

April 27, 1986

From the Diary of Vitaly I. Vorotnikov

Dolgikh reported that early on the night of the 27th Moscow was informed that the accident was much more severe than according to the initial information. The reactor is damaged. The level of radioactivity is rising sharply. On the 27th the decision was made to evacuate residents of the NPS town of Pripyat. Units of civil defense and the Ministry of Interior were dispatched. Measures were undertaken to dump sand and lead on the reactor. [...]

Source: Vorotnikov, V.I. *A eto bylo tak: Iz dnevnika chlena PB TsK KPSS* (Moscow, Soyuz Veteranov Knigoizdaniya: SIMAR, 1995), p. 95

Translated by Svetlana Savranskaya for the National Security Archive

**NATIONAL
SECURITY
ARCHIVE**

This document is from the holdings of:

The National Security Archive

Suite 701, Gelman Library, The George Washington University

2130 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20037

Phone: 202/994-7000, Fax: 202/994-7005, nsarchiv@gwu.edu