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COUNTRY CHINA

DCI [Redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3) (S)

SUBJECT COMMENTS BY [Redacted] ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHINA'S ATOMIC BOMB AND HIS EXPECTATION THAT THE NEXT ATOMIC TEST WOULD OCCUR IN OCTOBER 1966

ACQ 5 MAY 1966 FIELD NO.

SOURCE [Redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3) (S)

1. IN LATE APRIL 1966, [Redacted] TOLD [Redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3) (S)

[Redacted] THAT HE HAD JUST READ A PRESS REPORT THAT COMMUNIST CHINA LACKED A DELIVERY CAPABILITY FOR ITS ATOMIC WEAPONS. HE THEN SAID THAT COMMUNIST CHINA WAS NOT DEVELOPING ITS ATOMIC TESTING PROGRAM IN THE SAME WAY THE USSR HAD. CHINA HAD ONLY IMITATED SOVIET SYSTEMS IN THE BEGINNING BUT FROM THERE HAD BEEN MAKING ITS OWN DEVELOPMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS. CHINA'S SYSTEM WAS ALSO DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE UNITED STATES; CHINA PRACTICALLY HAD ITS OWN SYSTEM. [Redacted] WENT ON TO SAY (b)(1) (b)(3) (S)

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THAT HE HAD HEARD OF ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVED AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME OF CHINA'S FIRST ATOMIC TEST IN OCTOBER 1964. IN ANSWER TO A QUERY [Redacted] ADMITTED THAT THE NEW DEVELOPMENT HAD NOT YET BEEN TESTED, BUT HE SAID HE BELIEVED THE NEW DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE TESTED AT THE RIGHT TIME.

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2. [Redacted] NOTED THAT THE CHINESE WERE READY FOR THEIR THIRD ATOMIC BOMB TEST, AND HE EXPECTED IT TO BE TESTED IN OCTOBER 1966 AROUND THE TIME OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST NATIONAL DAY.

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3. [Redacted]

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