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2. Term "disappointment" being used by Secretary and Department in regard to subject arms sales, is MI being construed locally as "not rpt not disappmoving".

2. EMBASSY recommends use of stronger term if at all possible. At a time when we are seeking to build on regional consensus of Sta. Lucia meeting, French action strikes a truly unseemly and potentially damaging note of discord to our approach here.

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