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DES - MR KRATZER (INFORMED)
EUR - MR LOWENSTEIN
FM - MR VEST (DRAFT)
EA - MR MILLER
S/S - MR SHANKLE

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SUBJECT: ROK NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT NEGOTIATION

REF: STATE 285640

1. AS INDICATED PARA 4 REFTEL, ACTING SECRETARY CALLED IN FRENCH AMBASSADOR KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET ON DECEMBER 5. VEST, KRATZER AND LOWENSTEIN ALSO PRESENT.

2. ACTING SECRETARY EXPRESSED TO AMBASSADOR KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET OUR SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT ROKS DESIRE TO DEVELOP

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NUCLEAR REPROCESSING CAPABILITY. HE NOTED THAT WE HAVE WELCOMED GOF'S READINESS TO ACCEPT CANCELLATION OF REPROCESSING PLANT DEAL IF REQUESTED BY THE KOREANS AS WELL AS FRENCH INDICATION THAT IT WOULD NOT HASTEN PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION.

3. ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, ACTING SECRETARY STATED THAT WE HAVE CLEAR REASON TO BELIEVE KOREANS ARE ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP A NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY AND THAT ROK DESIRE FOR NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT IS PART OF THAT PROGRAM. WHILE RECOGNIZING REPROCESSING FACILITY IS SMALL, RESEARCH FACILITY, ACTING SECRETARY POINTED OUT IT DOES HAVE CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE WEAPONS GRADE PLUTONIUM.

4. ACTING SECRETARY INDICATED THAT, AS FRENCH KNEW, WE HAD ALREADY REQUESTED THAT ROKG CANCEL PROJECT. SO FAR, ROKG HAS REJECTED OUR REQUEST WHILE INDICATING READINESS TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS, INCLUDING US INSPECTION. HOWEVER, OUR PURPOSE IS TO TRY TO STOP ROKG AND TO PREVENT DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY. CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE GOING TO TAKE MATTER UP AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF KOREAN GOVERNMENT.

5. INGERSOLL STATED THAT OUR PURPOSE IN MEETING WAS TO KEEP FRENCH FULLY INFORMED OF OUR ACTIONS TO PREVENT ROK ACQUISITION OF REPROCESSING FACILITY AS WELL AS CONVEY OUR REASONS FOR TAKING THIS STRONG STAND.

6. AMBASSADOR KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET STATED HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO HIS GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO NOTED THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER AND VERY AWARE OF THE DANGER OF PROLIFERATION. AMBASSADOR KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET FURTHER INDICATED THAT GENERAL FRENCH POSITION IS CLOSE TO THAT OF USG. HE STATED THAT HE WAS GENERALLY AWARE OF GOF POSITION WITH REGARD TO KOREAN REPROCESSING FACILITY BUT COULD NOT ADDRESS THE QUESTION WITH PRECISION AT THIS TIME.

7. AMBASSADOR KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET ALSO INFORMALLY NOTED THAT IT TRUE KOREANS COULD RENOUNCE RPT UNILATERALLY BUT THIS ALSO THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO OTHER

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COUNTRIES. INGERSOLL POINTED OUT THAT GEOGRAPHIC POSITION OF KOREA MADE THIS MATTER MUCH MORE SENSITIVE AND THAT OUR OBJECTION IS NOT TO NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN KOREA, ONLY THE REPROCESSING PLANT BECAUSE OF ITS RELATIONSHIP TO A NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY.

8. IN CONCLUSION INGERSOLL STRESSED SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW ROK NUCLEAR INTENTIONS AND OUR APPRECIATION FOR FRENCH COOPERATION TO DATE. AMBASSOR KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET REITERATED THAT HE WOULD, OF COURSE, IMMEDIATELY REPORT HIS MEETING WITH ACTING SECRETARY.

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