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1. REF A INQUIRED WHETHER FURTHER GUIDANCE NECESSARY.
   THERE ARE TWO POINTS ON WHICH WE OWE HMG AN ANSWER. FIRST
   IS THE USG EVALUATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF THE IONOSPHERIC
   RIPPLE TO A POSSIBLE NUCLEAR INCIDENT. SECOND IS INTELLI-
   GENCE INFORMATION REGARDING SOUTH AFRICA NAVAL ACTIVITIES
   AT THE TIME AND THEIR RELEVANCE TO THE POSSIBLE NUCLEAR
   INCIDENT.

2. ON FIRST POINT, SCIENCE MAGAZINE ARTICLE WAS HELPFUL,
   BUT NOT AUTHORITATIVE. FORTHCOMING GUIDANCE ON PRESS
   PANEL FINDINGS MAY RESPOND TO THIS POINT, IF NOT, WE
   WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER GUIDANCE.

3. ON SECOND POINT, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE RELEVANT
   INFORMATION THROUGH INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS MARKED NOFORN,
   AND THROUGH STATE CHANNELS IN A NODIS CABLE (REF B) MARKED
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CYI, REQUEST THIS INFORMATION BE PROVIDED IN FORM WE CAN SHARE WITH BRITISH, EITHER THROUGH STATE OR INTELLIGENCE LIAISON CHANNELS. BREWSTER