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SUMMARY

1. ON THE MARGINS OF THE IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 23-24, U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN SHIRLEY ANN JACKSON HELD BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH COUNTERPARTS FROM UKRAINE, ISRAEL, CZECH REPUBLIC, SLOVENIA, GHANA, INDONESIA, ARMENIA, VIETNAM, BULGARIA AND CHINA; AND SIGNED COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THREE OF THE COUNTRIES. DETAILS OF HER MEETINGS ON SEPTEMBER 21 ARE REPORTED IN REFS A AND B; MEETINGS ON SEPTEMBER 22 ARE REPORTED IN REF C, AND COURTESY CALLS WITH IAEA AND OTHER OFFICIALS ON SEPTEMBER 23-24 ARE REPORTED SEPTTEL.

2. CHAIRMAN JACKSON WAS ACCOMPANIED IN HER MEETINGS BY EDO-DESIGNATE WILLIAM TRAVERS, OIP DIRECTOR CARLTON STOIBER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT MARTIN VIRGILIO, DEPUTY IOP DIRECTOR JANICE DUNN LEE, UNVIE NUCLEAR SAFETY ATTACHE CHARLES SERPAN, EDO STAFF ASSISTANT DAVID LANGE, AND OIP IAEA DESK OFFICER JODI LIEBERMAN.

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3. CHAIRMAN JACKSON'S FIRST BILATERAL ON SEPTEMBER 23 WAS WITH NUCLEAR OFFICIALS OF UKRAINE, HEADED BY NEW MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY (MEPNS) VASYL SHEVCHUK, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MIKHAIL UMANETS, FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF ENERGY; OLEKSANDER SMYSHLIAIEV, FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT/NUCLEAR SAFETY MINISTRY; AND MYKOLA MAKAREVYCH, RESIDENT UKRAINIAN AMBASSADOR.

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4. CHAIRMAN JACKSON OPENED THE MEETING BY CONGRATULATING MINISTER SHEVCHUK ON HIS NEW POSITION, AND ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD BE MAKING ANY CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURE, ROLE, OR STAFFING OF THE NUCLEAR SAFETY REGULATORY ORGANIZATION IN HIS MINISTRY. SHEVCHUK BEGAN BY NOTING THE VERY PRODUCTIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN HIS MINISTRY AND NRC IN THE PAST, SOMETHING HE PROMISED TO CONTINUE. HE ALSO PROMISED TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY BODY IN UKRAINE, NOTING THAT IT WAS ONE OF TWO WINGS OF THE MEPNS-- NUCLEAR AND ECOLOGICAL. THE CHAIRMAN TOOK POSITIVE NOTE OF THIS COMMITMENT, STATING THAT ALTHOUGH THE USNRC WAS A COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT AGENCY, IT HAD TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN DEALING WITH ISSUES REGARDING THE ECOLOGICAL

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IMPACTS OF NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES.

5. THE CHAIRMAN THEN ASKED HOW THE NEW MINISTER EVALUATED HIS AGENCY'S ABILITY TO COPE WITH AN EXTREMELY DEMANDING NUMBER OF TASKS IN THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY ARENA, INCLUDING, INTER ALIA: ASSURING THE SAFETY OF MEASURES REGARDING CHORNOBYL CLOSURE; POSSIBLE LICENSING OF NEW REACTORS-- THE R4 (RIVNE 4) AND K2 (KHELMNITSKY 2) REACTORS; ESTABLISHING THE REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE SARCOPHAGUS IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT (SIP); REGULATING THE NUCLEAR SAFETY ACCOUNT SAFETY PROJECTS; ESTABLISHING A REGULATORY BASIS FOR A

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NEW FUEL FABRICATION INDUSTRY; IMPLEMENTATION OF IAEA
SAFEGUARDS AND REGULATING SPENT FUEL STORAGE AND WASTE
MANAGEMENT. THE CHAIRMAN NOTED CONCERNS AMONG WESTERN
COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS THE NRC, WHETHER ADEQUATE
RESOURCES WERE AVAILABLE TO PERFORM ALL THESE TASKS.

6. SHEVCHUK REPLIED BY RAISING THE ISSUE OF CHORNOBYL
CLOSURE BY THE YEAR 2000, NOTING THAT ADDITIONAL
SUPPORT WOULD BE NEEDED FOR ACTIVITIES AGREED TO UNDER
THE 1995 MOU. ALLUDING TO THE DESIRE OF UKRAINE TO
COMPLETE THE PARTIALLY COMPLETED R4/K2 REACTORS BEFORE

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CLOSING CHORNOBYL, SHEVCHUK REPEATED FAMILIAR UKRAINIAN ARGUMENTS CLAIMING LINKAGE BETWEEN THE TWO ACTIVITIES. HE NOTED THAT THE REGULATORY BODY IS SERIOUS ABOUT THE SAFETY ISSUES, BUT THAT THE UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE NEED TO HAVE REPLACEMENT POWER BEFORE COMPLETING CHORNOBYL CLOSURE.

7. SMYSHLIAEV THEN ADDRESSED VARIOUS REGULATORY ISSUES HE WAS FACING. FIRST, HE NOTED THAT HIS ORGANIZATION HAD SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH RISKAUDIT THE PREVIOUS WEEK TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE ON EVALUATING SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE SIP PROJECT. THE CONTRACT SPECIFICALLY INCLUDED FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES OF THE REGULATORY BODY. HE ENVISAGED PARTICIPATION IN THESE ACTIVITIES BY REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS OF MANY COUNTRIES. CONSULTANTS WOULD BE INVITED TO WORK AT

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UKRAINE'S SCIENTIFIC CENTER. HE FORESAW AN EBRD CONTRACT ON SUPPORT, INCLUDING FINANCING AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT. HE HOPED FOR NRC SUPPORT IN THESE ACTIVITIES. REGARDING THE NEW NPP'S (R4K2), HE NOTED THE SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM WHICH WOULD BRING THESE REACTORS UP TO EUROPEAN AND, INDEED, WORLD STANDARDS.

8. ON FUEL CYCLE ISSUES, HE SAID UKRAINE NEEDED TO PURSUE A DIALOGUE BETWEEN DOE AND THE MINISTRY OF ATOMIC ENERGY TO DEVELOP MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE PROJECTS. REGULATORY ASPECTS WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON WHAT THESE AGENCIES DEVELOPED. ON IAEA SAFEGUARDS, SMYSHLIAEV NOTED THAT UKRAINE HAD FINISHED PACKAGING OF MATERIALS AT KHARKIV AND THAT THE IAEA WAS SATISFIED BY THESE ARRANGEMENTS. UKRAINE WOULD ENHANCE ITS DOMESTIC SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING AND CONTROL, BUT NEEDED TO CONDUCT FURTHER WORK TO IMPLEMENT A VIABLE PROGRAM TO PREVENT ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS. UKRAINE HAS AUTHORITY AND A PROGRAM, BUT INADEQUATE FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT THESE ARRANGEMENTS. THIS WAS RAISED IN ONE OF THE GORE-KUCHMA SESSIONS, AND WAS ALSO THE SUBJECT OF A 1993 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY AND DOE. A MAJOR PART OF THE AGREEMENT WAS STILL OUTSTANDING. IN THIS LITANY OF ACTIVITY, THE COMMON THEME WAS UKRAINIAN DESIRE TO RESPOND TO US CONCERNS AND TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION, BUT THAT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS PREVENTED THIS WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FUNDING OR ASSISTANCE FROM THE US OR OTHER DONORS.

