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7. THE FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCE SAID THAT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE FRENCH-CHINESE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION PROTOCOL, FRANCE HAD SENT A DELEGATION TO BEIJING IN MID-DECEMBER TO REGISTER FRENCH CONCERN OVER CHINA'S SALE OF THE NUCLEAR REACTOR TO ALGERIA. THE CHINESE ARE QUOTED AS SAYING: "WE GOT CAUGHT THIS TIME IN ALGERIA, BUT THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN." THE FRENCH DELEGATION WAS NOT COMFORTED WITH THIS DOUBLE ENTENDRE. WHEN PRESSED, THE CHINESE SAID CHINA WILL ACCEDE TO THE NPT BY MARCH. THE FRENCH WERE SURPRISED THAT THE CHINESE NEVER ASKED WHEN FRANCE WOULD ACCEDE TO THE NPT ("IN MAY," OUR SOURCE VOLUNTEERED.)

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- FM AMEMBASSY BEIJING
- TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6346
- INFO AMEMBASSY SEOUL
- AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD
- USDOC WASHDC
- AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
- AMEMBASSY BONN
- WHITEHOUSE WASHDC
- AMEMBASSY PARIS
- DIA WASHDC
- SECDEF WASHDC
- AMCONSUL SHANGHAI
- DOE GERMANTOWN
- AMEMBASSY ALGIERS
- AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
- AMEMBASSY TOKYO
- AMCONSUL SHENYANG
- AMCONSUL HONG KONG
- AMCONSUL GUANGZHOU
- USDOE WASHDC
- AMCONSUL CHENGDU

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UPDATE ON CHINESE TRANSIT VISAS TO ALGERIA  
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DEPT FOR OES/SCT, OES/M AND EAP/CM  
DEPT PASS HRC  
WHITEHOUSE FOR NSC AND OSTP

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SUBJECT: RECENT NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA

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5. A SOURCE AT THE GERMAN EMBASSY REPORTED THAT THE CHINESE HAD APPROACHED A GERMAN FIRM FOR AN ESTIMATE ON THE COST OF REACTOR COOLING EQUIPMENT FOR THE PAKISTANI REACTOR. THE GERMAN FIRM, KNOWN TO OUR SOURCE ONLY BY ITS ACRONYM, KSB, REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO QUOTE A PRICE FOR EQUIPMENT DESTINED FOR THE PAKISTAN REACTOR DUE TO THE LACK OF FULL-SCOPE SAFEGUARDS. THE GERMAN FIRM TOLD THE CHINESE THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH SAFEGUARDS, AN EXPORT LICENSE WOULD NOT BE FORTHCOMING FROM THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT. THE CHINESE, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THEN ASKED FOR A QUOTATION ON THE SAME EQUIPMENT FOR CHINA'S QINSHAN 1) REACTOR, SCHEDULED TO BE BUILT LATER THIS DECADE, WHICH THE GERMANS PROVIDED.

6. THE FRENCH EMBASSY VOLUNTEERED THAT PAKISTAN'S

PRIME MINISTER HAD REQUESTED TWO 900 MW PLANTS FROM FRANCE DURING THE PM'S RECENT VISIT TO PARIS. HE SAID THE GOF'S RESPONSE WAS THE SAME AS ITS RESPONSE TO CHINA'S REQUEST TO PURCHASE FRENCH EQUIPMENT FOR THE PAKISTAN REACTOR.

8. THE FRENCH EMBASSY HAS FINALLY COMPLETED ITS STUDY OF HOW MANY CHINESE NUCLEAR SPECIALISTS HAVE OBTAINED TRANSIT VISAS IN BEIJING TO TRANSIT PARIS TO

ALGERIA (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO RECORDS IN PARIS DATING BACK TO 1983, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CHINESE NUCLEAR EXPERTS TRANSITING PARIS TO ALGERIA BETWEEN 1983 AND 1991 WAS 5,127, ALL FROM CHINA'S NUCLEAR INDUSTRY. OF THE 5,127, 1,235 IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS "NUCLEAR SPECIALISTS." IN 1983, THE STUDY SHOWS 20 PERCENT OF ALL TRANSIT VISA REQUESTS TO ALGERIA WERE FROM CHINA'S NUCLEAR INDUSTRY; IN 1990 THE FIGURE JUMPED TO OVER 80 PERCENT. THE FRENCH EMBASSY WILL MAKE AVAILABLE THE ANALYSIS AND GRAPHICS TO US AFTER THE STUDY HAS BEEN FIRST SUBMITTED TO THE GOF.

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9. OUR GERMAN EMBASSY SOURCE PASSED ON TO US THAT CMC REPORTEDLY WAS ARRANGING TO SELL NUCLEAR REACTOR FUEL RODS TO IRAN. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE STORY, MOBERT DENIED CMC PERMISSION TO EXPORT THE FUEL, REPORTEDLY BECAUSE OF U.S. CONCERN OVER CHINA'S NUCLEAR SALES TO IRAN. ROY

NOTE BY DO/CC: (U) OMISSION OF PARAS. 2-4. CORRECTION TO FOLLOW.

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