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TEXT: 1. [REDACTED] OFFICIALS OF THE WEST GERMAN ROBOT
 PRODUCER BLOCHER GMBH SAID THEY HAD SIGNED A US\$40 MILLION CONTRACT
 WITH THE USSR IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1986 TO PROVIDE ROBOTS AND SUPPORT
 EQUIPMENT. ACCORDING TO THE BLOCHER OFFICIALS, THE ROBOTS AND
 EQUIPMENT WILL BE USED IN CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS AT CHERNOBYL. THE
 BLOCHER OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THAT AMONG THE ROBOTS WILL BE AN
 UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF THEIR MODEL MF-3. THEY ALSO SAID THE SOVIETS
 HAVE ABANDONED THEIR ORIGINAL IDEA OF PURCHASING ROBOTS FROM THE U.S.

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[REDACTED] COMMENT: THE MF-3 SELLS FOR APPROXIMATELY US\$300,000. THUS,
 THIS DEAL COULD INCLUDE AS MANY AS 10-20 OF THE UNITS, PLUS
 ASSOCIATED SUPPORT EQUIPMENT. THE BLOCHER OFFICIALS WERE VERY
 CIRCUMSPECT ABOUT THE ENTIRE AFFAIR, AND REFUSED TO GIVE ANY MORE
 DETAILS. THEY DID INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT THE SOVIETS HAD PURCHASED
 THEIR ROBOTS BECAUSE OF FRUSTRATION WITH THE LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED TO
 OBTAIN U.S. EXPORT LICENSES.)

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2. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] THE USSR IS PURCHASING ISRAELI REMOTE-CONTROL
 CONCRETE SPRAYING TECHNOLOGY FOR DECONTAMINATION WORK AT CHERNOBYL.
 SPECIFICALLY, [REDACTED] TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPED BY THE ISRAELI
 FIRM, I.H.S., TO LIQUEFY AND THEN SPRAY CONCRETE FOR BUILDING
 IRRIGATION DITCHES IS BEING SOLD TO THE USSR VIA THE SUMITOMO BANK'S
 OFFICE IN OSAKA. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THIS PIECE OF EQUIPMENT IS
 MOUNTED ON A FRONT END LOADER AND RESEMBLES A LONG ARTICULATED ARM.
 A NORWEGIAN COMPANY ALSO MAKES A SIMILAR PRODUCT. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NO OTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE VALUE
 OF THE DEAL OR NUMBERS/TYPES OF EQUIPMENT.)

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