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9. CHAIRMAN JACKSON THEN TURNED TO DEPUTY MINISTER
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UMANETS FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF THE UKRAINIAN ENERGY
SITUATION. IN A RATHER BLEAK SURVEY, UMANETS
INDICATED THAT TWO ISSUES WERE PRIMARY AND LINKED.
FIRST, THERE WAS THE TRANSITION TO A MARKET ECONOMY.
HOWEVER, THAT TRANSITION HAS NOT PROVIDED CAPITAL TO
THE ENERGY SYSTEM. HE NOTED THAT UKRAINE ELECTRIC
PRODUCERS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY UNDERPAID FOR ELECTRICITY-
LESS THAN 25 PERCENT OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS AND LESS
THAN 18 PERCENT OVER THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS. HE ALSO
NOTED THAT PAYMENT WAS MAINLY IN VERY AWKWARD BARTER
ARRANGEMENTS. HE CANDIDLY ADMITTED THAT THE
"TRADITIONAL ENERGY SECTOR IS IN A TECHNOLOGICAL

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CRISIS," WITH NO RESOURCES FOR MAINTENANCE OR FOR
FUEL. IN CONTRAST, THE OUTPUT OF NPPS HAS CONTINUED
TO BE STABLE, WITH SOME SMALL GROWTH AS A PROPORTION
OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY. NOW SOME 50 PERCENT OF
UKRAINE'S ELECTRICITY IS PRODUCED BY NUCLEAR REACTORS.
BUT, THERE IS NO MONEY TO MAINTAIN NPPS, EITHER.

10. UMANETS POINTED TO LACK OF RESERVE CAPACITY AND
PROBLEMS WITH LINKS TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, WHICH
TRIPS THE UKRAINIAN GRID WHEN PAYMENTS ARE NOT MADE.
HE NOTED THAT UKRAINE WAS CONSTANTLY OPERATING AT
EMERGENCY LEVELS IN TERMS OF CYCLING OF POWER BECAUSE
CERTAIN LARGE CONSUMERS COULD NOT BE SHUT DOWN (AN
EXAMPLE WAS THE COAL MINING SECTOR WHICH WOULD
EXPERIENCE MASSIVE FLOODING IF ELECTRICITY WERE
CURTAILED TO VITAL PUMPS.) FOR THESE REASONS, R4/K2
REMAINS A HIGH PRIORITY FOR UKRAINE.

11. IN RESPONSE TO THE CHAIRMAN'S QUESTIONING,
UMANETS SAID THAT R4 AND K2 WERE APPROXIMATELY EQUAL
IN THE LEVEL OF COMPLETION, ALTHOUGH R4 COULD PROBABLY
BE BROUGHT ON LINE EARLIER IF FINANCING WERE
AVAILABLE. UMANETS ARGUED THAT THESE TWO UNITS WERE
THE MOST ADVANCED IN THE VVER 1000 SERIES AND WOULD
FULLY MEET WESTERN SAFETY STANDARDS.

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12. FINALLY, CHAIRMAN JACKSON NOTED THE PAST

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COOPERATION BETWEEN USNRC AND UKRAINE'S REGULATORS AND
AFFIRMED A DESIRE TO CONTINUE ASSISTANCE, EVEN IN AN
ERA OF CONSTRICTING RESOURCES. HOWEVER, TO DO SO,
UKRAINE WOULD HAVE TO CAREFULLY PRIORITIZE ITS
ASSISTANCE NEEDS AND COMMUNICATE THEM TO NRC AS EARLY
AS POSSIBLE. SHE NOTED THE COMPLETION OF UKRAINE'S
NEW EMERGENCY RESPONSE CENTER, INDICATING THAT THIS
WAS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF FRUITFUL COOPERATION
THAT NRC FOUND MOST VALUABLE.

ISRAEL

13. CHAIRMAN JACKSON'S SECOND BILATERAL WAS WITH
GIDEON FRANK, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ISRAEL ATOMIC
ENERGY COMMISSION, GIORA AMIR, RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO
THE IAEA, AND EPHRAIM ASCULAI, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL
RELATIONS FOR THE ISRAEL AEC. BEFORE THE MEETING
BEGAN, CHAIRMAN JACKSON AND DIRECTOR GENERAL FRANK
SIGNED THE RENEWAL OF THE COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR
TECHNICAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE U.S. NRC AND THE ISRAEL
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION.

14. CHAIRMAN JACKSON OPENED THE BILATERAL MEETING BY
DISCUSSING THE ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR
REGULATORS ASSOCIATION (INRA), OF WHICH SHE IS
CURRENTLY THE CHAIRMAN. SHE SAID THAT THE MOTIVATION
AND PURPOSE FOR FORMING INRA ARE TO HAVE A FORUM FOR
REGULATORY OFFICIALS THAT IS INDEPENDENT FROM ALL
POLITICAL ASPECTS. FRANK AGREED WITH THE FORMATION
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AND IMPORTANCE OF THE INRA.

15. IN RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN JACKSON'S QUESTION ABOUT
ISRAEL'S PRIORITIES IN THE CIVIL NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD,
FRANK SAID THAT IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, ISRAEL HAD BEEN
FEELING PUBLIC PRESSURE REGARDING ACCEPTANCE CONNECTED
WITH TRANSPORT OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS. FRANK SAID
THAT THE PUBLIC NEEDS EDUCATION IN THIS AREA, AND THAT
THE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF THE INDUSTRY IS BEING USED BY
LAWYERS AND JUDGES IN A NEGATIVE WAY. HE OBSERVED
THAT BECAUSE JUDGES AND LAWYERS ARE INEXPERIENCED IN

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AGAINST THE IAEC.

16. CHAIRMAN JACKSON EXPLAINED THE NRC'S POLICY ON PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND ASKED IF THE IAEC CONDUCTED PUBLIC MEETINGS AS WELL. FRANK REPLIED THAT CIVILIAN NUCLEAR POWER IS DEBATED PUBLICLY. HOWEVER, THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ZONING AND PLANNING, THE LEAD AGENCY FOR SITING AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES, DOES NOT HAVE AN OPEN PROCESS FOR ALL CASES. THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY COMMISSION (INSC) REPORTS TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND THOSE DEBATES ARE NOT PUBLIC; HOWEVER, THE PUBLIC CAN OBSERVE MOST IAEC MEETINGS. CHAIRMAN JACKSON ASKED IF THIS PROCESS AFFECTED HIS ACTIONS. FRANK REPLIED THAT IF THE INSC MAKES A RECOMMENDATION TO THE IAEC AND THE IAEC DOES NOT AGREE, FRANK CAN THEN WRITEQ(##) PRIME MINISTER TO EXPLAIN HIS POSITION AND SEEK A MORE FAVORABLE DECISION.

