviet citizens they can count on media to inform them. Rumors are certain to fill the information vacuum, and may feed public apprehensions even more than would a candid disclosure of the facts.

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS: The Chernobyl accident threatens to disrupt economic activity in large areas of the Ukraine and Belorussia,

Most affected will be agriculture, electricity

supplies to Soviet industry and households, power exports to Eastern Europe, and Soviet sales of nuclear reactors. [REDACTED]

Based on the likely path of radiation, potentially affected areas account for a sizeable portion of Soviet livestock herds, winter wheat, and sugarbeets. The winter grain crop will not be harvested until July. Consequently, unless contamination is severe, the impact probably will be limited. Cattle and hogs, for example, could use stored feed for some weeks. Since Chernobyl is located on Kiev's watershed, the 2.4 million people in Kiev and other nearby populated areas could be affected by both air- and water-borne radioactivity. [REDACTED]

Moscow this afternoon EDT announced [REDACTED] the entire Chernobyl plant has been shut down. This will seriously affect electricity supply to key industries in the Ukraine. Because other Soviet reactors of similar design account for about [REDACTED] of the USSR's electricity, Moscow is unlikely to shut them down. To do so would cause power disruptions in the Moscow region, Leningrad, and the Baltic states. Moscow will undoubtedly attempt to compensate for any nuclear plant shutdowns by increasing power output at fossil-fuel plants, and selectively rationing electricity. Shortages to consumers remain likely because Chernobyl together with other similar nuclear plants supply about [REDACTED] of the USSR's power. In the process of adjusting to the power cut, electricity exports to Czechoslovakia, Romania, and Poland are likely to be temporarily reduced. [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM FOR JACK MATLOCK

SUBJECT: Chernobyl Nuclear Accident (U)

(U) I understand that you are working with State on developing an offer of assistance to the Soviets in connection with the Chernobyl nuclear accident. My office independently has developed ideas in this regard. Attached is a draft letter that the White House or State may wish to convey to Soviet Embassy officials.

(C) I believe it would be beneficial to deliver the letter and then release it to the press. In background discussions with the press we should, I think, call attention to the additional safety hazards resulting from the Soviet policy of secrecy regarding the accident, and we should tie this point to the main justification for the Geneva Exchange Initiatives as set forth in NSDD-223.

(U) We notice that the New York Times quotes Swedish Energy Minister Dahl as alleging that the Soviets have violated international agreements. This is an important issue which warrants the attention of Administration lawyers and policy makers.

Douglas J. Feith
Deputy Assistant Secretary
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The Government of the United States wishes to express to the leaders of the Soviet Union and to the Soviet people its deep regret over the accident that has just occurred at the Chernobyl nuclear facility. It is hoped that the extent of personal injury and property damage will be minimal and that there has been no significant loss of life.

In this connection the U.S. Government would like to offer its assistance in various cleanup and decontamination operations, as well as other efforts to minimize the long-term effects of the accident. The United States has considerable expertise in this area and has always stood ready to help any nation in dealing with this kind of problem. This offer is made in the spirit of cooperation and good will that was engendered by President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev in Geneva.

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SUBJECT: MORE SWEDISH REACTION ON SOVIET NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

REF: STOCKHOLM 3296

1. WE REPORT BELOW SEVERAL NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND SWEDISH REACTIONS TO THE CHERNOBYL REACTOR ACCIDENT IN THE UKRAINE. IN CONTACTING SWEDISH OFFICIALS AT THE SWEDISH NUCLEAR INSPECTORATE AND ENERGY MINISTRY, WE HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY ASKED FOR ANY INFORMATION WE COULD SUPPLY ON THE BACKGROUND TO THE ACCIDENT AND SITUATION AT CHERNOBYL. ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT HAVE TO SHARE WITH THE SWEDES, WHO SEEM VERY MUCH IN THE DARK, WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

2. THE SWEDISH NUCLEAR INSPECTORATE (SKI) HAS CONFIRMED FOR US THAT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH IT FOR ADVICE ON EXTINGUISHING A REACTOR FIRE. THE SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER WAS UNABLE TO GIVE SKI ANY DETAILS AND SKI AUTHORITIES ASSUME THAT IT IS THE GRAPHITE MODERATOR IN THE REACTOR WHICH IS ON FIRE. THE SWEDES HAVE LITTLE TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE IN THIS AREA AND RECOMMENDED COOLING BY USE OF WATER AND ENCAPSULATING THE REACTOR CORE. THE SWEDES ALSO REFERRED THE SOVIETS TO BRITISH EXPERTS WHO HAD EXPERIENCE WITH A GRAPHITE REACTOR FIRE IN THE 1950'S AT THEIR WINDSCALE PLANT.

