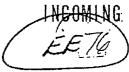
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COURTESY VISIT ON THE AMBASSADOR APRIL I. THE AMBASSADOR USED THE OCCASION TO GET AN UPDATE ON MUCLEAR COOPERATION BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND ALGERIA. THE SAID THAT THE PROGRAM OF COUNTRIES ON THE NU RESEARCH REACTOR WAS CONTINUING; THAT 58 ARGENTINE ENGINEERS AND TECHNICIANS WERE WORKING AT THE SITE WITH THE AIM OF TRAINING ALGERIANS TO RUN THE	B1	R14.	15.65			
REACTOR SAFELY ON THEIR OWN; THAT THE ALGERIANS PACCASH ON THE BARREL HEAD FOR ARGENTINE ASSISTANCE; AND THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE APPLYING IAEA SAFEGUARDS ON A BILATERAL BASIS. HE WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER THE TAEA HAD INSPECTED THE REACTOR OR PLANKED TO BO SO.	Y					-
3. SAID THAT ALGERIA HAD NOT SOLICITED ARGENTINE COOPERATION FOR ANY OTHER NUCLEAR PROGRAM ALTHOUGH ARGENTINA WOULD CERTAINLY BE OPEN TO NEW PROPOSALS. HE SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD "RUMORS" ABOUT THE POSSIBLE "HUSH-HUSH" CONSTRUCTION, WITH CHINESE ALD, OF A SECOND ALGERIAN NUCLEAR REACTOR DESIGNED TO PRODUCE ISOTOPES; HE EVINCED NO ADDITIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THIS PROJECT, HOWEVER.	JT					-
4. JID STATE THAT THE MOROCCANS WERE QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ALGERIAN MUCLEAR PROGRAM, BUT IMPLIED THAT THERE WAS LITTLE REAL BASIS FOR THIS WORRY. WHILE THE ARGENTINES HAD BEEN VERY IMPRESSE	Ð	, ·		·		
WITH THE COMPETENCE OF THE ALGERIAMS WORKING AT THE NUR: SAID, AT THIS STAGE THE ALGERIAMS WERE NOWHERE CLUSE TO HAVING SUFFICIENT EXPERTISE TO CONSTRUCT A REACTOR WITH MILITARY APPLICATIONS. HE SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT THE MOROCCANS KNEW THIS AND ATTRIBUTED, THEIR PROFESSED CONCERN TO TECHNOLOGICAL RIVALRY. IN ANY EVENT, SAID THE ALGERIAMS PROBABLY LACKED THE MONEY TO BUILD A SECOND REACTOR	B1		,			
5. COMMENT: IF S TO BE BELIEVED, THE ARGENTINES HAVE NO NUCLEAR INVOLVEMENT IN ALGERIA	B1	REVIEW A	'ATES DEPARTN UTHORITY: API	PEALS REVIEV	V PANEL	
BEYOND THE NUR REACTOR AND ARE, IN FACT, AS MUCH IN THE DARK ABOUT A POSSIBLE SECOND REACTOR AS THE RES OF US. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE ISSUE OF LAE INSPECTIONS FOR THE NUR TO SEE IF THEY COULD BE	T	REASON(S)	CTION: ADDITIO B: B1, 1.4(B), 1.4(D E ID: 14 FEB 2009	))	ATION REL	EASED

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