

## Message Text

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FOR SHULMAN FROM WATSON  
E.O.11652: RDS-3, 10/30/89 (WATSON, THOMAS J.)  
TAGS: UR, US, PARM

SUBJECT: SOUTH ATLANTIC INCIDENT

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

2. WE HAVE PASSED ON TO THE SOVIETS THE MATERIAL PROVIDED  
IN REF A ABOUT THE SOUTH ATLANTIC INCIDENT, BUT SINCE IT  
WAS PRETTY LATE AND DIDN'T SAY MUCH I HAD IT CONVEYED AT  
THE WORKING LEVEL, AS WE ARE REPORTING SEPARATELY.

3. AS I THINK ABOUT IT, HOWEVER, I AM SURPRISED THAT WE  
HAVE NOT GONE TO THE SOVIETS ABOUT THIS SEPTEMBER 22 EVENT  
LONG BEFORE IT LEAKED TO THE PRESS. IN VIEW OF THE  
PREVIOUS HISTORY, INCLUDING THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH THE  
SOVIETS INITIATED REGARDING THE KALAHARI INSTALLATION, I  
HAD THOUGHT THAT WE WERE FOLLOWING A POLICY OF CONSULTING  
WITH THE SOVIETS ON INCIDENTS OF THIS NATURE. SUCH A  
POLICY SURELY IS IN ACCORD WITH OUR SHARED INTEREST IN  
PREVENTING NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR  
CONSULTING WITH THE SECRETARY AND LETTING ME KNOW IF THAT  
IN FACT IS NOT NOW OUR POLICY.

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## Message Attributes

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