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TAGS: MNUC, IS

SUBJECT:NEWS STORIES CONCERNING ISRAELI POSSESSION  
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

REF: TEL AVIV 1323

1. WE BELIEVE QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE REFERRED  
TO THE DEPARTMENT. FYI. WE WILL BE USING THE FOLLOWING  
GUIDENCE:

2. OUR POSITION ON THIS QUESTION REMAINS UNCHANGED. WE  
HAVE NOTED STRONG ISRAELI STATEMENTS THAT THEY WILL NOT  
BE THE FIRST TO INTRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO THE MIDDLE  
EAST. THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON MADE THIS STATE-  
MENT AGAIN ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO.

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3. ON OCTOBER 25, 1977, AN ISRAELI GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN  
REITERATED THIS POSITION, AND EARLIER THAN THAT THE PRIME  
MINISTER PUBLICLY STATED IN DECEMBER 1974, "WE HAVE NO  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS" AND IN SEPTEMBER 1975 "ISRAEL IS A NON-  
NUCLEAR COUNTRY."

4. THESE ARE AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL ON THIS MATTER. WE HAVE NOTHING TO ADD.

5. THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TO ACHIEVE THE ADHERENCE OF ISRAEL AND ALL OTHER STATES IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS GOAL. CHRISTOPHER

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