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REF: A) OTTAWA 1980; B) NEW DELHI 16194

1. INFORMATION PROVIDED BY LAWRENCE AND DEWAR ON FUEL DISCHARGE BY CIR REACTOR (REF A) APPEARS FROM HERE TO BE RESTATEMENT OF BHABHA REPORT IN 1965 THAT SOME CANADIAN CIR FUEL ELEMENTS WERE REMOVED EARLY FROM CIR BECAUSE OF REACTOR OPERATING PROBLEMS, E.G., CORROSION, SPLITTING OF FUEL CANS FROM GAS PRESSURE, ROD WARPING, ETC. BHABHA AT THAT TIME CLAIMED INDIAN FUEL SUPERIOR TO CANADIAN IN THIS REGARD.

2. IN MAKING INITIAL DISCLOSURE TO EMBOFF (REF B) WANG SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT DATA INSPECTION TEAM HAD UNCOVERED WAS NOT SUBJECT TO INTERPRETATION ON THE SPOT, BUT WOULD HAVE TO BE ANALYZED BY EXPERTS IN OTTAWA QTE WITH THEIR COMPUTERS UNQTE. LAWRENCE STATEMENT TO USAEC REP DOES NOT SEEM TO US TO BE A CONCLUSION REQUIRING COMPUTER ANALYSIS.

3. ASSUME EMBASSY OTTAWA WILL CONTINUE PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL INFO AS APPROPRIATE OCCASION ARISES.

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