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PUBLIC REFERENCE TO THE KALAHARI FACILITY, IT WOULD BE VIEWED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC AS CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF USG SPYING ON SOUTH AFRICA AND "OPEN UP A HORNET'S NEST".

D) WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH AFRICA ADHERING TO NPT AND PLACING ALL ITS NUCLEAR FACILITIES UNDER FULL INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS, THESE ARE MATTERS WHICH THE SAG WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH THE EMBASSY AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY.

2. FOURIE SAID THAT VORSTER WOULD BE MAKING A PUBLIC ADDRESS ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24. IN THE COURSE OF HIS REMARKS HE WILL MENTION THE FIRST AND THIRD AFFIRMATIONS AND NPT. FOURIE THOUGHT THAT IF BETWEEN NOW AND WEDNESDAY THERE IS A DECISION TO GO PUBLIC ON THE SECOND AFFIRMATION, HE SUPPOSED THE PM MIGHT ALSO WISH TO INCLUDE THIS POINT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED:

A) WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED SOONEST IF THE RUSSIANS HAVE MADE SPECIFIC PUBLIC RPT PUBLIC REFERENCE TO THE KALAHARI FACILITY.

B) I INTEND TO HOLD INITIAL, EXPLORATOR DISCUSSION WITH FOURIE TOMORROW ON NPT-SAFEGUARDS UNLESS I AM INSTRUCTED TO DO OTHERWISE.

C) UNLESS ALREADY SENT, WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING SOONEST TEXT OF WHAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID YESTERDAY ABOUT OFFICIAL REQUEST TO SAG REGARDING INTENTIONS TO TEST A NUCLEAR DEVICE. FOURIE SAID THIS HAD UPSET HIS SUPERIORS, BUT HE HAD EXPLAINED THAT USG UNDOUBTEDLY UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE TO SHOW IT WAS DOING SOMETHING AFTER THE SOVIET CHARGES.

D) PLEASE PASS LAGOS FOR YOUNG AND MOOSE, AS WELL AS BONN, LONDON, AND PARIS. BOWDLER

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