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E.O. 12065: RDS-1 11/16/09 (MARTINDELL, A.C.) DR-M  
TAGS: MNUC, PARM, TGEN, NZ  
SUBJECT: (S) SITREP IV: POSSIBLE EVIDENCE OF SOUTHERN  
HEMISPHERE NUCLEAR TEST

REF: WELLINGTON 6108

1. (SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. MORNING 16 NOVEMBER DR. B. J. O'BRIEN ADVISED EMBASSY THAT ADDITIONAL TEST PROCEDURES RUN PREVIOUS DAY CAST "CONSIDERABLE DOUBT" ON VALIDITY OF EARLIER FINDINGS. THERE WAS NO ADDITIONAL INDICATION CONFIRMING ORIGINAL FINDINGS AND SOME POSITIVE RESULTS TO SUGGEST THAT INITIAL CONCLUSIONS HAD BEEN ERRONEOUS. O'BRIEN SAID THAT ADDITIONAL TESTS WOULD BE RUN OVER THIS WEEKEND, BUT HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO HAVE RESULTS UNTIL 19 OR 20 NOVEMBER.

3. ACCORDING TO O'BRIEN, NEW ZEALANDERS STILL HAVE TOTAL OF 200 LITRES OF SAMPLE WATER AND ARE WILLING TO MAKE 50 LITRES AVAILABLE TO USG. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, QUERY WHETHER SAMPLE SHIPMENT STILL DESIRED. MARTINDELL

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