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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON MOSCOW RADIATION PROBLEM:

QUOTE I THINK IT MUST HAVE BEEN CLEAR TO YOU YESTERDAY THAT WHILE I WAS REPLYING "NO COMMENT" TO YOUR MANY QUESTIONS ON THIS GENERAL SUBJECT, I WAS NOT DENYING THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM INVOLVING OUR CHANCERY IN MOSCOW.

LET ME JUST SAY IT IS A COMPLICATED AND DELICATE PROBLEM, AND WHICH, FRANKLY, IN OUR JUDGMENT, IT WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL TO DISCUSS IN PUBLIC AT THIS TIME. BUT WE HAVE BEEN DEALING AND ARE WITH IT. I REGRET I CANNOT BE MORE SPECIFIC TODAY, BUT WE HOPE AT SOME POINT TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF THE PROBLEM. THAT IS REALLY ALL I CAN SAY ON THAT. UNQUOTE. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SHOULD CONTINUE TO CONFINE HIMSELF TO "NO COMMENT" IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES. KISSINGER	
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