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2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ELEMENTS OF THE IRAQI MILITARY HAVE APPARENTLY TAKEN CONTROL OF THE TUWAITHA NUCLEAR FACILITY. THIS RAISES A SERIES OF ISSUES THAT ADDRESSEES SHOULD EXPLORE.

3. FOR PARIS, EMBASSY SHOULD CONTACT APPROPRIATE FRENCH OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE IF THE IRAQI ACTION HAS APPRECIABLY ALTERED THE SITUATION AT TUWAITHA. IN PARTICULAR, ARE FRENCH TECHNICIANS STILL AT THE SITE AND DO THEY STILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE FUEL THERE? WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE FUEL, INCLUDING ITS PHYSICAL LOCATION AND DEGREE TO IR-RADIATION, AND OF THE FRENCH PERSONNEL?

4. FOR MOSCOW, EMBASSY SHOULD ASK MOROZOV ABOUT STATUS OF SOVIET-SUPPLIED REACTOR AT TUWAITHA, AMOUNT AND STATUS OF (IN REACTOR OR IN STORAGE) SOVIET-ORIGIN SPENTFUEL AND WHETHER SOVIET PERSONNEL ARE STILL ON SITE.

5. FOR USIAEA, MISSION SHOULD INFORM THE AGENCY OF THE SITUATION AT TUWAITHA AND ASK THE AGENCY IF IT PLANS ANY STEPS TO DEAL WITH THE CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES. MUSKIE

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