3. IN A PRESS INTERVIEW, STIG BERGSTROM, DIRECTOR OF NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTER AT THE SWEDISH ENERGY INSTITUTE AT STUDSVIK, CLAIMS THAT HIS CENTER'S ANALYSIS OF THE PARTICLES AND CESIUM 137 EMITTED FROM CHERNOBYL LEADS HIM TO ASSUME A CORE MELT HAS OCCURRED.

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 for Question sent
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 (Phoned in from Max
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Department of State Press Statement

Can it be used as a press statement?
For Use Tuesday, April 29, 1986

Assistant Secretary Ridgway met with Soviet Charge Sokolov this morning and expressed, on behalf of the President, the United States' deep regret over the accident at the Chernobyl Atomic Energy Station. We hope casualties and material damage are minimal. The United States is prepared to make available to the Soviet Union humanitarian and technical assistance in dealing with this accident.

~~We are concerned about the levels of radiation released, which are being measured several times higher than normal in Scandinavian countries. The United States is seeking additional information on the accident and requests the closest possible coordination among all concerned countries. To minimize the danger, we hope the Soviet Union will fulfill its international obligations to provide information about the accident in a timely manner.~~

* Mark Parris would like you to focus
especially on this paragraph.

J.P.

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April 29, 1986

Soviet Nuclear Accident

Q: How did the U.S. Government learn about the nuclear accident? Did the Soviets inform the government directly?

A: -- WE LEARNED OF THE NUCLEAR ACCIDENT AT CHERNOBYL FROM THE TASS ANNOUNCEMENT ON MONDAY AFTERNOON. THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS NOT CONTACTED US THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

Q: -- Are we talking to the Soviets about it?

A: -- ASSISTANT SECRETARY RIDGWAY MET WITH SOVIET CHARGE
BORILOV THIS MORNING TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN AND TO
EXTEND OUR OFFER OF HUMANITARIAN AND TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE. WE ALSO HOPE THE SOVIET UNION WILL
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4. MEDICAL PERSONNEL EXPERIENCED IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF RADIATION EXPOSURE IN PEOPLE.
5. TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND ASSISTANCE IN RADIOLOGICAL DECONTAMINATION, RECOVERY FROM A NUCLEAR REACTOR ACCIDENT, AND MINIMISING ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS.

What is the Department doing to notify American citizens in the Soviet Union about the nuclear accident?

A: -- OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW IS IN CONTACT WITH REGISTERED AMERICAN CITIZENS KNOWN TO BE IN THE AFFECTED AREA. THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR NOTIFYING RESIDENTS OF POTENTIAL DANGER AND FOR TAKING STEPS TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC OBVIOUSLY LIES WITH THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS.

Q1 Are there any Americans in the area of the accident?

A1 -- WE DO NOT HAVE AN ACCURATE ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS WHO MAY BE IN THE AREA AFFECTED BY THE ACCIDENT AND ARE IN CONTACT WITH INTOURIST, THE SOVIET TRAVEL AGENCY, ABOUT AMERICAN TOURISTS WHO MAY BE AFFECTED.

-- (FYI - THE LATEST AVAILABLE POST ESTIMATE, 1984, INDICATES ONLY 367 AMERICANS RESIDING IN ALL THE SOVIET UNION.)

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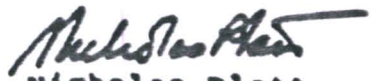
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ALL ASSISTANT SECRETARIES AND OFFICE DIRECTORS

**SUBJECT : Coordination of Department Activities Regarding
Soviet Nuclear Accident**

In order to ensure coordination of all Department activities regarding the Soviet nuclear accident at Chernobyl, an informal working group has been established under the direction of OES Assistant Secretary Negroponte. He will be closely supported by Ambassador Kennedy and the staff of S/KP and by Assistant Secretary Ridgway of EUR.

Effective immediately any activities or written products concerning the Chernobyl accident should be coordinated and cleared with Mr. James B. Devine, home phone (703) 573-0655; ext. 74360 in OES and Mr. Mark Parris, home phone (703) 644-7668; ext. 73738 in EUR.


Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

NIO/USSR et al.
29 April 1986

IMPLICATIONS OF THE CHERNOBYL DISASTER

This is a very preliminary and tentative effort to scope out the implications of this disaster and related intelligence tasks.

Although it is by far the largest nuclear power plant accident in world history, the immediate effects are still far from clear.