17. DIRECTOR FRANK NEXT DISCUSSED THE ISSUE OF SITING OF THE PLANNED SHIFTA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, INDICATING A DESIRE TO HAVE IT APPROVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FRANK SAID THAT THE ISRAEL ELECTRIC COMPANY IS DOING ALL THE WORK AND SUBMITS REPORTS TO THE INSC, WHICH IS IN THE FINAL STAGE OF APPROVING THE SITE, ALTHOUGH IN PRINCIPLE ONLY. FRANK NOTED THAT THE WHOLE OF ISRAEL IS NOT FAR FROM A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE FAULT, SO SEISMIC ISSUES FOR NPP SITING ARE IMPORTANT AND DIFFICULT.

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CONCLUDING THE DISCUSSION ON SITING, CHAIRMAN JACKSON RECALLED THE SITING ISSUE FOR THE US DIABLO CANYON NPPS, AND THE CORRESPONDING LEVEL OF SAFETY.

18. CHAIRMAN JACKSON NEXT ASKED ABOUT ISRAEL'S POSITION ON SPENT FUEL AND LOW LEVEL WASTE. FRANK REPLIED THAT ALL WASTE WAS SHIPPED TO THEIR NUCLEAR CENTER AT DIMONA. HE CONTINUED THAT THEIR REGULATIONS ARE BEING CHANGED TO ALLOW LLW TO BE TRANSPORTED TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION; HOWEVER, PUBLIC CONCERNS ARE A PROBLEM. WITH REGARD TO HIGH LEVEL WASTE, FRANK SAID

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IT WAS TREATED AT THE NUCLEAR CENTER. HE ADDED THAT ISRAEL COMPLIED WITH IAEA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE, AND INDICATED THAT ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA ARE OF MODEST SCOPE. FRANK ADDED THAT THE NUCLEAR CENTER IS IN A UNIQUE GEOLOGIC FORMATION - A CLAY BASIN IN A BOWL - WHICH IS OTHERWISE ISOLATED FROM THE SURROUNDINGS. THUS, NOTHING CAN PERMEATE INTO THE UNDERLYING GEOLOGIC LAYERS.

19. CHAIRMAN JACKSON SAID THAT THE US HAS THREE LLW SITES, AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IS ABOUT TO RECOMMEND OPENING THE WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT (WIPP) IN NEW MEXICO. CHAIRMAN JACKSON INDICATED THAT THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY IS TO MAKE A DECISION ON THE VIABILITY OF DISPOSING WASTE AT THE YUCCA MOUNTAIN SITE. THERE CONTINUED A DISCUSSION REGARDING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DOE, NRC AND EPA FOR LLW, AND CONGRESSIONAL CONCERNS ABOUT THE PACE OF PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE. CHAIRMAN JACKSON INDICATED THAT DOE IS

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CONDUCTING THE VIABILITY ASSESSMENT, AND THAT THE NRC WILL BE REVIEWING AND COMMENTING ON THAT ASSESSMENT, AS WELL AS WRITING REGULATIONS FOR LICENSING THE SITE. FRANK ASKED ABOUT THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY PROCESS. CHAIRMAN JACKSON EXPLAINED THE STATE AND FEDERAL ROLES FOR LICENSING PROCEEDINGS, CONTINUING THAT THE FEDERAL LICENSING PANEL MAKES AN INITIAL DECISION WHICH IS REVIEWED BY THE COMMITTEE. FURTHER, THE DECISIONS CAN BE APPEALED IN COURT. FRANK ASKED IF THE WHOLE PROCESS WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, TO WHICH CHAIRMAN JACKSON REPLIED THAT IT IS EXTREMELY OPEN AND TRANSPARENT AT EVERY STAGE.

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REPUBLIC REGULATORY OFFICIALS, HEADED BY JAN STULLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC STATE OFFICE FOR NUCLEAR SAFETY (SONS); KAREL BOEHM, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF (SONS); AND EVA DRDAKOVA FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

21. CHAIRMAN JACKSON OPENED THE MEETING WITH COMPLIMENTS TO CHAIRMAN STULLER FOR HER TRIP TO PRAGUE IN 1987, FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION ON THE STATE OF AFFAIRS WITH CZECH NUCLEAR PLANTS. CHAIRMAN STULLER REPLIED THAT THEY HAVE COMPLETED THE 10-YEAR REEVALUATION PROGRAM FOR THE FOUR VVER 440 REACTORS AT THE DUKOVANY SITE. THE PLANT HAS UPDATED ITS SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT, BUT THE UTILITY AND SONS CANNOT AGREE ON THE TIME EXTENSION FOR THE NEW LICENSES. AT PRESENT, UNIT 3 HAS AN EXTENSION TO 2010, WHILE UNITS 1, 2, AND 4 HAVE ONLY THREE-YEAR EXTENSIONS. STULLER SAID THAT INSTRUMENTATION AND CONTROL (I&C) WAS THE SPECIFIC ITEM AT ISSUE, AND WHILE THE UTILITY AGREED ON THE WORK NECESSARY, THEY COULD NOT AGREE WITH THE REGULATOR ON TIMING, NOR ON THE LICENSE EXTENSION TIME

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FRAME.

22. IN RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN JACKSON'S QUESTION, STULLER SAID THAT THE RECENT RADIATION EXPOSURE INCIDENT AT DUKOVANY RESULTED FROM A WORKER NOT HAVING HIS RESPIRATOR CORRECTLY IN PLACE WHILE DOING REPAIRS ON A CONDENSATE POLISHING TANK. THE WORKER RECEIVED ABOUT 1-5 PERCENT OF HIS ANNUAL DOSE FROM THIS INCIDENT.

23. WITH NEW MANAGEMENT AT THE TEMELIN VVER-1000 MW PLANT, STULLER WAS MORE CONFIDENT ABOUT COMPLETION. SONS HAS COMPLETED REVIEW OF ABOUT 95 PERCENT OF THE ISSUES, STULLER SAID, BUT CABLING AND I&C ARE STILL UNDER REVIEW. BECAUSE THE PLANT IS SO LATE BEING COMPLETED, STULLER SAID THAT THE PUBLIC MAY BE LOSING CONFIDENCE IN IT. THE CZECH CABINET WANTS AN ECONOMICS REVIEW OF THE PROJECT, ALTHOUGH THEY WILL NOT ASK FOR A SAFETY REVIEW. STULLER ALSO NOTED THAT THE NEW DESIGN TURBINES AT TEMELIN ARE WORKING WELL, BUT THE SEPARATION DISTANCE BETWEEN STEAM PIPES WAS TOO CLOSE TO SATISFY SOME PIPE WHIP CRITERIA. SUCH AN ISSUE AS THIS COULD BE A PROBLEM SINCE STULLER SAID THAT THE GERMAN, BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED FOR A REVIEW OF THE SAFETY OF THE TEMELIN AND DUKOVANY

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REACTORS, AND CONTRACTED THE REVIEW TO THE GERMAN GRS (REACTOR SAFETY ORGANIZATION). STULLER ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE BY EXPERTS FROM DOE LABORATORIES TO HELP THEM FOR THE REVIEWS, BUT CHAIRMAN JACKSON NOTED THAT THE CRUCIAL FACTOR WOULD BE THE LEGAL ISSUE OF PROTECTION OF WESTINGHOUSE PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.

