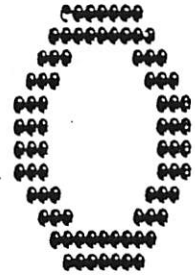




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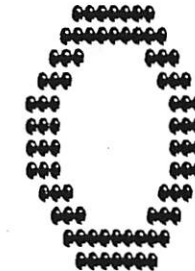
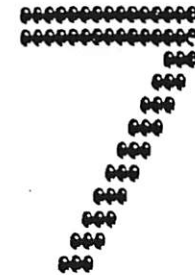
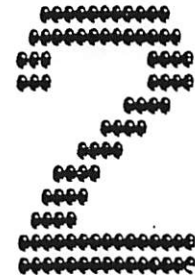
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1. SUMMARY: IAEA WILL NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE
PRECIPITOUS ACTIONS. DOG ASSURED REPRESENTATIVE
THAT U.S. WOULD BE KEPT INFORMED AND THAT, EVEN IN
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REPEAT BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION ACCORDING TO THE STATUTE. IN ANY CASE, HE EXPECTS THE U.S TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. END SUMMARY.

2. IMMEDIATELY AFTER MY CONVERSATION WITH DR. EKLUND (REFTEL B), ROMETSCH WAS CALLED TO EKLUND'S OFFICE. UPON HIS RETURN, HE MET WITH THE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE (MENZEL), PRIVATELY, AS REPORTED BELOW.

3. DDG OFFERED FULL IAEA COOPERATION ON ROC MATTERS BUT CAUTIONED THAT THE DEGREE OF THIS COOPERATION SHOULD REMAIN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

4. DDG CONFIRMED THAT POND EXIT PORT WAS NOT IN DESIGN INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY ROC TO IAEA. HE BROUGHT THIS FACT TO ROC ATTENTION AND HE (NOT LEGAL DIVISION) IS STILL "ANALYZING" WHETHER THIS OMISSION CONSTITUTES NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT. HE GAVE NO EXPLANATION AS TO WHY THE IAEA HAD NOT KNOWN ABOUT THE PORT. IN FACT, HE DID NOT COMMENT ON PREVIOUS IAEA SAFEGUARDS EFFECTIVENESS AT ALL DURING 90-MINUTE CONVERSATION.

5. DDG CONFIRMED THAT SPECIAL FUEL RODS PUT SAFEGUARDS AT TRR AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF NOW DEFUNCT REPROCESSING LABORATORY INTO NEW PERSPECTIVE. HE STATED THAT UNDER INFCIRC/153 THE PRESENCE OF SUCH SPECIAL RODS WOULD HAVE TO BE REPORTED TO THE IAEA BUT NOT REPEAT NOT UNDER INFCIRC/66 SAFEGUARDS AS APPLIED IN ROC; HE HAS NOT YET SOUGHT A LEGAL OPINION ON THIS MATTER.

6. DDG DOES NOT SEEM TO BE AWARE THAT THE

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FAR EAST SECTION FOUND DISCREPANCIES IN THE TRP SPENT FUEL RECORDS. SINCE THORNE WILL NOT RETURN TO IAEA UNTIL THURSDAY MORNING, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THIS SITUATION WILL CHANGE BEFORE THEN. REPRESENTATIVE WILL DEBRIEF THORNE UPON HIS RETURN.

7. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE WAS PROVIDED ACCESS TO

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FINAL REPORT OF NONDESTRUCTIVE MEASUREMENTS OF SPENT FUEL AT TRP DURING JULY 1976 INSPECTION. BASED ON A RANDOM SAMPLE OF 46 OUT OF 178 SPENT FUEL RODS, NO SIGNIFICANT DISCREPANCIES WERE FOUND; REPORT WILL BE STUDIED MORE CLOSELY DURING WEEK. DDG STATE THAT IAEA TEAM IN ROC JUST COMPLETED MEASURING ALL OF THE SPENT FUEL BUT THAT TRANSFER TO DRAY STORAGE HAD NOT YET BEEN APPROVED; THE LATTER IS INCONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS REPORT BY THORN.

8. DIFFERENT SUBJECT: DDG MADE IT A POINT TO TELL DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE ABOUT HIS CONTINUING DIFFICULTIES WITH EURATOM. IN EFFECT, HE WAS THINKING ALOUD WHETHER THE POINT HAD COME TO BRING THE WHOLE MATTER OUT INTO THE OPEN AND, WITH OUTSIDE SUPPORT, TO COME DOWN HARD ON EURATOM (AND PARTICULARLY THE FRG WHICH CONTINUES TO INSIST ON AN IAEA OVERLAY OF EURATOM SAFEGUARDS ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT PASSED IN THE BUNDESTAG) WITH RESPECT TO INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION. DDG ALSO STATED THAT, BECAUSE OF STRONG SUPPORT FOR IAEA INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION EXHIBITED BY U.S, FRANCE, AUSTRALIA, NETHERLANDS, U.C. AND FRG AT RECENT ENRICHMENT PLANT SAFEGUARDS MEETING IN TOKYO, THE JAPANESE SUDDENLY WERE EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE DURING SUBSEQUENT IAEA/JAPAN NEGOTIATIONS. IN HIS WORDS, THE DOOR THE IAEA HAD BEEN PUSHING AGAINST ALL THESE YEARS OPENED SO SUDDENLY THAT THE IAEA NEGOTIATORS WERE IN
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