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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM WATSON

E.O. 12065: RDS-3, 10/26/89 (WATSON, THOMAS J.) UR-M
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SUBJECT: REPORTED NUCLEAR EXPLOSION OFF SOUTH AFRICA

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. I TRUST YOU ARE GIVING SOME THOUGHT TO THE DESIRABILITY OF CONSULTING WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE REPORTED NUCLEAR EXPLOSION OFF SOUTH AFRICA BEYOND THE MATERIAL WHICH HAS BEEN PUT OUT FOR USE AROUND THE WORLD. AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF PREVIOUS CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE FACILITIES IN THE KALAHARI AND IN VIEW OF OUR COMMON INTEREST IN HEADING OFF PROLIFERATION, SUCH CONSULTATIONS COULD BE VERY USEFUL. THE SOVIETS SHOULD BE GIVEN AS MUCH INFORMATION AS PRUDENT CONCERN FOR SOURCES PERMITS IN ORDER TO SOLICIT IN RETURN ANY INFORMATION THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE. WATSON

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