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SUBJECT: CANADIAN/ROK TALKS ON NUCLEAR ENERGY

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1. SUMMARY: CANADIAN AMBASSADOR STILES PROVIDED AMBASSADOR WITH FURTHER BACKGROUND ON FONMIN MACEACHEN'S TALKS WITH ROKG REGARDING NUCLEAR PLANS. ROKG CAPABILITIES FOR DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT PARK AND FONMIN KIM DONGNJO, WHO DENIED PLANS. END SUMMARY.

2. AT MEETING WITH PARK, HE STATED UNEQUIVOCALLY, THAT ROKG HAD NO PLANS TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS, IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTION BY MACEACHEN. PARK SPECIFICALLY DENIED NDWSWEEK REPORT THAT ADD DIRECTED TO DEVELOP SUCH WEAPONS. HE SET FORTH HIS VIEW THAT IT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT IN ROKG INOEREST TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS SINCE USSR AND PRC POSSESS SUCH WEAPONS AND WOULD USE THEM IN PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKD AGAINST ROK IF ROKG DEVELOPED WEAPONS OF ITS OWN.

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PARK FURTHER DID NOT LINK ROK DEVELOPMENT OF WEAPONS TO

POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF US NUCLEAR UMBRELLA, ALTHOUGH HE HAD DONE SO PREVIOUSLY TO CANADIAN MINISTER OF TRADE GILLESPIE.

3. IN MEETING WITH FONMIN, THERE WAS "LONG BATTLE" WITH RESPECT TO COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE. CANADIANS INSISTED UPON SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ON NON-MANUFACTURE OR ACQUISITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR DEVICE IN FINAL SENTENCE PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH (REF B). FONMIN RESISTED THIS LANGUAGE AS REDUNDANT AND TOO SPECIFIC, BUT EVENTUALLY FOLDED, PARTICULARLY AFTER MACEACHEN DANGLED BAIT OF CANADIAN CO-SPONSORSHIP OF UNGA RESOLUTION ON UNC.

4. CANADIANS HAVE ALSO AGREED TO SPEED UP PROCESSING OF SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE IS DELETION BY ROKG OF PARAGRAPH PROVIDING FOR CANADIAN CONTROL OVER SPENT FUELS AND REPROCESSING OF FUELS. CANADIANS WILL INSIST UPON ITS INCLUSION, WHICH AMBASSADOR ENCOURAGED. STILES SAID, THAT ONCE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT REACHED, CANDU REACTOR SALE CAN MOVE AHEAD. WHILE FULL FINANCING NOT YET AVAILABLE, THERE IS SUFFICIENT FINANCING TO START PROJECT. FURTHERMORE, ROKG WOULD HAVE TO PAY SUBSTANTIAL PENALTY IF THIS FINANCING NOT UTILIZED BY NOVEMBER 1975.
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