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SUBJ: GERMAN NUCLEAR REACTOR FOR TAIWAN

FOLLOWING IS AN ACCUNT OF FRG-GRC NUCLEAR DISCUSSIONS AS GIVEN TO THE EMBASSY BY A GERMAN OFFICIAL.

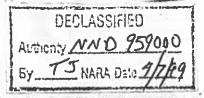
GRC REPRESENTATIVES APPROACHED SIEMENS REQUESTING A REACTOR STUDY, INDICATING APURCHASE WOULD FOLLOW IF THE STUDY RESULTS WERE SATISFACTORY. SIEMENS ASKED THE OPINION OF THE FONOFF ON POSSIBLE REACTOR EXPORT RESTRICTIONS. THE FONOFF ATTITUDE WAS NEGATIVE IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON FRG RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE USSR AND RED CHINA.

SIEMENS THEN APPROACHED THE SCIENCE MINISTRY, WHICH FAVORS THE SALE AS GERMANY .S FIRST MAJOR NUCLEAR EXPORT. HOWEVER, THE MINISTRY WOULD ONLY SUPPORT THE PROJECT IF THE GRC PLACES THE REACTOR UNDER JAEA SAFEGUARDS. THE GRC IS APPARENTLY AGREEABLE.

THE SCIENCE MINISTRY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE PROCEDURE FOR LAFA SAFEGUARDS CAN CONSIST SIMPLY OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN IAEA AND GRC, WITHOUT INVOLVING A DIRECT FRG-GRC SAFEGUARDS RELATIONSHIP OF ANY KIND. THE SCIENCE MINISTRY THUS WISHES TO PRESS THE FONOFF TO INFORM THE GRC THAT EXPORT APPROVAL WILL DE GIVEN AFTER SIGNING OF A GRC-IAFA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT COVERING THE REACTOR. THE NEXT STEPS WOULD BE IN COMPLETION OF THE DESIGN STUDY BY SIEMENS; 1) SIGNING OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN GRC AND SIEMENS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE REACTOR; 3) REACTOR CONSTRUCTION: 4) SUBCONTRACTING OF FUEL ELEMENT CONSTRUCTION BY STEMENS. PERHAPS TO NUKEM, AND 5) OPERATION BY THE GRC.

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THE REACTOR IN QUESTION IS NATURAL URANIUM OXIDE-FUELED, AND THE GRC OR NUKEM WOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED TO DEALING WITH SUPPLIERS OF ENRICHED URANIUM FOR FUEL.

THE OFFICIAL RETTERATED THAT IF THE US GOVERNMENT HAS SERIOUS OBJECTIONS (NOT OF A COMMERCIAL NATURE) TO SUCH A SALE, THE SCIENCE MINISTRY WOULD LIKELY NOT PRESS FOR A FAVORABLE DECISION, BY THE FONOFF.

EMBASSY HAS NOT COMMUNICATED CONTENTS OF REFTELS TO MINISTRY, BUT IS AWAITING DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE. HILLENBRAND

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