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E.O. 12958: N/A TAGS: IAEA, KNNP, PREL, AORG SUBJECT: IAEA: REMOVAL OF NUCLEAR FACILITY LOCATION COORDINATES FROM IAEA WEBSITE

REF: SERPAN-AUGUSTINE E-MAIL 10/11/01 AND PREVIOUS

1. PURSUANT TO REF REQUEST, CHARGE SENT A LETTER TO IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL MOHAMED ELBARADEI WITH THE FOLLOWING TEXT:

"GIVEN THE NEED FOR INCREASED SENSITIVITY TO SECURITY AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 11 TERRORIST ATTACKS IN THE UNITED STATES, U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND UTILITIES ARE ASSESSING THE PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION ABOUT NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. IN THAT REGARD, THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION AND U.S. UTILITY COMPANIES HAVE REMOVED LONGITUDE AND LATITUDE COORDINATES OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES FROM THEIR WEBSITES. "WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR THE IAEA ALSO TO REMOVE LOCATION COORDINATES OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES FROM ITS WEBSITES AND SUGGEST THAT YOU DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AT A MINIMUM, WE REQUEST THAT THIS INFORMATION BE REMOVED FOR ALL U.S. FACILITIES."

2. IN RESPONSE TO THAT WRITTEN REQUEST AND PRIOR DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE MISSION'S NUCLEAR SAFETY ATTACHE AND THE

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SECRETARIAT CONCERNING THE SECURITY OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES. GRAHAM ANDREW OF THE DG'S STAFF REPORTED TO CHARGE OCTOBER 12 THAT THE DG HAS DECIDED TO REMOVE FROM THE IAEA WEBSITE NOT DNLY THE COORDINATES OF NUCLEAR PLANTS. BUT ALSO SIMILAR INFORMATION FOR ALL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE FACILITIES. VOBLE ST #1757 NNN

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