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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM  S/S  UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  REVIEW AUTHORITY: APPEALS REVIEW PANEL  CLASSIFICATION: SECRET REASON: 1.4(B), 1.4(C)	1.470)
DECL: 6/29/11	,
TO: The Secretary	
FROM: NP - Robert J. Einhork NEA - James A. Larocco, Acting	
SUBJECT: Update on Efforts to Prevent Iraqi Procurement of Aluminum Tubes	
Subsequent to your meeting on June 29, we have taken several steps to promote UN and Jordanian action on the aluminum tube shipment.	81
Energizing UNMOVIC and IAEA. We urged UMMOVIC and IAEA to approach Jordan and request permission to inspect the tubes. Due to logistics and bureaucratic hurdles (e.g., need to get IAEA Director General's approval), the visit is unlikely before July 3, though we will press for the earliest possible date.	
Internal Analysis. has now made sample tubes available to other USG agencies for further review of likely end-use (nuclear or conventional). A sample will be shown to the President on June 30. We expect to have a better determination of likely end-use early next week.	B1 .
Avoiding Problems with China. The Chinese have played a positive role in this interdiction,  acting responsibly when told  that a Chinese entity was making the sale. If and when the interdiction becomes public, we want the Chinese to receive credit rather than blame. We are clearing points  for public use that	Ri
would acknowledge China's positive role. We	-

the interdiction could become public.
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will also give the Chinese a private heads-up that

Classified by NP A/S Robert J. Einhorn Reasons: E.O. 12985 & 1.5 (b) and (d)



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Publicizing the Shipment. With UNMOVIC and the IAEA unlikely to inspect before July 3 and with their desire to analyze samples before drawing conclusions, we see little prospect for publicizing the interdiction to our advantage before the OFF rollover. Although the July 3 deadline is imminent, it is not necessary for the shipment to become public before then. Getting the right story out in say a week or so will be more important than rushing it out in a day or two. We will work with UNMOVIC and IAEA to try to ensure that their report to the Security Council (or whatever device they use) will help us in our efforts to revise UN controls on Iraq.

UNMOVIC/IAEA

"received information" about the cargo, approached the Jordanians, and received their permission to inspect.

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