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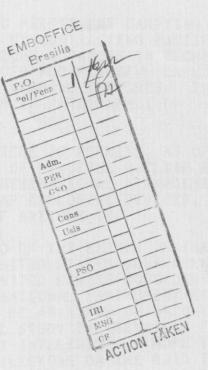
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SUBJECT: TREATY OF TLATELOLCO

1. FOLLOWING IS US STATEMENT SIGNED BY AMBASSADOR FREEMAN AND PASSED TO LA NFZ PREPARATORY COMMISSION (PC) CHAIRMAN GARCIAIYOBLES ON FEB 13. STATEMENT READ TO PC, IS NOW PART OFFICIAL CONFERENCE RECORD. AND IS UNCLASSIFIED:

QTE STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE CONCLUSION OF THE TREATY TO PROHIBIT NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA.

QTE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS FOLLOWED WITH IN-TEREST THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR

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DECLASSIFIED Authority NN 53155 THE DENUCLEARIZATION OF LATIN AMERICA, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTION OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. QTE IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE TEXT OF THE TREATY THAT, BASED ON PRESENT AND FORESEEABLE TECHNOLOGY, CONTRACTNG PARTIES ARE PROHIBITED FROM ACQUIRING NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AS WELL AS DEVICES SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED AS NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THIS FOLLOWS FROM THE PROVISION OF ARTICLES 1 AND 5 OF THE TREATY.

QTE WE UNDERSTAND ARTICLE 18 TO PERMIT THE CARRYING OUT OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS BY CONTRACTING PARTIES THEMSELVES ONLY IF AND WHEN FUTURE ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEVICES FOR PEACEFUL EXPLOSIONS WHICH ARE NOT SUSCEPTIBLE OF USE FOR WEAPONS IQRPOSES. THIS IS SHOWN BY THE CONCLUDING PROVISO IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE 18.

QTE HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND ARTICLE 18 PERMITS, AS OF THE PRESENT TIME, THE CARRYING OUT OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS THROUGH APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH COUNTRIES NOW POSSESSING UNCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES.
THIS IS SHOWN BY PARAGRAPH 4 OF ARTICLE 18.

QTE THE FOREGOING UNDERSTANDING OF THE EFFECT OF THE TREATY IS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S POSITION CONCERNING IT. THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS THE CONCLUSION OF THIS FIRST INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT ESTABLISHING A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE TO BE AN EVENT OF UNIQUE SIGNIFICANCE, AND THE U.S. WILL STUDY THE DETAILED PROVISION OF THE TREATY WITH GREAT INTEREST. WE HOPE THAT THE TREATY WILL CONSTITUTE A MILESTONE ON THE ROAD TO GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAENT, AND IN PARTICULAR THAT IT WILL LEAD IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO THE CONCLUSION OF A WORLDWIDE TREATY PROHIBITING THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

QTE WE THEREFORE WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION, THE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS TREATY.

QTE IN VIEW OF THE RESTRICTIONS THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION HAVE AGREED TO ACCEPT ON THE DE-VELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES -- AND WHICH WE HOPE THAT OTHER NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON COUNTRIES WILL EVENTUALLY ALSO ACCEPT -- THE MNITED STATE BELIEVES THAT AT SUCH TIME AS NUCLEAR

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EXPLOSIVE DEVICES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES MAY BECOME TECH-NOLOGICALLY FEASIBLE AND ECONOMICALLY PRACTICAL, THEIR POSSIBLE BENEFITS SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE ON AN EQUIT-ABLE BASIS TO ALL COUNTRIES REGARDLESS OF THE STAGE OF THEIR TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENT. APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO THIS END WILL, OF COURSE, HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN A WIDER CONTEXT THAN THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION AFFORDS. UNGTE

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