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F.O. 12065: RDS-1 6/10/01 (EAGLETON, WILLIAM L.) DR-M
TAGS: MNUC, TNUC, PARM, SCSA, MILI, MOPS, IS, IZ, FR
SUBJ: DAMAGE AT IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS FOR THE MOST PART PROVIDED BY [REDACTED] (PROTECT). BY GOOD FORTUNE, ONLY FOUR FRENCH TECHNICIANS WERE IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE OSIRAK REACTOR WHEN IT WAS ATTACKED BY ISRAELI AIRCRAFT. ONE OF THEM WHO WAS "DOWN VERY DEEP" WAS KILLED BY FUMES. A NUMBER OF IRAQIS WERE INJURED BUT ALL ARE NOW OUT OF HOSPITAL.

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3. RADIOACTIVE FUEL RODS HAD NOT BEEN INSERTED INTO THE REACTOR BUT WERE STORED IN A SEPARATE FACILITY WHICH WAS LOCKED. GEIGER COUNTER CHECK DISCLOSED NO RADIOACTIVITY IN THE AREA.

4. ABOUT 150 FRENCH TECHNICIANS (IN ADDITION TO 96 ITALIAN TECHNICIANS AT THEIR SEPARATE FACILITY) HAD RETURNED TO IRAQ A LITTLE MORE THAN A MONTH AGO TO RENEW THEIR WORK ON THE REACTOR. [REDACTED] IMPLIED THAT COMPLETION WAS STILL SEVERAL MONTHS AWAY,

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BUT WE NOTE THIS IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH OTHER INFORMATION,
SUNDAY WAS A NORMAL WORK DAY BUT BY 6:30 P.M. NEARLY EVERYONE
HAD RETURNED TO THE NEARBY CAMP.

5. WHEN I ASKED WHETHER WORK WOULD RESUME AT THE SITE
THE AMBASSADOR INDICATED THERE WAS NOT MUCH LEFT TO
WORK WITH AND IN ANY CASE NO FRENCHMAN WOULD BE REMAINING
THERE WHILE A WAR WAS STILL ON. HE DID NOT WISH TO
SPECULATE ABOUT THE FRENCH ATTITUDE AFTER THAT.

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