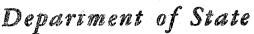
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- I HAD MR EXTENDED DISCUSSION WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR LANDY (PROTECT SOURCE) ON FRENCH SALE OF EXOCET AND FUEL, REPROCESSING PLANT TO ROKG. LANDY WAS CONSIDERABLY OPEN and frank on these sales, including some of his own mis-GIVINGS.
- 2. Exocet sale: Landy said that negotiations on sale of exocet began about 1-1 years ago. He personally was opposed to sale and had discussed it with senior us military officers at that time. French government was not enthusi-ASTIC INITIALLY, BUT ROKG PRESSED AHEAD AND FINALLY AGREE-MENT IN PRINCIPLE REACHED DURING VISIT OF FRENCH DELEGATION TO ARMED FORCES DAY OCTOBER 1974.

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- INVOLVED IN SEVERAL PROJECTS WITH ROKG IN NUCLEAR FIELD.

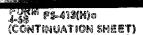
  AND FABRICATING WERE SPECIFICALLY.

  NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT SALE WAS MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY.

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  \*\*HYMAXX\*\*\* TO BE USED FOR EXPERIMENTATION.
- 6. LANDY STRESSED THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS FULLY AWARE OF RISKA AND PROBLEMS AND IS SEEKING TO ACT RESPONSIBLY AND CAUTIOUSLY IN THIS FIELD. FRENCH HAVE INSISTED NOT ONLY on standard safeguard arrangements to IAEA. But on More EXTENSIVE BILATERAL SAFEGUARD ARRANGEMENTS. FRENCH HAVE WINDSTRUMENT PRODUCTION RECEIVED PRIVATE LETTER COMMITTING ROKG TO USE NUCLEAR MATERIALS ONLY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL PROVIDING THAT SUPPLY / DENIENT WOULD BE CUT OFF IF THERE IS ANY INDICATION OF MILITARY USE. ADDITIONALLY, AGREEMENT IS OPEN ENDED IN THAT ROKG HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARD ARRANGEMENTS IN EXX FUTURE IF DEEMED NECESSARY BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT. LANDY SUGGESTED THAT WE MIGHT REQUEST IN PARIS TEXT OF BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS. BUT REQUESTED THAT HE BE PERSONALLY PROTECTED AND NOT REFERRED TO IN ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH GOVERNMENT.







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7. COMMENT: I HAVE IMPRESSION FROM DISCUSSION WITH
LANDY THAT AT LEAST HE PERSONALLY WOULD SUPPORT BILATERAL
REMARKSHEEMER ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN USG AND FRENCH GOVERNMENT
TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTROLS OVER SALES TO ROKG IN BOTH
AREAS OF ADVANCED WEAPONS AND NUCLEAR MATERIALS, PROVIDING
THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT LEFT FRENCH OPEN TO COMPETE FOR
LANDY
CONTRACTS IN ACCEPTABLE AREAS. HOWEVER, KEN MAY NOT BE
REFLECTING FULLY THE VIEWS OF HIS OWN GOVERNMENT, WHICH UP TO
NOW SEEMS MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO ROKG EFFORTS TO OBTAIN WEAPONS
AND NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT FROM THIRD COUNTRY SOURCES WHEN US
CHANNELS APPEAR CLOSED.

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