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UNITED STATES ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

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Location: 2184 Rayburn House

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

PARTICIPANTS: Cong. Clement Zablocki, Robert Lagomarsino

(left early), Paul Findley, Don Fortier,

HIRC Staff, Thomas Davies, Assistant Director,

ACDA, and James Malone, General Counsel,

ACDA.

SUBJECT: Briefing on Taiwanese Reprocessing

As a result of the New York Times and Washington Post articles of today, August 30, concerning Taiwanese plutonium reprocessing, Tom Davies and I were requested to brief the above Congressmen and Don Fortier. We reviewed the present intelligence pointing out that although the newspaper articles conveyed a rather definite impression that the Taiwanese were indeed illegally reprocessing, the available evidence was not so clear. We noted that we are in the process of further evaluating the evidence and making additional crosschecks (particularly of our Crypton 85 Plum evidence).

We discussed what possible options would be open to the U.S. in the event illegal reprocessing is indeed going on.

I said that as soon as we had further information and the results of the latest IAEA inspection we would advise the congressmen through Don Fortier. (The IAEA information should be available to us within a week or so and the crosschecks on the Crypton 85 evidence within the next couple of months.)

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