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( ) Deny Exemptions -ARP Action Cort --RESTATING CHINA'S NUCLEAR POLICY AS NEITHER ENCOURAGING, ADVOCATING, NOR PARTICIPATING IN NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION;

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--DENOUNCING AS TOTALLY WITHOUT FACTUAL FOUNDATION INDIAN RUMORS THAT CHINA HAS DEPLOYED NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN XINJIANG OR IN TIBET, AND THAT CHINA WAS TESTING CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN TIBET:

--SKETCHING THE CONTENT OF CONVERSATIONS WITH IAEA ON PAKISTAN, THE NPT, THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE, NORTH KOREAN ACCEPTANCE OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS, AND THE TOTAL LACK OF ANY PRONUCLEAR RELATIONSHIP WITH NORTH KOREA. END SUMMARY.

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THE DEPARTMENT'S TALKING
POINTS ON NUCLEAR SUBMARINES (SSN), ARMS CONTROL, AND
NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION (REF A); SELECTED QUESTIONS AND
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ANSWERS ON THE LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY CONFERENCE (REF B); AND ON INDIA'S THEN-SCHEDULED AGNI TEST LAUNCH (REF C). DURING THE PRESENTATION (UNDERSCORED THE U.S. POSITION THAT PROLIFERATION OF BALLISTIC MISSILES IN SOUTH ASIA-FROM ANY QUARTER—COULD BE HIGHLY DESTABILIZING. INTERPRETER WAS ALSO PRESENT

THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSION.

4. BEGAN HIS RESPONSE BY REFERRING TO THE INDIAN LEASE OF A SOVIET NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINE, COMMENTING THAT THE CORRECT PARTY TO BE ADDRESSED ABOUT PROLIFERATION IN THIS AREA WAS THE SOVIET UNION. THEN STATED CHINA'S POSITION AS FOLLOWS:

CHINA NEITHER ENCOURAGES, ADVOCATES, NOR PARTICIPATES IN NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION ("BU GULI, BU ZHUZHANG, BU

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CANJIA").

WENT ON THAT ONE COULD EVEN SAY THAT CHINA OPPOSES NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. \_ DSAID THAT CHINA'S CONSISTENT OPPOSITION TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, WHICH WOULD NOT CHANGE, IN NO WAY MEANT THAT CHINA WAS IN FAVOR OF PROLIFERATION. AS A MATTER OF FACT, CONTINUED, NON-PROLIFERATION AS A POLICY WAS APPROPRIATE TO SAFEGUARDING WORLD PEACE AND TO CHINA'S OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS. CHINA HAS NO NEED FOR OTHER COUNTRIES (BEYOND THE NUCLEAR GROUP) TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS. SAID THAT HIS INTENTION WAS NOT TO ACCUSE, BUT ONE COULD LEGITIMATELY ASK HOW SOME

SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED INDIA, ISRAEL, AND SOUTH AFRICA.

THRESHOLD STATES GOT TO WHERE THEY ARE TODAY? HE

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ADDED THAT SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE COUNTRIES COULD NOT BE PUSHED OFF ON OTHER COUNTRIES (MEANING IN CONTEXT THAT THE U.S. WOULD HAVE TO ADMIT TO SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE STATES BECOMING THRESHOLD STATES.)

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THEN NOTED THAT SOME RUMORS WERE HEARD THAT THE PRC HAD AIDED PAKISTAN IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONRY, AND HE WISHED TO STATE CLEARLY THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE HE REFERRED TO CHINA'S ACCESSION TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY! HE SAID THAT ANY COUNTRY THAT WISHED TO COOPERATE WITH CHINA IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD HAD TO ACCEPT IAEA SAFEGUARDS WITH REGARD TO BOTH FUELS AND TECHNOLOGY ("HERAN CAILIAO, HEZI JISHU") \_ AND NOTED PAKISTAN WAS NO EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE. THAT THE 1987 OR 1988 BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH PAKISTAN SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED A PROVISION ON PAKISTAN'S ACCEPTANCE OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS IN AREAS OF COOPERATION.

THEN RETURNED TO THE SUBMARINE ISSUE AND DENIED THAT THERE WAS ANY DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES THAT WOULD ALLOW PAKISTAN TO ACQUIRE IN ANY WAY PRC NUCLEAR SUBMARINES OR TECHNOLOGY THEREFOR. BESIDES, HOU ADDED PARENTHETICALLY, OF THE COUNTRIES WITH NUCLEAR SUBMARINES, THE PRC IS CERTAINLY THE MOST BACKWARD IN THOSE TECHNOLOGIES.

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7. THEN TURNED TO TWO OTHER RUMORS THAT HE

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KNEW WERE CIRCULATED BY INDIA. FIRST, IT IS SAID THAT CHINA HAS DEPLOYED NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON INTERMEDIATE RANGE MISSILES IN XINJIANG OR TIBET. SBCOND, IT IS ALSO SAID THAT CHINA IS TESTING CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN TIBET THESE RUMORS, L. JAID TESTILY, ARE ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT ANY FACTUAL FOUNDATION.

8. DISCUSSION OF PRC-PAKISTAN COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR MATTERS PROMPTED TO GIVE A THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF THE EARLY APRIL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN IAEA AND FOREIGN MINISTER,

-- PRC COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR MATTERS WITH PAKISTAN, AND HAD RESPONDED AS ABOVE;

-- THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. HAD NOTED THAT CHINA RETAINS ITS CRITICISMS AND REMAINED "RESERVED" ABOUT THE NPT, THOUGH CHINA DID NOT AND WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN PROLIFERATION.

-- THE 1990/91 NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE. SAT SAID CHINA WAS CONTINUING TO STUDY THE ISSUES. TOLD BLIX THAT CHINA REFUTED INDIA'S STATEMENTS THAT INDIA COULD NOT ENTER INTO REGIONAL NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS BECAUSE OF THE THREAT OF CHINA'S WEAPONS TO INDIA. SAID THAT SAID THAT CHINA COULD NOT ACCEPT SUCH REASONING. CHINA'S OWN POSITION ON THE NPT WAS HISTORICALLY DIRECTED



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9. ON THE QUESTION OF A THIRD TERM FOR IAEA DIRECTOR BLIX, HOU SAID THAT CHINA WOULD BACK ANY REASONABLE CANDIDATE PUT FORWARD BY THE "THIRD WORLD", BUT IF NONE WERE PROPOSED, THEN CHINA WOULD NOT OPPOSE BLIX, WITH WHOM THE PRC HAD BEEN VERY SATISFIED.

10. COMMENT



EMBASSY WILL SEND ITS THOUGHTS SEPTEL ON THE ISSUE OF BALLISTIC MISSILE PROLIFERATION AND THE PRC.

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