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SUMMARY ASSESSMENT

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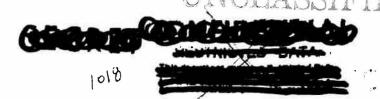
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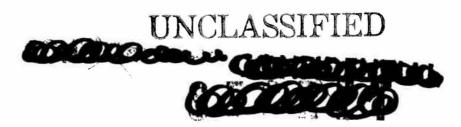
WE RELIEVE THIS INCIDENT SHOULD BE TREATED AS A "REAL" THREAT TO BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND TO MONTREY. THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION SUGGESTS THAT TWO (2), IMPROVISED NUCLEAR DEVICES (IND'S) PROBABLY HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED; PURTHERMORE, THESE DEVICES MIGHT BE CAPABLE OF PRODUCING A NUCLEAR YIELD. WE ARE MODERATELY CONFIDENT IN OUR OVERALL ASSESSMENT.

TEAM SUMMARIES: THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS SUMMARIZE THE INDEPEDENT EVALUATIONS OF THE CREDIBILITY ASSESSMENT TEAMS. COPIES OF THE ASSOCIATED DETAILED REPORTS HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED TO DOE/EACT SEPARATELY.

TECHNICAL: CREDIBILITY:

LINE: THE THREAT IS REAL WITH LOW TO MODERATE CONFIDENCE. (FROM THE MEAGER INFORMATION WHICH WE HAVE PERTAINING TO THE DESIGN OF THE DEVICES, WE BELIEVE THEM TO BE IMPLOSION DEVICES WITH PLUTONIUM AS THE SNM)





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THERE IS INSUFFICIENT TECHNICAL INFORMATION TO DRAW A LANL CONCLUSION; HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT TO BE A HOAX WITH MODERATE CONFIDENCE. WE HAVE ASSUMED THAT THIS SITUATION MAY RESULT IN AN IND THREAT.

BEHAVIORAL CREDIBILITY:

PLC: (: THE THREAT IS CREDIBLE WITH MODERATE CONFIDENCE.

SMA: NO ACTIVATED

OPERATIONAL 'CREDIBILITY:

LUNL: THE THREAT IS CREDIBLE WITH A MODERATE DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE.

LANGE NEUTRON GENERATORS AND CORES HAVE BEEN STOLEN. WE HAVE ONLY! ONE PERSON'S STORY THAT THESE COMPONENTS WILL BE ASSEMBLED.

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