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SUBJECT: IRAQI NUCLEAR WEAPONS ACTIVITIES - SIXTH
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1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. AT 0545 HOURS LOCAL TIME, THE SIXTH IAEA IRAQI INSPECTION TEAM CONDUCTED AN UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION AT A BUILDING IN DOWNTOWN BAGHDAD AND DISCOVERED A LARGE NUMBER OF DRAWINGS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO IRAQ'S NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES. ACCORDING TO THE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF THE INSPECTION TEAM, THE DOCUMENTS DISCLOSE WORK "UNEQUIVOCALLY RELATING TO NUCLEAR WEAPONIZATION ACTIVITIES." THE DOCUMENTS ALSO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EXTENSIVE INFORMATION ON THE WIDE SCOPE OF IRAQ'S NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT.
3. DG BLIX HAS SENT AN INITIAL REPORT OF THIS DISCOVERY TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL PEREZ DE CUELLAR WITH A SUGGESTION THAT THE MATTER BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. MISSION HAS OBTAINED A COPY OF BLIX'S REPORT AND A RELATED DRAFT IAEA PRESS RELEASE. COPIES HAVE BEEN FAXED TO C. STOIBER, STATE - OES/NTS AND TO J. MCGUINNESS, IO/T/SCT.
4. THE INSPECTION TEAM IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO SECURE THE DOCUMENTS. TEAM LEADER DAVID KAY HAS REPORTED ORALLY TO VIENNA THAT THE IRAQIS HAVE NOT GRANTED THE IAEA PERMISSION TO REMOVE OR COPY THE DOCUMENTS. INSTEAD, THEY HAVE OFFERED TO DESTROY THE DOCUMENTS ON THE SPOT. KAY HAS REFUSED TO AGREE AND MATTERS REMAIN AT A STANDOFF. THE AGENCY WILL PROVIDE THE MISSION WITH FURTHER DETAILS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE. BECKER

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