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SITUATION ROOM LOG REFLECTIONS OF SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR EVENT

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22 SEP 1450: SDC NOTIFIED ZB THAT ACCORDING TO A JAEIC STATEMENT A POSSIBLE SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION HAD OCCURRED. ZB SAID HE WOULD NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT AND PRINCIPALS (VANCE, TURNER AND BROWN), AND THAT HE SHOULD CONTACT SPLINGER, FUNK, ODOM AND BLOOMFIELD AND SET-UP A MEETING ON THE MATTER ASAP.

22 SEP 1500: ZB CALLED IN CONCERNING RELIABILITY OF JAEIC STATEMENT. COL ODOM BRIEFED ZB ON JAEIC PROCESS.

22 SEP 1600: ZB CALLED IN AND WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY PRESS ON SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION (NONE).

22 SEP 1630: DIRECTOR SITUATION ROOM BRIEFED ON SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION

22 SEP 1733: SDC CONTACTED ZB VIA SECURE PHONE FOR AMB OWEN.

22 SEP 1754: SDC CALLED NMCC RE RECON TASKING OF AREA. COL HUGGINS REPORTS THAT 2 AIRCRAFT WILL BE OVER TARGET AREA APPROX 230000EST. PRELIMINARY RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 240001 EST. PASSED INFO TO ODOM

22 SEP 1800: CIA/OCG NOTIFIED THAT WE NEED A BRIEFING BOARD MAP OF AREA WHERE THE POSSIBLE NUCLEAR EVENT OCCURRED AND THAT IT SHOULD BE HERE NLT 231030 EST

22 SEP 1810: PER AMB OWEN'S REQUEST, GEN ROSENBERG AND GREGG CONTACTED RE SOUTH AFRICAN NUKE EVENT AND NOTIFIED OF TOMORROW'S MEETING

22 SEP 1845: DIRECTOR SITUATION ROOM BRIEFED ON LATEST SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR EVENT DEVELOPMENTS

23 SEP 1240: SDC CONTACTED ZB VIA SECURE FOR AMB OWEN

23 SEP 1331: SCC RECOMMENDATIONS DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT

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~~23 SEP 1332Z COL ODOM ASKED SITUATION ROOM TO DELIVER SCC RECOMMENDATIONS TO ZB~~

~~23 SEP 1348Z SCC PACKAGE DELIVERED TO ZB~~

23 SEP 1351Z PACKAGE ON SOUTH AFRICAN NUKE EXPLOSION RETURNED TO THE SITUATION ROOM WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT.

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23 SEP 1352Z ~~800~~ BRIEFED ZB ON PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS ON SOUTH AFRICAN MATTER. ZB DIRECTED ~~WE~~ INFORM AMB OWEN OF PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS AND EMPHASIZE DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIAL ON "STRICT NEED TO KNOW."

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23 SEP 1355Z INSTRUCTIONS PASSED TO AMB OWEN

~~23 SEP 1402Z COL ODOM RETURNED SIT ROOM CALL. PASSED INFO ON CALLS TO ZB/OWEN AND PRESIDENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS.~~

~~23 SEP 1422Z SIT RM CALLED ODOM ON CONFIRMATION THAT BRUCE CLARKE (CIA) RECEIVED HIS MESSAGE.~~

~~23 SEP 1612Z SIT ROOM CALLED ODOM TO CONFIRM NEWSOM AND MOOSE RECEIVED HIS MESSAGE.~~

~~23 SEP 1800Z 800 CALLED ODOM RE CLEARANCE ON OUTGOING CABLE ASKING GOVT OF MAURITIUS PERMISSION TO OPERATE A WC-135B AIRCRAFT ON A "WEATHER MONITORING" (SOUTH AFRICAN NUKE SAMPLING) MISSION. HE CLEARED IT AND INFO PASSED TO MOOSE'S OFFICE.~~

25 SEP 2244Z 25x1 CALLED TO REPORT THAT THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST USAF WC-135B AIR SAMPLING MISSION OUT OF ASCENSION WERE NEGATIVE, AND THE MISSION ENCOUNTERED NO RADIOACTIVE DEBRIS. ~~THE MISSION FLEW SOUTHEAST FROM ASCENSION DOWN TO A GENERAL AREA SOUTHWEST OF CAPETOWN AND SAMPLED FROM 30 DEGREES SOUTH 10 DEGREES EAST TO 10 DEGREES SOUTH 7 DEGREES WEST AT 10,000 FT. THE NEXT AIR SAMPLING MISSION IS NOW SCHEDULED TO DEPART ASCENSION ISLAND AT 1100 ON 26 SEPTEMBER.~~

26 SEP 2120Z 25x1 CALLED TO REPORT SAMPLING RESULTS NEGATIVE. ~~THIS MISSION FLEW FROM 30 DEGREES SOUTH 15 DEGREES EAST TO 20 DEGREES SOUTH 10 DEGREES EAST AT 12,000 FEET. NEXT MISSION SCHEDULED FOR 280001Z~~

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~~ON TRACK 10 DEGREES SOUTH 10 DEGREES EAST TO 20 DEGREES SOUTH 10 DEGREES EAST AT 10,000 FT. ROSENBERG AND OPLIN-
GER ALERTED.~~

28 SEP 0445: CALLED [25x1] FOR READOUT OF LAST NIGHT'S MISSION.
PRELIMINARY RESULTS ARE NEGATIVE. ~~FINAL REPORT BY NOON.~~

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THE FOLLOWING ENTRIES WERE DERIVED FROM DUTY OFFICER NOTES

- 01 OCT : TODAY'S SAMPLING FLIGHT AGAIN NEGATIVE.
- 02 OCT : [25x1] REPORTS NEGATIVE RESULTS ON 5TH AND 6TH SAMPLING MISSIONS.
- 10 OCT : 11TH [25x1] SORTIE WAS AGAIN NEGATIVE.
- 19 OCT : [25x1] CLOSES OUT REPORTS ON SAMPLING MISSIONS TO US.

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