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1. DOCUMENTS PROMISED BY POUCH RELATING TO THE ROC NUCLEAR FUEL PROCESSING PROPOSAL (REF A) HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED. THEIR ARRIVAL SOMETIME SOON WOULD, IN ANY EVENT, LEAVE TOO LITTLE TIME FOR THOROUGH ANALYSIS BEFORE CHENG'S AUGUST 24 DEPARTURE. BUT, IN VIEW OF CHENG'S REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY USG REACTION BEFORE THEN AND BECAUSE MUCH OF THIS GROUND HAS BEEN COVERED BEFORE (REFS C AND D), WE CONCUR IN EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION THAT A FIRM, NEGATIVE RESPONSE BE MADE TO CHENG BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. THE EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE THIS RESPONSE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES. WE AGREE THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL IS APPROPRIATE.

15 2. WE ARE WILLING TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT COVERING THE ROC NUCLEAR FUEL NEEDS FOR EIGHT REACTORS SCHEDULED FOR OPERATION BEFORE 1986.

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3. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO REPROCESSING OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL ABROAD AND ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER WITH AN OPEN MIND ROC REPROCESSING ARRANGEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VIII OF OUR BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

4. AS FOR ROC ACQUISITION OF A NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT THEMSELVES, WE AGREE WITH THE EMBASSY'S INTERPRETATION OF THIS MATTER AND ALSO AGREE THAT A PROMPT, FIRM AND NEGATIVE REACTION IS IN ORDER. THE EMBASSY'S PRESENTATION SHOULD ECHO THAT MADE IN JANUARY (REFS C AND D). THE EMBASSY MAY ALSO WISH TO ADD THAT WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT ACQUISITION OF

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A NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT TO SERVICE SPENT FUEL FROM EVEN EIGHT REACTORS OF THE TYPE CONTEMPLATED IS ECONOMIC, LET ALONE MORE ECONOMICAL THAN HAVING THE FUEL REPROCESSED ELSEWHERE; THIS IS BECAUSE ECONOMIES OF SCALE ARE PARTICULARLY EVIDENT IN NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING. ONCE AGAIN THE CHINESE SHOULD BE LEFT NO DOUBT ABOUT THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW THIS MATTER OR ABOUT THE FIRMNESS OF OUR NEGATIVE REACTION. OUR PRESENTATIONS TO CHENG HERE WILL PARALLEL YOURS. ROGERS

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