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SUBJ: RDC DECIDES AGAINST PURCHASE OF NUCLEAR
REPROCESSING PLANT

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1. FONMIN SHEN FEB 8 INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT IN COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. WISHES RDC HAD DECIDED AGAINST RECOMMENDATION OF SOME OF ITS SCIENTISTS TO PURCHASE NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT. AMBASSADOR SAID US WOULD BE GRATIFIED BY THIS DECISION AND PROMISED TO CONVEY IT IMMEDIATELY TO WASHINGTON. HE COMMENDED RDC FOR HAVING MADE A WISE AND PRUDENT DECISION WHICH WOULD SIMPLIFY THE QUESTION OF INSPECTION AND SAFETY PROCEDURES IN NUCLEAR FIELD AND HELD OUT BEST HOPE FOR CONTINUATION OF IAEA'S MODEST INSPECTION ROLE HERE.

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2. SHEN NOTED THAT ROC WOULD HAVE TO COUNT ON CONTINUED US SUPPORT AND COOPERATION IN ASSURING SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF NECESSARY MATERIALS FOR ROC CIVILIAN NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT HE WAS MINDFUL OF OUR PREVIOUS ASSURANCES. USG WOULD ENDEAVOR TO HELP THE ROC SATISFY ITS LEGITIMATE REQUIREMENTS IN THIS FIELD, INCLUDING PERFORMANCE OF NECESSARY REPROCESSING FUNCTIONS. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS MAKING THIS COMMITMENT IN GENERAL SENSE AND SUBJECT TO COMMERCIAL AND TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

3. SHEN REVEALED THAT MEMBERS OF ROC ABC WOULD PROBABLY VISIT STATES IN NEAR FUTURE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON TECHNICAL PROBLEMS CONCERNING ROC'S PRESENT AND FUTURE NUCLEAR ENERGY NEEDS. AMBASSADOR ASSURED FONMIN THAT VISITORS WOULD BE WARMLY WELCOMED AND RECEIVE FULL COOPERATION. GOS.
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