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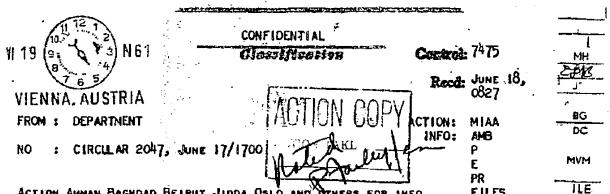
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AWARE DEEP CONCERN AHONG ARAB AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS AT POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS SPACE'S NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND PURSUANT TO US BASIC INTEREST IN PREVENTING PROLIFERATION NUCLEAR WEAPONS, USG RECENTLY ARRANGED FOR TWO HIGHLY QUALIFIED AMERICAN SCIENTISTS VISIT ISRAELI REACTOR SITE AT DINONA. ISRAELIS CEMONSTRATED COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE. ACCORDING TO OBSERVATIONS OF US SCIENTISTS DIMONA PROJECT WHICH WILL NOT BE COMPLETED FOR TWO OR THREE YEARS IS OF TYPE AND MAGNITUDE AS DESCRIBED PUBLICLY BY ISRAELI LEADERS, E.G. RESEARCH REACTOR WITH 24 HEGAWATT CAPACITY. PURPOSE OF DIMONA PROJECT IS TO PROVIDE ISRAE I SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL EXPERIENCE IN PROBLEMS OF POWER REACTOR DEVELOPMENT H COMMON WITH OTHER STATES, ISRAEL SHORT OF POWER AND REGARDS THIS PROJECT AS AN ESSENTIAL STEP TOWARD ATTAINMENT ECONOMIC ATOMIC POWER. WHILE REACTOR WILL PRODUCE SHALL QUANIT TIES PLUTONIUM AS DO OTHERS COMPARABLE SIZE AND CHARACTER, OUR EXPERTS FOUND NO EVIDENCE ISRAELIS PREPARING PRODUCE WEAPONS. THUS OBSERVATIONS OF US SCIENTISTS TEND SUPPORT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GOT ASSURANCES RE PEACEFUL INTENT OF DIMONA PROJECT.

DURING THEIR RECENT NEETING IN MY PRESIDENT KENNEDY STRESSED TO PRIMIN BEN-GURION CONTINUING CONCERN OF USG REGARDING ENLARGEMENT NUCLEAR WEAPONS PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES. Mr. BEN-GURION ASSURED PRESIDENT REACTOR'S BASIC PURPOSE TO DEVELOP CHEAP SOURCE INDUSTRIAL POWER AND WEAPONS PRODUCTION NOT CONTEMPLATED.

SUBJECT TO FINAL DECISION BY CHIEFS OF MISSION, DEPARTMENT DESIRES ACTION ADDRES-SEES GRALLY CONVEY FOREGOING PROMPTLY AND IN CONFIDENCE TO HOST GOVERNMENTS AT LEVEL DEEMED APPROPRIATE THOUGH WE WOULD WISH BE ASSURED THAT INFORMATION WILL BECOME KNOWN AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS. MISSIONS SHOULD REPORT ACTION TAKEN AND REACTIONS NOTED.

DEPARTMENT INTENDS INITIATE NO PUBLICITY WITH REGARD VISIT TWO SCIENTISTS. IF ANY LEAKS OCCUR, US SPORESHAM WILL SAY THAT THO US SCIENTISTS RECENTLY IN ISPACL IN CONNECTION WITH THE US-ISPACL ATOMS FOR PEACE AGREEMENT VISITED THE DIMONA INSTALLATION WHICH THEY OBSERVED TO BE OF NATURE AND SCOPE PUBLICLY DISCLOSED BY ISPAEL GOVERNMENT.

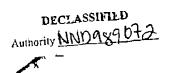
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EMBASSIES KHARTOUN TRIPOLI TUNIS RABAT ROME PARIS BONN AND CAIRO MAY USE FORE-GOING IN DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT IF IT SEEMS DESIRABLE AND USEFUL TO DO SO.

FOR FARLEY IN VIENNA: HARMAN HAS EXPRESSED TO DEPARTMENT STRONG PREFERENCE NO PUBLIC OR OFFICIAL DISCLOSURES RE VISIT SE MADE AT IAEA FORUM. GOI OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT WISH IAEA INTERFERENCE, PARTICULARLY UNTIL OTHER NATIONS AGREE TO IAEA INSPECTIONS. HOWEVER, SINCE WE WITH HARMAN'S CONCURRENCE ARE INFORMING ARAB GOVERNMENTS IN CONFIDENCE RE VISIT, WE SEE NO OBJECTION YOU MENTIONING VISIT IN CONFIDENCE TO ANY ARAB REPS AT IAEA CONFERENCE SHOULD YOU FIND IT WORTHWHILE TO DO SO. RE VISITS IN FUTURE BY "NEUTRAL" SCIENTISTS, HARMAN STRONGLY PREFERS DISCUSSION BE CENTERED HERE IN WASHINGTON FOLLOWING YOUR RETURN.

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