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INR/RS6-MR. MONK (SUBS) NAME
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EA/PRCM-MR. ROMBERG (SUBS)

EUR/FBX-MR. BEIGEL (SUBS) NAME
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E.O. 11652: XGDS1
TAGS: PARM, FR, CH
SUBJECT: FRENCH AND CHINESE NUCLEAR TESTING

REF: LIMA 1280

1. INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE INDICATES FRENCH ARE PLAN-
NING THREE OR FOUR LOW-YIELD TESTS IN ATMOSPHERE FOR THEIR
1973 PACIFIC TEST SERIES. FRENCH HOPE TO AVOID PROBLEM OF
OBJECTIONS BY PACIFIC COAST STATES BY CONDUCTING TESTS
{AS IN 1972} WITH NO ANNOUNCEMENT EITHER OF INDIVIDUAL
SHOTS OR OF SERIES EITHER DURING OR AFTER COMPLETION.
THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN INDICATIONS OF INTEREST AMONG SOME IN
THE GOF IN MOVING TOWARD UNDERGROUND TESTING. ISLAND OF
EIAO, IN MARQUESAS, IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN OBJECT OF
INTENSIVE GEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION FOR USE AS UNDERGROUND
TEST SITE, BUT THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF PREPARATIONS
FOR TESTS THERE THIS YEAR. FYI: ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR
FRENCH GOING TO UNDERGROUND TESTING ARE ESTIMATED TO BE 10
TO 20 TIMES FIGURE QUOTED REFTEL. END FYI. IF FRENCH
AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS REFLECT A FIRM GOF DECISION TO MOVE
IMMEDIATELY TO UNDERGROUND TESTING FURTHER INFORMATION ON
THIS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO USG. DEPARTMENT WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS PARIS MAY HAVE ON THIS.

2. THERE IS APPARENTLY SOME CONFUSION REGARDING CHINESE
INTENTIONS. ANY PRC DECISION TO AVOID D*FURTHER ATMOS-
PHERIC TESTING WOULD CARRY INTERESTING IMPLICATIONS FOR ITS
STAND ON THE LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY. H

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STAND ON THE LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO INDICATION OF A CHANGE IN PRC STAND ON EITHER THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY OR THE LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY. CLARIFICATION OF CANADIAN INFORMATION WOULD BE HELPFUL. 44

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