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SOVIET NUCLEAR SAFETY COMMISSION INSPECTS CUBAN NUCLEAR SITE:
HAVANA, OCT 22, REUTER. -- A SOVIET COMMISSION ON THE SAFETY
OF NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS FINISHED A NINE DAY VISIT TO CUBA ON
OCTOBER 21 DURING WHICH THEY INSPECTED THE CONSTRUCTION SITE
OF CUBA'S FIRST NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AND SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR
FUTURE COLLABORATION ON NUCLEAR SAFETY, GRANMA REPORTED TODAY.

THE SOVIET DESIGNED AND EQUIPPED PLANT IS LOCATED ON THE BAY
OF CIENFUEGOS ON THE CARIBBEAN SEA. THE FIRST AND SECOND +BLOCKS+
WHICH ARE NOW BEING BUILT, WILL HOUSE REACTORS THAT ARE SCHEDULED
TO GO INTO PRODUCTION IN 1990. EACH REACTOR SHOULD PRODUCE 417
MEGAWATTS OF ELECTRICITY ANNUALLY. WHEN COMPLETED AT THE TURN OF
THE CENTURY, THE PLANT WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF FOUR REACTORS.

DURING THEIR TOUR OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES OF BLOCKS ONE AND
TWO, THE SOVIET EXPERTS EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH CUBAN ENGINEERS AND
SOVIET ADVISORY PERSONNEL, THE NEWSPAPER SAID.

THE COMMISSION, HEADED BY G. E. MOSLOV, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE
SOVIET STATE COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY SAFETY MET WITH FIDEL
CASTRO DIAZ-BALART AND OTHER TOP CUBAN OFFICIALS IN THE FIELD OF
NUCLEAR ENERGY. DIAZ-BALART IS A NUCLEAR ENGINEER AND IS THE SON
OF CUBAN PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO.

DURING THE DISCUSSION, GRANMA SAID, BOTH SIDES +CONFIRMED THE
STRICT SAFETY MEASURES EXISTING IN REGARD TO THE CONTROL OF QUALITY
ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE.+

BEFORE LEAVING CUBA, THE NEWSPAPER SAID, AN AGREEMENT WAS
SIGNED +WHICH FORESEES BROAD COLLABORATION+ IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR
SAFETY BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS.

THE PLANT, ACCORDING TO CUBAN OFFICIALS, WILL HAVE A CONTAINMENT
DOME TO PREVENT THE ESCAPE OF RADIOACTIVITY INTO THE ATMOSPHERE IN
CASE OF MISHAP AND WILL HAVE TRIPLE SAFETY BACKUP FEATURES IN MANY
OF ITS MAJOR COMPONENTS.

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