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URGENT COMMERCIAL INFORMATION
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SUBJECT: US DEFENCE SECRETARY, FORTHCOMING VOTE- PTARMIGAN PLESSEY CONTRACT.

INFORMED SOURCES INDICATE PTARMIGAN MAY NOW BE SELECTED: FOLLOWING YOUR KIND PERSONAL INTERVENTION. HOWEVER AS YOU MAY BE AWARE AT AND T (USA) ARE POISED TO BUY OUT THE PLESSEY GROUP IMMEDIATELY AND AT AND T'S PLANS FOR PLESSEY WHICH ARE VERY ADVANCED: MAY CONFLICT WITH LEON BRITTANS EVOLVING STRATEGY AND WOULD CERTAINLY GIVE CAUSE FOR CONCERN TO LORD YOUNG.

WITH REGARDS TO THE FRENCH RITA SYSTEM, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THEIR MINISTRY OF DEFENCE ARE TESTING A SMALL RITA SYSTEM IN THEIR CURRENT PACIFIC NUCLEAR TEST PROGRAM.

I BELIEVE THIS IS BECAUSE RITA IS VERY VUNERABLE TO ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PULSE DAMAGE WITHIN 10 MILES FROM GROUND ZERO. A NOTE WORTHY POINT IS THAT THE U.S. ARE AWARE OF RITA'S EMP RISK AND THE FRENCH TESTS ARE CLEARLY AN OPPERTUNITY TO REVIEW THIS WEAKNESS.

THE CLEAR IMPROVED EMP IMMUNITY OF PTARMIGAN BASED ON FAR GREATER MECHANICAL PARMETERS CLEARLY PUT PLESSEY AHEAD IN THIS FINAL RECONSIDERATION.

I DO HOPE THIS INTERMATION IS OF INTEREST AND APPLAUDE YOUR PERSONAL EFFORTS TO SECURE THIS VITAL EXPORT CONTRACT.

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