Ref: Paris 2026 sent Hong Kong 36 NOTAL

New York Times (Drew Middleton) reports from Paris October 8 that
ChiComs have informed Burma, Cambodia, Guinea and Mali that Peiping will
detonate a nuclear device sometime after October 31. Middleton cited
"qualified diplomatic sources" as furnishing this information. Times
speculated ChiComs disclosed this information to ward off anticipated
the criticism that they were accelerating arms race and to prepare way
for "new diplomatic initiatives" among African and Asian countries. Radio
Djakarta announced October 9 "several countries" also informed ChiCom
nuclear detonation will take place before end of month. 

Action addressees should, in their discretion, endeavor elicit

Accuracy information from host government and other local observers.
corroborating

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