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SHE SAID THAT SHE WOULD COOPERATE IN BRINGING THE INTERESTED PARTIES TOGETHER TO DISCUSS AND RESOLVE THE ISSUE OF PROTECTION OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION. (

24. COMMENT: ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE GERMAN REVIEW RELATES TO THE OVERALL QUESTION OF SAFETY OF VVER REACTORS, AS THE CZECH REPUBLIC ENTRY INTO THE EUROPEAN UNION WOULD REPRESENT THE FIRST ENTRY OF SUCH REACTORS INTO THE COMMUNITY. END COMMENT.

25. CHAIRMAN JACKSON CONCLUDED THE MEETING BY ASKING STULLER IF SONS HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM NRC ON

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TRAINING. STULLER RESPONDED THAT SONS HAD RECEIVED
THE INFORMATION, BUT NOW HE NEEDED SOME ADDITIONAL
TRAINING IN EVALUATION REPORTING. STULLER SAID THAT
CZECH EVALUATORS TEND TO WRITE EVERYTHING THEY KNOW,
SO THAT CRITICAL DETAILS AND ISSUES ARE BURIED IN
TEXT, AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO COMMUNICATE ESSENTIAL
ISSUES TO THE PUBLIC.

GHANA

26. CHAIRMAN JACKSON'S FOURTH BILATERAL WAS WITH
OFFICIALS FROM GHANA, HEADED BY MRS. AGNES Y. AGGREY-
ORLEANS, AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA, DR. F. K. A ALLOTEY,
CHAIRMAN OF THE GHANA ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (GAEC),
AND MR. JOHN AMUASI, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE GAEC.

27. CHAIRMAN JACKSON OPEN THE MEETING BY ASKING ABOUT
GHANA'S PRIORITIES IN THE NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD.
AMBASSADOR AGGREY-ORLEANS SAID THAT PHASE I OF THE

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RADIOLOGICAL THERAPY PROJECT FACILITY IS COMPLETED, AND THAT PHASE 2 IS ON SCHEDULE. THE FACILITY WILL BE COMMISSIONED IN JUNE/JULY 1999, AND AMBASSADOR AGGREY-ORLEANS INVITED CHAIRMAN JACKSON TO VISIT THE FACILITY AT THE TIME OF ITS COMPLETION, OR AT ANY TIME IT WAS CONVENIENT. AMBASSADOR AGGREY-ORLEANS ADDED, WITH

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EMPHASIS, THAT GHANA WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUED ASSISTANCE FROM NRC.

28. CHAIRMAN JACKSON SAID SHE WAS PLEASED WITH GHANA'S PROGRESS AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT GHANA, SINCE IT WAS IMPORTANT TO KEEP GOOD RELATIONS. THE CHAIRMAN SAID THAT A VISIT TO GHANA WOULD HAVE TO BE COMBINED AS PART OF A LARGER TRIP TO OTHER COUNTRIES. SHE ADDED HOWEVER, THAT PRIOR TO A VISIT TO GHANA, THE NRC WOULD WANT TO SEE A WELL-DEVELOPED PROGRAM SO THAT NRC COULD PRIORITIZE AND PLAN FOR ASSISTANCE IN LIGHT OF THE BUDGET PLANNING PROCESS.

29. DR. ALLOTEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE GHANA AEC AND AN EXPERT IN RADIOLOGICAL THERAPY, THANKED NRC FOR ITS SUPPORT IN THIS AREA. HE SAID THAT GHANA HAS A SMALL CHINESE-DESIGNED REACTOR IN KINSHASA WHICH IS BEING USED FOR ACTIVATION ANALYSIS. THEY HOPE TO SOON HAVE A DOSIMETRY LABORATORY FOR RADIATION PHYSICS. ALLOTEY ALSO WISHED TO LEARN ABOUT NRC PROGRAMS THAT COULD HELP GHANA FORM ITS OWN RADIOLOGICAL CONTROL PROGRAM. CHAIRMAN JACKSON COMMITTED TO HAVE EDO-DESIGNATE TRAVERS ASSIGN AN NRC POINT OF CONTACT FOR GHANA, AND ADVISED THAT DISCUSSIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO A GHANAIN DELEGATION VISIT TO NRC. ALLOTEY AGREED TO NAME A POINT OF CONTACT FROM GHANA.

30. DR. ALLOTEY THEN SPOKE OF THE VERY SUCCESSFUL GHANAIN MEDICAL PROGRAM INVOLVING THE RADIATION THERAPY PROJECT. IN RESPONSE TO THE CHAIRMAN'S QUESTION, ALLOTEY SAID THAT IT IS 80% COMPLETE, WITH

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THE BUNKER ALMOST FINISHED AND EQUIPMENT FROM THE US ALREADY INSTALLED. THEY ARE CURRENTLY SETTING UP A DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC FACILITY AS WELL. GHANA OBTAINS RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPES FROM THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH ARE FLOWN IN BY PLANE. ALLOTEY CONCLUDED THE MEETING NOTING THAT GHANA HAD ONLY THE

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ONE RADIATION THERAPY FACILITY UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND
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31. CHAIRMAN JACKSON'S FIFTH BILATERAL ON SEPTEMBER
23 WAS WITH MIROSLAV GREGORIC, DIRECTOR OF THE
SLOVENIAN NUCLEAR SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NSA) (AND
IAEA CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD NOMINEE), ACCOMPANIED BY
BOJAN BERTONCELJ OF THE SLOVENIAN EMBASSY IN VIENNA,
AND ALES SKRABAN OF THE SLOVENIAN NSA.

32. CHAIRMAN JACKSON OPENED THE MEETING BY NOTING HER
DISAPPOINTMENT OVER NOT BEING ABLE TO SIGN THE RENEWAL
OF THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH SLOVENIA. FROM THE
U.S. SIDE, SHE NOTED THAT NRC HAD CONCURRED, BUT THE
AGREEMENT WAS STILL AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR FINAL
CLEARANCE. GREGORIC DESCRIBED THE COMPLICATED
APPROVAL PROCESS NECESSARY FOR DIFFERENT AGREEMENTS BY
HIS GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT THE SLOVENIAN MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) HAD RECOGNIZED TOO LATE THAT
EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT WAS RELATIVELY
STRAIGHTFORWARD, BUT EVEN WITH THE AGREEMENT ALREADY
TRANSLATED, THE STEPS FOR APPROVAL COULD NOT BE
COMPLETED IN TIME FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.
HOWEVER, GREGORIC SAID THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON FOR
NOT HAVING THE ARRANGEMENT READY FOR THE MFA WAS THE
TIME REQUIRED BY THE 32-MEMBER STAFF OF THE NSA TO
COMPLETE THE NATIONAL REPORT FOR THE CONVENTION ON
NUCLEAR SAFETY (CNS), DUE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 FOR
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THE START OF THE ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE CNS.

33. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM CHAIRMAN JACKSON,
DIRECTOR GREGORIC SAID THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE OR NO
DIRECT IMPACT ON THE NSA FROM THE DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN
THE SLOVENIAN AND CROATIAN UTILITIES. FOLLOWING THE

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SPLIT BETWEEN SLOVENIA AND THE REMAINDER OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, MOST ELEMENTS OF THE PLANT OPERATION AND RESPONSIBILITY SUCH AS SAFEGUARDS, PHYSICAL PROTECTION AND SAFETY CANNOT BE SHARED. THE CROATS KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT THEY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY FOR THE ELECTRICITY THEY CONSUME, BUT THEY CONTINUE TO RENEGE ON THAT COMMITMENT. GREGORIC SAID THAT THE 630 MEGAWATT WESTINGHOUSE-BUILT REACTOR WAS A GOOD PRODUCER, BUT NOW NEEDS TO HAVE ITS TWO STEAM GENERATORS REPLACED AS THE TUBING IS 80 PERCENT PLUGGED OR OTHERWISE REPAIRED. THE SLOVENIAN UTILITY IS RELUCTANT TO SIGN THE REPLACEMENT CONTRACT BECAUSE THEY CANNOT GET THE CROATS TO AGREE TO PAY A FAIR SHARE OF THE COST. THE CROATS WANT TO PAY 2 CENTS PER KWH FOR THE ELECTRICITY THEY USE, WHICH IS WELL BELOW THE REAL VALUE OF THE ELECTRICITY AND THE ACTUAL COST FOR PRODUCTION. THE CROATS ALSO REFUSE TO PAY INTO THE SLOVENIAN FUND FOR DECOMMISSIONING, STATING RATHER THAT THEY WILL "PAY WHEN THE TIME COMES" FROM A RESERVE THEY WILL RETAIN IN CROATIA FUNDED AT A RATE OF .3 TO .4 CENTS PER KWH - AGAIN MUCH TOO LOW SAYS GREGORIC.

34. GREGORIC SAID THAT ON AUGUST 1, SLOVENIA BEGAN TO PRIVATIZE ITS ELECTRIC UTILITIES, ALTHOUGH THE KRSKO

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REACTOR WOULD NOT GO PRIVATE, BUT RATHER REMAIN AS A PUBLIC UTILITY WITH THE CROATS HOLDING A SHARE. GREGORIC FELT THAT SLOVENIA WOULD LIKE TO BUY OUT THE CROAT SHARE, BUT HE THOUGHT THE PRICE WOULD BE MUCH TOO HIGH TO BE CONSIDERED.

35. GREGORIC SAID THAT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES WERE NOT SIGNIFICANT FOR HIM NOR SLOVENIA, AND THAT THE "GREENS" WERE CONSUMED WITH ISSUES EMANATING FROM THE KYOTO CONFERENCE RATHER THAN ON THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. GREGORIC CONTINUED THAT THE EUROPEAN UNION DID NOT PUT A HIGH PRIORITY ON SLOVENIAN ENTRY. IN THIS

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REGARD, HE SAID HE WOULD NEED CONSIDERABLE TIME TO
 READ, TRANSLATE, AND ADAPT ALL THE APPLICABLE EURATOM

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DIRECTIVES WHEN THE TIME CAME FOR ACTUAL ENTRY INTO THE EU.

36. CHAIRMAN JACKSON NEXT REVIEWED ISSUES OF DEREGULATION IN THE U.S., NOTING ESPECIALLY THAT NRC HAD RECENTLY DEVELOPED AN ACTION PLAN FOR REVIEWING UTILITY'S PLANS TO COMPLY WITH THE DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING ASSURANCE RATE. THE PLAN CLARIFIES ISSUES SUCH AS WHO MUST PAY AND WHEN, AND THE SCHEDULE FOR FUND ACCUMULATION. PRIOR TO DEREGULATION, NRC HAD BEEN ABLE TO ASSUME THAT THE NECESSARY FUNDING WOULD BE AVAILABLE, BUT NO MORE. MOVING ON TO DECOMMISSIONING, GREGORIC MENTIONED AN UPCOMING WORKSHOP ON DECOMMISSIONING PLANS, AND ASKED NRC FOR ASSISTANCE INCLUDING A U.S. EXPERT.

37. GREGORIC SAID THAT THE "CAMP" AGREEMENT (CODE ASSESSMENT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM) WITH NRC WAS BEING IMPLEMENTED SUCCESSFULLY AT THE JOSEF STEFAN INSTITUTE IN LJUBLJANA. HE ADDED THAT THE COBRA AGREEMENT WAS STILL IN HIS OFFICE FOR FINALIZATION. HE SAID THAT THE MAY-JUNE TIME FRAME WAS STILL HIS TARGET FOR SHIPPING SPENT FUEL FROM THEIR TRIGA RESEARCH REACTOR TO THE U.S. HE HAD ENCOURAGED THE AUSTRIANS TO INCLUDE FUEL FROM THEIR TRIGA REACTOR IN THE SAME SHIPMENT BUT

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DID NOT HAVE A RESPONSE. HE IS STILL WORKING ON THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE IAEA, SLOVENIA AND THE US FOR THE SHIPMENT AS WELL AS THE EXPORT LICENSE.

38. DIRECTOR GREGORIC CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS WITH THANKS TO CHAIRMAN JACKSON FOR THE EXCELLENT TRAINING RECEIVED AT NRC FOR SLOVENIAN PERSONNEL AT THE KRSKO REACTOR AND THE JOSEF STEFAN INSTITUTE.

INDONESIA

39. CHAIRMAN JACKSON'S SIXTH BILATERAL WAS WITH INDONESIAN NUCLEAR OFFICIALS HEADED BY SUMARYO SURYOKUSUMO, AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA, AND ACCOMPANIED BY MR. M. IYOS R. SUBKI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, AND M. RIDWAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE NUCLEAR CONTROL BOARD.

40. CHAIRMAN JACKSON OPENED THE MEETING BY NOTING NRC

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WILLINGNESS TO HOST THE FINAL FOUR ASSIGNEES FOR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING UNDER THE BILATERAL REGULATORY PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA. DR. RIDWAN INDICATED THAT STAFF OF THE NEWLY FORMED, "INDEPENDENT" NUCLEAR ENERGY CONTROL BOARD (BAPETEN) HAD GROWN FROM 70 TO 100 MEMBERS SINCE THE INDONESIA-NRC MEETING LAST YEAR, AND THAT HE WAS LOOKING TO SECURE FUNDS TO TRAIN ADDITIONAL ASSIGNEES. HE DISCUSSED BAPETEN'S REGULATORY STRUCTURE, WHICH INCLUDES DEPARTMENTS FOR RADIATION SAFETY, LICENSING

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OF NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS, AND A SECRETARIAT, AND ADVISED THAT SOME REGULATIONS WERE ALREADY IN PLACE.

41. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE ENERGY SUPPLY AND DEMAND STUDY (WHICH BAPETEN'S PARENT AGENCY WAS ASKED TO UNDERTAKE IN 1997) IN LIGHT OF NEW NATURAL GAS AND COAL DISCOVERIES AND CHANGING ENERGY NEEDS IN INDONESIA, DR. RIDWAN INDICATED THAT IT WAS ALMOST COMPLETE. FROM 1997 TO THE PRESENT, THERE HAD BEEN A 12 PER CENT GROWTH IN ENERGY DEMAND; HOWEVER, THE CURRENT EXPECTATION IS ZERO GROWTH UP TO THE YEAR 2000.