If we accept Soviet official claims that two people died in the immediate event at the plant and the other three reactors were shut down, then the Soviets did use forewarning of a meltdown (possibly up to 24 hours) to evacuate the plant. But this is still very uncertain.

We have reports that evacuations in a 30 km radius are taking place. If these started well before the actual meltdown, immediate loss of life in the neighborhood may be quite small. But we also have rumors of hundreds, even thousands, of dead already, and of hospitals being heavily taxed. This suggests that only the plant took advantage of early warning. Again, very uncertain.

Long-term effects, resulting from radiation and associated ecological impact, are very difficult to predict on the basis of our sparse current data, and will be influenced by variables such as weather and winds in the immediate future and Soviet protective measures.

Apparently the fire in the graphite of the reactor continues to inject new radioactive contaminants into the atmosphere.

Some Implications

The direct impact of the facility loss on the Soviet power economy is likely to be small. If the Soviets are obliged for safety reasons to shut down other reactors, it could have a noticeable impact.

Large economic impacts could well arise from:

The disruption of large areas downwind of the radiation source due to evacuations, shutdown of plants and facilities, and decontamination activities.

The impact of radiation on agriculture, especially the dairy industry.

Pollution of water supplies, especially downstream on the Dniepr toward Kiev.

The social impact of the accident will depend upon the number of casualties already suffered and expected over the longer term. Even if the number of people physically affected in the short run is small, the lingering public health effects of this kind of radiological event could magnify social impact.

A major concern of Soviet citizens will be how well their system looked out for their safety. And it will be of great importance to the regime to influence the way this is perceived, either by effective action or, as is the usual Soviet practice, by manipulating information.

The disaster could exacerbate ethnic and class resentments because, on present evidence, it seems likely that lower classes and Baltic and Ukrainian populations will suffer disproportionately.

If there is widespread death, illness, and dislocation, this event will be a severe psychological blow to the Gorbachev regime and its gospel of optimism, even if the economic effects are limited.

No matter what the regime does or says, many Soviets will blame their suffering on a negligent system which only looks out for the nomenklatura.

In a population where ancient superstitions still play a role, Chernobyl will be an evil omen.

In any case, the system under Gorbachev's new leadership will be put to a politically and psychologically important test:

Did it react with the honesty, efficiency, promptness, and public-mindedness he calls for?

Or did it manifest the usual sloth, carelessness, evasions, and outright lies?

Moscow will show a strong inclination to find prominent people to blame and punish. Shcherbitskiy, the Ukrainian party boss, is likely to come under renewed fire.

Although East European customers for Soviet electric power may face some disruptions and Soviet nuclear power plants are likely to lose their market for a while, the principal international effects of this event are likely to be political and psychological:

Governments and publics in both East and West Europe could be alienated in lasting ways by Soviet failure to provide any early warning, when something like three days were available. This will noticeably dull Soviet persuasiveness on all manner of negotiations, from arms control to trade, and their related propaganda efforts.

The accident will undoubtedly inspire the Green and other environmentally oriented political movements to new efforts directed against nuclear power.

If there are tangible environmental impacts in West Europe, such a rise in the rate of cancer deaths, these could linger as problems for Soviet diplomacy in the years ahead.

Some Intelligence Tasks

Our main tasks will be to assess the magnitude of this accident and to track the implications noted above and others that will surely develop, technical, economic, social, and political. In addition, we can already identify some other intelligence concerns.

The causes and phenomenology of this accident are of great interest simply because of the insight they will provide into nuclear safety and protective measures, a world-wide concern.

If we target appropriately now, we ought to get some insight into the effectiveness of the Soviet civil defense organization in the nearest thing to its "design task" short of nuclear war itself.

We are disturbed by the lack of intelligence evidence, prior to the Swedish disclosures and the near simultaneous official Soviet announcement, that this disaster was unfolding over some three days. We are especially disturbed because it occurred right in the heart of NATO's "warning of war" domain. We need to find out why.

We may be asked to judge whether it is safe for official and unofficial US travelers to be in affected parts of the USSR. This may get us into the business of -- or give us a case for -- overt radiation monitoring within the USSR.

We shall want to derive intelligence from any Western organizations who become involved in containing the accident (e.g., fighting the fire), cleaning up, or contributing to medical needs.

Unless the Soviet government is uncharacteristically prompt and candid in disclosing information about this accident, US intelligence will be a principal source of data and analysis on it, to inform everything from US policy to world opinion. This is likely to impose some new kinds of pressure for declassifying otherwise sensitive information or for sharing it with foreign governments. This is something the world believes it has a need to know about in detail. The protection of sources and methods will not be recognized as a comparably important concern.