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SUBJ: IRAQ NUCLEAR PLANS

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1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AT APRIL 28, 1980, MEETING AT MFA ON PAK NUCLEAR PROGRAM, GALLUCCI TEAM ALSO BROUGHT UP U.S. CONCERNS ABOUT IRAQ NUCLEAR INTENTIONS (PARA 20, REF. A). LEYGONIE FOCUSED ON PARTICULAR FRENCH CONCERNS RE ITALIAN PLANS TO SELL IRAQ HEAVY WATER REACTOR.

3. DURING FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON APRIL 30 WITH AMBASSADOR DE COMMINESTGOF NON-PROLIFERATION ADVISOR (REF B), DE COMMINES ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ITALIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH IRAQ. HE TOLD DAS NOSENZO AND SCICOUNS THAT IRAQ HAD EARLIER EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A 600 MW LIGHT WATER REACTOR FROM FRANCE BUT THE IRAQIS HAVE NOW TOLD GOF THEY ARE NO LONGER INTERESTED, CLAIMING THEY NOW WANT A MUCH SMALLER POWER REACTOR. DE COMMINES SAID THAT GOF SHARED OUR CONCERNS ABOUT PROLIFERATION DANGERS INHERENT IN NATURAL URANIUM, HEAVY WATER REACTORS AND HE PLANNED TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH IRAQ AT HIGHEST LEVELS TO

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EXPRESS GOF CONCERNS. (ONE SUSPECTS THAT GOF CONCERNS RELATE LESS TO PROLIFERATION IMPLICATIONS OF NATURAL URANIUM REACTORS THAN TO LOSS OF POTENTIAL FRENCH POWER REACTOR SALE).

4. ON MAY 14 SCICOUNS MET WITH CEA INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR OUVRIEU FOR GENERAL DISCUSSIONS. DURING THIS MEETING OUVRIEU ALSO NOTED FRENCH CONCERNS ABOUT ITALIAN NUCLEAR SALES TO IRAQ. HE SAID THAT ITALY WAS COURTING THE IRAQIS IN ORDER TO MAKE MORE LUCRATIVE AND IMPORTANT MILITARY SALES TO THEM. HE GAVE AS AN EXAMPLE ITALIAN PLANS TO SELL IRAQ A NUMBER OF NAVAL FRIGATES WHICH, HE SAID, REPORTEDLY WILL CONTAIN WEAPON AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS OF U.S. ORIGIN. HE ASKED IF WE HAD ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER. PLEASE ADVISE IF DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER AND, IF SO, WHETHER IT WISHES TO SHARE THIS WITH GOF.

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