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42. WHEN ASKED ABOUT PLANS FOR THE FUTURE AND WHAT ELSE NEEDS TO BE PUT INTO PLACE, DR. RIDWAN NOTED THE NEED FOR A TRULY INDEPENDENT AND EMPOWERED REGULATORY BODY. HE INDICATED THAT THE PLANNING PROCESS NEEDED TO BE STRENGTHENED WITH ADDITIONAL FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS, GEOTECHNICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS, SEVERE ACCIDENT MITIGATION, AND FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES. THERE WAS ALSO A NEED TO DEVELOP A DEMOCRATIC DECISION MAKING PROCESS, AND A CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS.

43. CHAIRMAN JACKSON ASKED IF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS IN INDONESIA WAS AFFECTING THE PRIVATIZATION OF PLN, THE ORIGINALLY NATIONALIZED UTILITY. DR. RIDWAN NOTED THAT THE SITUATION IS DIFFICULT. PLN EXPECTED TO LOOSE \$300 MILLION THIS YEAR. THE PRICE OF

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ELECTRICITY IS FAR TOO LOW. WHEN ASKED ABOUT CURRENT ENERGY POLICY, HE INDICATED THAT INDONESIA IS PURSING THE FOLLOWING: (1) DIVERSIFICATION OF FUELS; (2) CONSERVATION IN EFFICIENCY AND UTILIZATION, (3) INTERNAL REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENT IMPACT; AND (4) INDEXATION REGARDING THE USE OF OIL (E.G., EXPORT OR TRANSPORT). HE NOTED IN PARTICULAR THAT THE NUCLEAR OPTION IS BEING CONSIDERED STRICTLY FOR POWER. WHILE OIL AND GAS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AROUND FOR ONLY 60 MORE

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YEARS, THERE IS CURRENTLY A STRONG LOBBY FOR OIL AND GAS USAGE.

44. DR. RIDWAN ASKED ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR REGULATORS ASSOCIATION (INRA). CHAIRMAN JACKSON SPOKE ABOUT THE RECENT INRA ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE DISCUSSION OF KEY FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS OF SAFETY. SHE NOTED THAT IF CORE ELEMENTS OF THE REGULATION OF NUCLEAR SAFETY WERE TO BE PUBLISHED, INDONESIA MIGHT FIND THEM USEFUL AS THE REGULATORY BODY TAKES HOLD. SHE INDICATED THAT NRC WAS PERFORMING A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF REGULATIONS IN MAJOR NUCLEAR POWER COUNTRIES, PRIMARILY FRANCE, JAPAN, AND THE U.K. SHE CONCLUDED THAT WHILE MANY COUNTRIES LINK THEIR REGULATORY BASE TO THE TECHNOLOGY USED, THERE ARE COMMONALITIES THAT ARE PREVALENT IN REGULATING SAFETY.

45. THE MEETING CONCLUDED WITH SIGNING BY CHAIRMAN JACKSON AND DR. RIDWAN, OF THE ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN USNRC AND BAPETEN ON COOPERATION AND TECHNICAL EXCHANGE IN NUCLEAR SAFETY MATTERS.

ARMENIA

46. CHAIRMAN JACKSON'S SEVENTH BILATERAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 23 WAS WITH NUCLEAR OFFICIALS FROM ARMENIA, LED BY ASHOT MARTIROSSYAN, HEAD OF THE ARMENIAN NUCLEAR REGULATORY AGENCY (ANRA), ARAM GEVORGYAN, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AT THE MINISTRY OF

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ENERGY AND MR. ASHOT HOVSEPYAN, SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENT'S NUCLEAR ENERGY SECURITY COUNCIL.

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47. CHAIRMAN JACKSON OPENED THE MEETING BY NOTING THAT THE USNRC AND ANRA HAD SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR REGULATORY COOPERATION AT LAST YEAR'S GENERAL CONFERENCE AND THAT, AFTER A YEAR, IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO ASSESS HOW IT WAS WORKING. SHE NOTED THAT NRC WAS PROVIDING THE RELAP SAFETY CODE, WHICH SHE HOPED WOULD BE HELPFUL. MARTIROSSYAN NOTED THAT THE FIRST PHASE OF THE RELAP CODE PROJECT (LAPTOP VERSION) HAD BEEN COMPLETED IN JULY AND THAT THEY WERE WAITING FOR THE

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SECOND PHASE (WORKSTATION VERSION) SOON. HE ALSO
THANKED THE NRC FOR ITS HELP ON EMERGENCY PLANNING,
BOTH BILATERAL AND THROUGH THE IAEA. HE ALSO
FAVORABLY MENTIONED THAT ARMENIA HAD RECEIVED
ASSISTANCE IN SEISMIC SAFETY AND STRENGTHENING OF THE
REGULATORY BODY WHICH HAD BEEN ESSENTIAL.
MARTIROSSYAN SAID THAT HE KNEW FINANCING WAS BEING
STOPPED FOR SOME SAFETY ASSISTANCE, BUT HOPED THAT
ARMENIA COULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE COOPERATION FROM THE
NRC.

48. CHAIRMAN JACKSON INVITED OIP DIRECTOR STOIBER TO
DESCRIBE THE CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING FUNDING OF
NRC INTERNATIONAL SAFETY ASSISTANCE PROJECTS. STOIBER
NOTED THE PROBLEM OF COVERAGE OF NRC STAFF COSTS WITH
AID FUNDS, AND INDICATED THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAD
RESOLVED THE PROBLEM FOR FY98. HOWEVER, ARRANGEMENTS
FOR FY99 STILL HAD TO BE NEGOTIATED. STOIBER
MENTIONED THAT PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO COVER CERTAIN
NRC INTERNATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WAS BEING
CONSIDERED IN THE CONGRESS AND MIGHT PROVIDE GREATER
FLEXIBILITY IN ASSISTANCE. CHAIRMAN JACKSON CONCLUDED
THIS POINT THAT NRC REMAINED COMMITTED TO HELPING
ARMENIAN REGULATORS, BUT WOULD HAVE TO BE INCREASINGLY
IMAGINATIVE ABOUT FINDING NECESSARY FUNDING.

49. MARTIROSSYAN THEN REPORTED THAT THE ARMENIAN
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GOVERNMENT HAD APPROVED A NEW DRAFT NUCLEAR LAW. A
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATURE APPROVED THE LAW
IN APRIL AND IT WAS EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE

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CURRENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE IN MID-OCTOBER. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD PROVIDED SOME ADDITIONAL STAFF AND BUDGET RESOURCES TO ANRA, AND SPECIFICALLY, THAT ANRA WOULD BE RECEIVING THREE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES THIS YEAR. HE SAID THAT ANRA NEEDED TRAINING FOR THEM AND HOPED THAT NRC COULD PROVIDE HELP WITH THIS. IN PARTICULAR, THEY NEEDED TRAINING IN RELAP CODE WORK. CHAIRMAN JACKSON ASKED WHETHER SENDING A TRAINEE TO NRC WOULD BE HELPFUL, AND MARTIROSSYAN REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THE CHAIRMAN PROMISED TO CONSIDER A TRAINEE REQUEST, NOTING THAT FUNDING WAS ALWAYS AN ISSUE.

