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4) CHINA'S NUCLEAR EXPORT IS STRICTLY GUIDED BY ITS POLICY OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION. CHINA DOES NOT STAND FOR, OR ENCOURAGE, OR ITSELF ENGAGE IN NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, NOR DOES IT HELP OTHER COUNTRIES TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THERE ARE THREE PRINCIPLES GUIDING CHINA'S NUCLEAR EXPORT, NAMELY: GUARANTEE FOR PEACEFUL USE, SUBMISSION TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS AND SUPERVISION AND NON-TRANSFER TO THIRD COUNTRY. END STATEMENT. LILLEY

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SUBJECT: MFA STATEMENT ON PRC NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH ALGIERS

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 30, A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN WILL RELEASE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT REGARDING CHINA'S NUCLEAR

COOPERATION WITH ALGERIA.

2. BEGIN STATEMENT.

REMARKS BY SPOKESMAN OF CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THE NUCLEAR REACTOR IN ALGERIA
30 APRIL 1991

1) THE COOPERATION BETWEEN CHINA AND ALGERIA IN NUCLEAR FIELD IS ENTIRELY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. IN FEBRUARY 1983, CHINA AND ALGERIA SIGNED A PROTOCOL ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION, IN WHICH CHINA AGREED TO PROVIDE ALGERIA WITH A HEAVY WATER REACTOR FOR RESEARCH. THE POWER OF THE REACTOR IS VERY SMALL, WITH A DESIGNED POWER OF 10 MEGAWATT AND THE MAXIMUM THERMAL POWER OF 15 MEGAWATT. IT WILL BE TOTALLY GROUNDLESS TO ALLEGE, AS SOME WESTERN MEDIA DO, THAT THE REACTOR CAN BE USED TO MAKE NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

2) CHINA WAS NOT A PARTY IN THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY IN 1983, SO THERE WAS NO SUCH A QUESTION AS SUBMITTING TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS OR SUPERVISION. HOWEVER, WE ASKED THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT TO PLEDGE THAT THE REACTOR BE USED ONLY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT DID MAKE A CLEAR PROMISE TO THIS EFFECT.

3) SINCE CHINA JOINED THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY IN 1984, WE HAVE MADE ACCEPTANCE OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS AND SUPERVISION ONE OF THE PRECONDITIONS FOR OUR NUCLEAR EXPORT. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THE ALGERIAN

SIDE WILL BRIEF IAEA ON THE NUCLEAR COOPERATION BETWEEN CHINA AND ALGERIA AND DISCUSS WITH IT THE ISSUE OF SUBMITTING THE REACTOR TO IAEA SAFEGUARDS AND SUPERVISION.

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RTK,
We're changing Kimmitt's
points appropriately. Need
to give IAEA a
heads up that Algeria
will be approaching
them.
-Gary