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SUBJECT: ROC'S NUCLEAR INTENTIONS: CONVERSATION WITH PREMIER

AFTER ACCOMPANYING REP. CHARLES WILSON ON HIS CALL ON PREMIER OCT. 9, I STAYED ON WITH CCK TO HAVE LAST PRIVATE TALK PRIOR TO MY ANTICIPATED RETURN TO WASHINGTON; NO ONE ELSE WAS PRESENT. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION I REFERRED TO OUR EARLIER DISCUSSION ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND REPROCESSING OF NUCLEAR FUELS. I SAID THAT WE HAD BEEN PLEASED TO RECEIVE PREMIER'S

ASSURANCES, BUT I EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WILL BE MATTER OF CONTINUING CONCERN IN WASHINGTON AND HE SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT WASHINGTON WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUSPICIOUS AND TO BE ALERT WORLDWIDE TO ANY INDICATIONS OF ANY COUNTRY'S INTENTION OF INITIATING NUCLEAR REPROCESSING OR OTHER UNDESIRABLE ACTIVITIES. CCK ASKED ME TO ASSURE WASHINGTON THAT "ALTHOUGH A FEW SCIENTISTS HAD HAD 'SOME IDEAS' ON THIS SUBJECT, WE WILL NOT GO INTO REPROCESSING". HE RENEWED HIS OFFER TO HAVE U.S. SCIENTISTS COME AND RESIDE HERE AT GROC EXPENSE AND WORK ANYWHERE IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. I THANKED HIM FOR THE SUGGESTION AND SAID THAT I WAS SURE IT WAS RECEIVING CAREFUL CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON.

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