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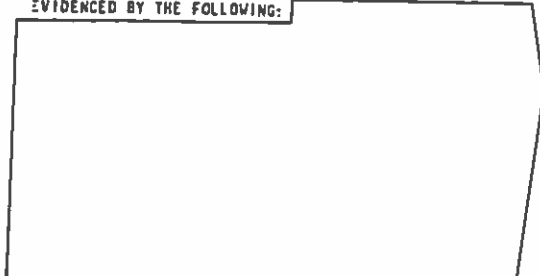
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1. CLASSIFICATION - AS MARKED.

2. (C) AIT HAS LEARNED FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAIWAN ATOMIC ENERGY COUNCIL, DR. YEN, THAT THE EXECUTIVE YUAN HAS APPROVED REORGANIZATION OF THE TAEC. ALTHOUGH IT WILL TAKE MANY MONTHS TO GO THROUGH ALL THE OFFICIAL STEPS IN THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE YUANS, DR. YEN IS CONFIDENT OF THE OUTCOME AND IS IMPLEMENTING MANY OF THE CHANGES "UNOFFICIALLY".

3. (C) THE TAEC'S REORGANIZATION INVOLVES THE CREATION OF TWO VICE CHAIRMEN. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ONE VICE CHAIRMAN WILL BE DOMESTIC REGULATORY AND SAFETY MATTERS; K. C. (THOMAS) LIU IS EXPECTED TO BE NAMED TO THAT POST. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OTHER VICE CHAIRMAN WILL BE NUCLEAR RESEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION; CHAO-CHIN TUNG, THE CURRENT DIRECTOR OF THE AEC'S PLANNING DIVISION, IS EXPECTED TO BE NAMED TO THAT POST.

THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY GENERAL, NOW OCCUPIED BY K. C. LIU, WILL CEASE TO EXIST AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES DIVIDED BETWEEN THE TWO VICE CHAIRMEN. TUNG WILL TAKE OVER, AND "UNOFFICIALLY" IS ALREADY DOING SO, RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INER, THE IAEA, AND BILATERAL NUCLEAR COOPERATION, SUCH AS LIAISON WITH AIT AND TAIWAN COCHAIRMAN OF THE AIT/CCNAA JOINT COMMITTEE. TUNG'S TAKING ON OF HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES IS EVIDENCED BY THE FOLLOWING:



4. (C) DR. YEN HAS INFORMED AIT REPS. THAT THE TAEC'S BUDGET IS NOW PART OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION RATHER THAN DEFENSE, THAT IT IS COMPLETELY UNCLASSIFIED AND OPEN TO PUBLIC SCRUTINY, AND THAT TAEC WILL SEVER ALL CONNECTIONS TO THE MILITARY. FURTHER, DR. YEN SAID THAT INER CAME UNDER TAEC CONTROL ON OCTOBER 1, 1988, THAT HE INSTRUCTED INER TO OPEN ITS DOORS TO THE UNIVERSITIES AND THE PUBLIC, AND THAT MR. TUNG IS THE TAEC OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR INER.

5. (C) DR. YEN, BORN AND EDUCATED ON THE MAINLAND, WITH A PRE-WAR PH.D FROM IOWA STATE IN HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING, IS VERY WELL CONNECTED WITH TAIWAN'S AUTHORITIES AND EDUCATION CIRCLES. HE COUNTS MANY HIGH OFFICIALS IN THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE YUANS, AS WELL AS THE MILITARY AMONG HIS STUDENTS. HE IS ASTUTE AND, HAVING TAKEN AN INTEREST IN A PARTICULAR ISSUE, FOLLOWS THROUGH.

6. (U) AIT RECOMMENDS THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS ON MATTERS CONCERNING INER AND ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE AIT/CCNAA JOINT COMMITTEE ON CIVIC NUCLEAR COOPERATION BE ADDRESSED TO MR. CHAO-CHIN TUNG, TAIWAN ATOMIC ENERGY COUNCIL, 67 LANE 144, KEELUNG ROAD SECTION 4, TAIPEI, TAIWAN 10772. ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS: TEL - (02) 392-8567 OR 392-4180 EXT. 270; TELEX - 785-26554 SINGATON; FAX - 886-2-3415377.



8. (C) AIT REPS. ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH TUNG THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 20, FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS. AMONG MATTERS WE EXPECT TO RAISE ARE THE BUDGET FOR INER, PLANS FOR R&D, AND THE STEPS EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN TO MAKE INER INDEPENDENT FROM CIST SUPPORT SERVICES. FURTHER, WE WISH TO CONFIRM TUNG AS TAEC CONTACT POINT WITH U.S. NRC REGULATORY AND SAFETY ISSUE, WITH K. C. LIU'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOCUSED ON DOMESTIC MATTERS IN THE REGULATORY AND

SAFETY AREA. WE ALSO EXPECT TO GET MORE DETAILS ON TUNG'S BACKGROUND AND ADVISABILITY TO HAVE HIM VISIT U.S. SOONEST FOR FAMILIARIZATION WITH AGENCIES, OFFICIALS AND PROGRAMS. WE WOULD WELCOME DEPT'S THOUGHTS ON ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS TO COVER IN THURSDAY MEETING. DEAN

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