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State Dept. Agrees to Health Tests

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The State Department has agreed to an independent medical study of some 600 past and present workers at the U.S. embassy in Moscow who may have been subjected to Soviet microwave emissions.

The study was requested by the American Foreign Service Association as a precautionary check on the effects of intensified Russian beamings detected last year.

While announcing yesterday what it described as "a broad biostatistical study and evaluation," the department said its own tests have determined that no health hazard exists with regard to microwave radiation.

But officials said any officers who choose not to serve in Moscow will be granted tranfers to other posts "with no adverse effect on their careers."

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