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 CLEAN-UP EFFORTS; COMMENTS ON CHERNOBYL DISASTER

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(S/[]/NF) 1. ON 12 MAY 1986, A SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, OLEG A.
 ((OSIPOV)), HELD A MEETING IN THE MOSCOW OFFICES OF THE SOVIET STATE
 COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (GKNT) WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
 WEST GERMAN (FRG) FIRM ((HELLING)) LIMITED, AN IMPORT/EXPORT FIRM BASED IN
 HAMBURG, FRG, WHICH HAS BEEN SELLING TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT TO
 THE SOVIET UNION FOR THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS. THE MEETING WAS HOSTED BY

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GKNT OFFICIAL VOLODYA ((CHUKANOV)). OSIPOV REQUESTED THAT THE FRG FIRM SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR THE ACQUISITION IN THE WEST OF BOTH PORTABLE AND LARGE, STATIONARY RADIATION DECONTAMINATION SYSTEMS AND STATIONS. THESE DEVICES ARE TO BE USED DURING CLEAN-UP EFFORTS IN THE CONTAMINATED AREAS AROUND THE CHERNOBYL REACTOR. THE MINISTER WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN DIALYSIS EQUIPMENT FOR THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS SUFFERING FROM RADIATION CONTAMINATION. HE WAS LESS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING SENSITIVE DOSE RATE METERS. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MINISTER WAS REQUESTING THESE PROPOSALS BECAUSE THE SOVIET UNION DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT EQUIPMENT TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM. [] COMMENT: THE MEETING WITH THE GKNT AND HELLING COMPANY HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SOME TIME BUT THE TOPIC WAS CHANGED AT THE LAST MINUTE).

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(S/[]NF) 2. THE MINISTER MADE NO MENTION OF NUMBERS OF DECONTAMINATION SYSTEMS REQUIRED OR THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THE USSR IS PREPARED TO PAY BUT RATHER ONLY REQUESTED THAT A PROPOSAL BE PREPARED BY THE HELLING COMPANY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. OSIPOV IMPLIED, BUT WOULD NOT STATE DIRECTLY, THAT AT LEAST A PARTIAL MELTDOWN HAD OCCURED AT THE CHERNOBYL

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(S/[]NF) NUCLEAR FACILITY. THE MINISTER DID SAY THAT FOUR TUNNELS WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION UNDER THE DAMAGED REACTOR SO THAT CONCRETE CAN BE INSERTED TO CONTAIN THE RADIATION AT THE REACTOR SITE. [] COMMENT: NORMALLY VISITORS ARE TAKEN TO VARIOUS MINISTRIES FOR DISCUSSIONS WHEN IN MOSCOW; IT WAS UNUSUAL IN THIS CASE IN THAT A CONFERENCE ROOM AT GKNT WAS SET UP AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER CAME TO THE DISCUSSION.)

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(S/[]NF) 3. THE HOST OF THE MEETING, CHUKANOV, WENT A BIT FURTHER AND, WHEN ASKED, SAID THAT THE REACTOR CONTAINED MORE THAN 90 TONS OF URANIUM. HE SAID THAT THE REACTOR WAS, IN EFFECT, SHUT DOWN WHEN THE ACCIDENT OCCURED ADDING THAT IT WAS AT SEVEN PERCENT OF "HEAT ENERGY PRODUCTION" AT THE TIME OF THE EXPLOSION. HE ADDED NOTHING FURTHER, SAYING ONLY THAT THE EVENT WAS UNEXPECTED.

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(S/[]NF) 4. COMMENTING ON THE ACTIVITY AT AND THE OBVIOUS FLOW OF VISITORS TO GKNT THAT DAY, CHUKANOV SAID THAT ONE OF THE GROUPS VISITING GKNT ON 12 MAY WAS A DELEGATION FROM POLAND. HE SAID THAT THE SUBJECT OF "REIMBURSEMENT" WAS UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE POLES AND WITH OTHER (WARSAW PACT) "ALLIES". CHUKANOV THEN ADDED THAT THE USSR WAS FACING SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WITH THE CHERNOBYL DISASTER--NOT ONLY WAS THE DOLLAR FALLING ON EXCHANGE MARKETS BUT SO WAS THE PRICE OF OIL THUS MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE USSR TO PURCHASE GRAIN IN THE WEST, A NECESSITY AS A RESULT OF RADIATION CONTAMINATION IN THE UKRAINE. FINALLY, CHUKANOV SAID THAT BLACK SEA VACATION AREAS HAD BEEN CLOSED ON ACCOUNT OF THE CHERNOBYL ACCIDENT.

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