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E.O. 12065: RDS-1 2/7/10 (STREATOR, EDWARD J.) OR-M
TAGS: ENRG, TECH, PARM, MNUC, UK
SUBJECT: (C) SOUTH ATLANTIC EVENT

REFS: (A) STATE 31920; (B) STATE 29416

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1. REF A INQUIRED WHETHER FURTHER GUIDANCE NECESSARY. THERE ARE TWO POINTS ON WHICH WE OWE HMG AN ANSWER. FIRST IS THE USG EVALUATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF THE IONOSPHERIC RIPPLE TO A POSSIBLE NUCLEAR INCIDENT. SECOND IS INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REGARDING SOUTH AFRICA NAVAL ACTIVITIES AT THE TIME AND THEIR RELEVANCE TO THE POSSIBLE NUCLEAR INCIDENT.

2. ON FIRST POINT, SCIENCE MAGAZINE ARTICLE WAS HELPFUL, BUT NOT AUTHORITATIVE. FORTHCOMING GUIDANCE ON PRESS PANEL FINDINGS MAY RESPOND TO THIS POINT. IF NOT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER GUIDANCE.

3. ON SECOND POINT, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE RELEVANT INFORMATION THROUGH INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS MARKED NOFORN, AND THROUGH STATE CHANNELS IN A NODIS CABLE (REF B) MARKED
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