50. MARTIROSSYAN ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE THE TWO AGENCIES TO SIGN THE ARMENIAN VERSION OF LAST YEAR'S AGREEMENT. STOIBER NOTED THAT THE TEXT WAS BEING REVIEWED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S LANGUAGE SERVICES OFFICE FOR CONSISTENCY. CHAIRMAN JACKSON PROMISED TO TRY TO "SPEED UP" THAT REVIEW.

51. IN CONCLUSION, CHAIRMAN JACKSON MENTIONED THE Y2K COMPUTER PROBLEM AND ASKED ABOUT ARMENIAN ACTIVITY ON THE ISSUE. MARTIROSSYAN REPLIED THAT ARMENIA HAD ESTABLISHED A SPECIAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE ON THE YEAR 2000 ISSUE, BUT THAT ANRA WOULD BE INTERESTED IN WHATEVER INFORMATION NRC COULD PROVIDE ON ADDRESSING THE MATTER IN NUCLEAR FACILITIES.

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VIETNAM

52. CHAIRMAN JACKSON'S LAST BILATERAL ON SEPTEMBER 23 WAS WITH NUCLEAR OFFICIALS OF VIETNAM, HEADED BY TRAN HUU PHAT, DIRECTOR OF THE VIETNAM ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (VNAEC) AND INCLUDED RESIDENT AMBASSADOR NGUYEN XUAN HONG AND HOANG VAN SINH, VNAEC SENIOR EXPERT.

53. DIRECTOR PHAT OPENED BY NOTING THAT VIETNAM HAD

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MET WITH DOE LAST WEEK AND HAD PROPOSED COLLABORATION WITH THE US IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD. VIETNAM WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DEVELOP REGULATORY COOPERATION WITH THE NRC, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF FELLOWSHIPS AND SCIENTIFIC VISITS. PHAT NOTED THAT VIETNAM WAS AT THE EARLY STAGES OF ESTABLISHING A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY USE, AND CURRENTLY ONLY HAD A LAW ON RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION IN THE FORM OF A PRIME MINISTER'S DECREE AND MINISTERIAL RESOLUTIONS. CHAIRMAN JACKSON NOTED THAT NRC HAS ASSISTED A NUMBER OF OTHER STATES IN DEVELOPING COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR REGULATORY LEGISLATION, AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE SIMILAR COOPERATION TO VIETNAM. THE CHAIRMAN ENCOURAGED VIETNAM TO CONTACT THE IAEA FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE LEGAL AREA. SHE ALSO NOTED THAT A NUCLEAR EXPERT HAD BEEN HOSTED FOR A VISIT LAST YEAR FROM VIETNAM.

54. CHAIRMAN JACKSON ASKED ABOUT VIETNAM'S PLANS FOR NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT. PHAT STATED THAT THE VNAEC HAD DEVELOPED A STUDY OF THE NUCLEAR POWER OPTION AND WILL SUBMIT ITS RESULTS TO THE GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT FURTHER FEASIBILITY STUDIES WOULD BE USEFUL, BUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S PRIORITIES IN THIS REGARD HAD NOT YET BEEN ESTABLISHED.

55. PHAT CONTINUED THAT VIETNAM'S NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES
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WERE CENTERED AT DALAT, WHERE THE US-SUPPLIED RESEARCH REACTOR HAD BEEN CONVERTED BY THE FORMER SOVIET UNION IN 1983. HE STATED THAT DALAT WAS NOT A CONVENIENT LOCATION FOR NUCLEAR ACTIVITY, AND THEREFORE, THE GOVERNMENT WAS PLANNING TO BUILD A SECOND RESEARCH REACTOR OF BETWEEN 10 AND 30 MW SOMEWHERE NEAR HANOI. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT HIS ORGANIZATION'S STRUCTURE AND STAFFING, PHAT INDICATED THAT THE REGULATORY COMPONENT WAS A SMALL ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE VNAEC, WHICH HAD A TOTAL OF 600 EMPLOYEES. HE IDENTIFIED THE KEY CHALLENGE AS TRAINING PERSONNEL.

56. AS THE MEETING CONCLUDED, PHAT REITERATED HIS REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN TRAINING AND IN PREPARING A NATIONAL NUCLEAR LAW. CHAIRMAN JACKSON STATED THAT NRC WOULD BE PREPARED TO LOOK AT SPECIFIC REQUESTS, BUT THAT RESOURCE ISSUES WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING WHAT NRC WOULD BE ABLE TO DO. PHAT

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INVITED CHAIRMAN JACKSON TO PARTICIPATE IN A
CONFERENCE CELEBRATING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RE-
OPENING OF THE DALAT REACTOR IN MARCH OF 1999. THE
CHAIRMAN INDICATED THAT SHE WOULD CONSIDER THIS
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57. CHAIRMAN JACKSON'S FIRST BILATERAL ON SEPTEMBER
24 WAS WITH GUEORGUI KASTCHIEV, CHAIRMAN OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL
PURPOSES, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ANGUEL PETROV, HEAD
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF THE
COMMITTEE, AND ROUBIN DOUBREV OF THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY
IN VIENNA.

58. FOLLOWING CHAIRMAN JACKSON'S GREETING, CHAIRMAN
KASTCHIEV SPOKE ENTHUSIASTICALLY ABOUT BULGARIA'S
COOPERATION WITH SLOVAKIA ESPECIALLY IN SOCIAL,

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ECONOMIC AND NUCLEAR MATTERS. KASTCHIEV NOTED THE
EXCELLENT SLOVAK WORK IN AREAS OF EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF PLANTS, LICENSING
OF OPERATORS AND INSPECTION PRACTICE AND THAT HE
INTENDS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS EXPERTISE.
KASTCHIEV APPRECIATED BEING ABLE TO USE NRC EMPLOYEE
ED GREENMAN THROUGH THE IAEA TO ADAPT THE SLOVAK
EXPERIENCE IN MANY OF THE AREAS FOR BULGARIA,
INCLUDING THE GENERAL AREA OF UPGRADING THE REGULATORY
AUTHORITY ITSELF.

59. CHAIRMAN JACKSON ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY NEW
ISSUES RELATED TO THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT. KASTCHIEV
SAID THEY HAD A NEW DEPARTMENT OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

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AND QUALITY ASSURANCE THAT WOULD REQUIRE SOME HARMONIZATION OF LEGISLATION. QUALITY ASSURANCE WOULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE TO HARMONIZE WITH EUROPEAN PRACTICE. KASTCHIEV'S COMMITTEE NOW REPORTS TO A DEPUTY MINISTER, AND WHILE HE IS NO LONGER UNDER THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, HE STILL NEEDS TO SEEK FUNDS FROM THE ENVIRONMENT MINISTER. NOT SURPRISINGLY, HE WOULD LIKE TO BE FUNDED INDEPENDENTLY AND REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. ULTIMATELY, HE BELIEVES THAT THE MINISTRY WILL CONTROL HIS BUDGET AND PROGRAM. KASTCHIEV SAID THAT BULGARIA WOULD HAVE A DRAFT LAW ON THE SAFE USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY BY THE END OF 1999, THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT LEGISLATION IN

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NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES SUCH AS SLOVAKIA. HE ASKED IF NRC WOULD REVIEW THE DRAFT LAW, TO WHICH CHAIRMAN JACKSON AGREED, SAYING THAT THE NRC COULD START IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1999, AND THAT THE REVIEW WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST THREE MONTHS. KASTCHIEV WILL ALSO SEND THE DRAFT LAW TO OTHERS IN EUROPE FOR REVIEW AND CRITIQUE.

