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UK AWARE OF EVIDENCE.)

B) IT WOULD BE "DISASTROUS" TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IF SOUTH AFRICA "PRODUCES OR TESTS A NUCLEAR DEVICE. IT WOULD BE HARD TO IMAGINE AN ISSUE WITH GREATER IMPLICATIONS." SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION COULD FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY "WITH ALL THAT WOULD ENTAIL."

C) UK URGES SOUTH AFRICA TO "GIVE IMMEDIATE AND CONVINCING PROOF" THERE ARE NO SUCH PLANS IN ORDER TO ALLAY "WIDESPREAD AND GENUINE INTERNATIONAL ANXIETY." (COMMENT: "GENUINE" WAS INCLUDED, REID SAID, TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN REAL CONCERNS AROUSED AND POSSIBLE SOVIET HYPERBOLE.)

D) UK URGES SOUTH AFRICA TO ACCEDE TO THE NPT.

3. ON EXCHANGES WITH FRANCE AND FRG, REID SAID: (A) FRG FONOFF REPRESENTATIVES WILL MEET WITH FCO REPS IN LONDON AUGUST 22 TO DISCUSS SOUTHERN AFRICAN MATTERS, INCLUDING THE SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR TEST ISSUE; AND (B) FCO IS PREPARING TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS NEXT WEEK WITH THE FRENCH ON THIS ISSUE.

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