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February 9, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR

The attached newspaper article was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

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cc: Dick Cheney

Attachment

Article entitled "Embassy Staff in Moscow
Warned of Radiation Leak" from WASHINGTON STAR
Sunday, February 8, 1976

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Brent Sewcraft

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Embassy Staff in Moscow Warned of Radiation Leak

By Terence Hunt

Associated Press

American Embassy staff members in Moscow have been warned they may have been exposed to dangerous levels of radiation stemming from some type of sophisticated Soviet listening or jamming equipment, sources said yesterday.

State Department spokesman Robert Funseth said he could not comment on the subject.

But other sources said the embassy staff was told in a secret briefing by Ambassador Walter J. Stoessel Jr. that there may be a potential medical problem because of the Soviet equipment.

One source said shields are being installed in embassy windows to protect American personnel.

IT WAS NOT clear what type of device might be producing the radiation but the U.S. government has been able to identify the Soviet equipment.

A source said embassy officials became concerned about detection of high radiation levels in December and tried to pin down the source.

The source said the investigation was complicated by the fact that the embassy was surrounded by Soviet buildings, any of which might have been the source of the radiation.

The investigation showed that the radiation was the result of Soviet electronic devices, "but how they're doing it and why they're doing it is still up in the air," the source said.

He said that although this was first time high levels of

radiation had been a problem at the embassy, use of powerful electronic equipment is "part of the game every side plays."

EMBASSY personnel reportedly were asked not to discuss Stoessel's briefing.

The American Embassy in Moscow is housed in a sprawling 10-story building. It contains about 50 apartments and four floors of offices for 125 embassy staff members.

Both the United States and the Soviet Union plan to build new embassy complexes in Moscow and Washington simultaneously, but construction work has not started yet.

