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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEX RE. THE RADIATION ACCIDENT AT
KJELLER, 2ND SEPTEMBER.

POLICE INVESTIGATION AS TO THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT HAS
NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT A
COMBINATION OF A TECHNICAL FAULT IN THE AUTOMATED INTERLOCKING
SYSTEM TO THE RADIATION CAVE AND FAILURE TO COMPLY TO CERTAIN
SAFETY RULES BY THE VICTIM WAS THE MAIN CAUSES.

THE VICTIM'S DOSAGE HAS NOT YET BEEN ACCURATELY DETERMINE DETER-
MINED. IT IS QUITE A COMPLICATED PROCESS. HOWEVER, IT NOW SEEMS
PROBABLE THAT THE DOSE WAS HIGHER THAN 1000 RADS.

IT HAS BEEN REPORTED IN SOME NEWS MEDIA THAT THE ACCIDENT
HAPPENED IN OUR TEST REACTOR. THIS IS NOT CORRECT. THE
COBOLT-60 IRRADIATION FACILITY HAS NO CONNECTION WITH OUR
REACTOR AT KJELLER

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