60. KASTCHIEV IS PROPOSING TO UPGRADE THE BULGARIAN REGULATORY INFRASTRUCTURE. (COMMENT: BULGARIA IS ONE OF THE COUNTRIES RECEIVING ASSISTANCE THROUGH A REGIONAL IAEA PROGRAM TO UPGRADE THE REGULATORY INFRASTRUCTURE OF CEEC AND FSU COUNTRIES). HE IS TRYING TO INSERT A STATEMENT INTO NATIONAL POLICY THAT NUCLEAR SAFETY HAS A HIGHEST PRIORITY, BUT HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL AS YET. HE HAS TWO MEETINGS PER YEAR ON SAFETY AT THE GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL. ISSUES HE IS PURSUING INCLUDE INCREASING THE LICENSING STAFF, THE NEED TO BE FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT, AND GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR INCREASING REGULATORY CONTROL OVER THE KOZLODUY NUCLEAR POWER PLNT. KASTCHIEV SAID THAT FOLLOWING A RECENT INCIDENT AT THE KOZLODUY PLANT, HE TRIED TO TIGHTEN CONTROLS, BUT WAS OPPOSED BY OTHERS ARGUING THAT TH CONTROLS WERE TOO STRICT.

61. KASTCHIEV REVEALED HE WAS WORKING ON DECOMMISSIONING PLANS FOR THE RESEARCH REACTOR IN SOFIA, AS WELL AS THE REMOVAL OF THE SPENT FUEL AND WASTE. THE WASTE STORAGE SITE HAD BEEN IN DISUSE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, BUT HE EXPECTED IT TO BE BACK IN OPERATION BY THE SUMMER OF 1999.

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62. ISSUES AT THE KOZLODUY NPP INCLUDE THE NEED TO REFURBISH THE SPENT FUEL STORAGE CAPABILITY WHICH HAS BEEN STAGNANT FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS, AND SEISMIC STRENGTHENING WHICH IS SLATED TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER 1998. KASTCHIEV HAS SET A PERIOD FOR COMPLIANCE, AND IF THE UPGRADES ARE NOT MET, HE WILL NOT GIVE PERMISSION TO OPERATE. A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS NEED IMPROVEMENTS HE SAID, FOR ALL FOUR UNITS. BULGARIA WILL GET SOME ASSISTANCE FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, "RISKAUDIT" DOMESTIC COMPANIES, THE BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, AND WESTINGHOUSE, BUT

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FUNDS ARE LIMITED SO IT IS "TOUGH" TO GET THE
NECESSARY WORK DONE.

63. KASTCHIEV CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY ASKING TO
VISIT AN NRC REGIONAL OFFICE, AT BULGARIAN EXPENSE, TO
SEE WHAT REALLY GOES ON, AND HOW ISSUES ARE DEALT WITH
BY NRC IN THE FIELD. CHAIRMAN JACKSON READILY AGREED,
AND SUGGESTED THAT HE CONSIDER VISITING THE REGION II
HEADQUARTERS IN ATLANTA, IN JANUARY OF 1999.

CHINA

64. CHAIRMAN JACKSON'S LAST BILATERAL AT THE GENERAL
CONFERENCE WAS WITH CHINA'S CHIEF NUCLEAR REGULATOR,
MR. ZHAO CHUNG KUN, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL
NUCLEAR SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NNSA), WITH WHOM SHE
SIGNED A RENEWAL OF THE NRC-NNSA PROTOCOL ON NUCLEAR
SAFETY MATTERS.

65. ZHAO EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR US NUCLEAR
SAFETY ASSISTANCE, AND SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO
EXPANDING COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE. HE SUMMARIZED
NNSA'S RECENT REORGANIZING AND STREAMLINING. STILL AN
INDEPENDENT SAFETY ORGANIZATION, NNSA RECEIVES
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FROM CHINA'S EPA. THE

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PROFESSIONAL STAFF HAS BEEN CUT BY HALF TO 36. ITS
SCOPE OF WORK HAS BEEN ENLARGED TO INCLUDE RADIATION
PROTECTION, AND A COMBINING OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION FUNCTIONS. WHILE NNSA RECEIVES TECHNICAL
SUPPORT FROM OTHERS, THEY WILL MAKE THE FINAL
DECISIONS. WHEN ASKED ABOUT STAFF COMPOSITION, ZHAO
NOTED THAT THE MAIN TECHNICAL EXPERTS REMAIN WITH
NNSA, WHILE ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT IS PROVIDED
BY THE NUCLEAR SAFETY CENTER AND OTHERS.

66. CHAIRMAN JACKSON ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE
QINSHAN AND DAYA BAY NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. AT
QINSHAN, ZHAO SAID THAT DURING THE OUTAGE REFUELING
PERIOD, THEY FOUND A NEUTRON FLUX MEASUREMENT PROBLEM.
WITH REGARD TO NEW PROJECTS, PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.
LING AU IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION USING DAYA BAY 1 AS ITS
REFERENCE. THE CANDU SITE PROJECT COMMENCED ON JUNE
8. DEVELOPING SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR THE CANDU DESIGN
WILL PRESENT NEW CHALLENGES FOR NNSA, AND REQUIRE
CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL BOARD
OF CANADA. WITH REGARD TO THE RUSSIAN PROJECT, A
PRELIMINARY SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT IS UNDER REVIEW.

67. CHAIRMAN JACKSON INQUIRED ABOUT HOW CHINA WAS
ADDRESSING THE Y2K PROBLEM. ZHAO SAID THAT THEY HAVE
STARTED A PROCESS OF REVIEWING LISTS OF EQUIPMENT AND
NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF ANY US DOCUMENTS ON
Y2K COULD BE PASSED ON.

68. CHAIRMAN JACKSON EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO ZHAO
TO ATTEND THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR REGULATORS

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ASSOCIATION (INRA) MEETING IN JANUARY 1999 AT NRC'S
REGIONAL OFFICE IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS. SHE SUGGESTED
THAT CHINA COULD PROVIDE A COUNTRY OVERVIEW WITH A
TECHNOLOGY FOCUS. SHE THOUGHT THAT THE CHINESE WOULD
BE INTERESTED IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS INRA MEMBERS WERE
HAVING WITH REGARD TO KEY ELEMENTS OF NUCLEAR
REGULATION. CHAIRMAN JACKSON ALSO INVITED THE CHINESE
DELEGATION TO VISIT NRC FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND
EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

69. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT NUCLEAR LIABILITY
AND THE CONVENTION ON SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION, OIP

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DIRECTOR STOIBER PROVIDED A BRIEF OVERVIEW AND STATUS
REPORT. HE ENCOURAGED PARTIES TO JOIN THE CONVENTION
WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WOULD HELP FACILITATE
FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE NUCLEAR POWER
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