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MR. POWELL

CHERNOBYL: NUCLEAR SAFETY

I attach a copy of a letter from the Japanese Personal Representative, indicating that at dinner this evening his Prime Minister will propose the preparation of a statement on the safety of nuclear installations. We understand that the Japanese Government have the preparation of a draft in hand: judging by the synopsis in the letter it will cover the points which we wish to see made.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

4 May 1986

cc: Mr. Galsworthy
Mr. Lewis
UK Delegation

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Dear Colleague,

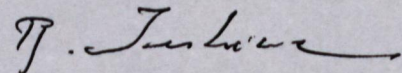
Prime Minister Nakasone feels it appropriate to issue a separate statement on the safety of nuclear installation and intends to put forward, during today's dinner meeting, a proposal to have such a statement prepared.

We envisage such a statement, if agreed, to contain the following points.

- Responsibility of all countries to secure safety and to provide prompt information in case of accidents.
- Concern about the Soviet accident
- Request to the Soviet Government for provision of information
- Readiness to extend assistance
- Following efforts to be made under the auspices of the IAEA
 - (1) promotion of international cooperation on nuclear safety
 - (2) Improvement of nuclear accident information exchange system
 - (3) establishment of effective means of responding to the need for mutual assistance
- Reaffirmation of the need to advance nuclear energy utilization

I would like to appoint, again if agreed, Ambassador Yoshifumi Matsuda, Director-General for Scientific and Technological Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as our contact person. (Nuclear Energy Division, MOFA at 581-3518 or Suisen-no-ma, Hotel New Otani at 265-1111 ext. 2328, or 597-1861)

Sincerely yours,



Reishi Teshima

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