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In a meeting today to discuss matters related to Under Secretary Bartholomew's upcoming trip to China, Chinese embassy political counselor Xiao Houde handed me the attached paper on Chinese-Algerian nuclear cooperation. He said China was supplying the same information to the IAEA, and was encouraging Algeria to move quickly to get safeguards in place.

I believe some of the information is new. Does OES want to do a reporting cable? (Also present at the meeting were EAP/CM Director Wiedemann and PM DAS Verville. The meeting was in Verville's office.)

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1. In February 1983, China and Algeria signed a protocol on nuclear co-operation, in which China agreed to provide Algeria with a heavy water reactor for research purpose. This reactor will be used mainly for basic research, isotope production and personnel training. It is estimated that the project will be completed and begin test run by the end of 1991.

2. In accordance with its present policy of nuclear export, China has submitted the installations of the reactor and 11 metric tons of heavy water and 216 fuel modules (totaling 908,885 grams of uranium dioxide and 3% abundance of Uranium 235) provided by China for the reactor to IAEA safeguards.

3. China agrees that an agreement on IAEA safeguards for the above-mentioned matters should be concluded between IAEA and Algeria through negotiation.