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The link below provides specific program information about the International Atomic Energy Agency's OSART program. If you have any questions or require additional information, please inform us.

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Please confirm that our understanding is correct and keep us informed of your progress in this matter. INPO's support in this important national endeavor is greatly appreciated.

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