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SUBJECT: CALL FOR CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF
 "YELLOW RAIN"

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED COPY OF A LETTER
 NOW BEING CIRCULATED AMONG MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS FROM
 A GROUP CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF AMERICAN RELIGIOUS
 ORGANIZATIONS, QUESTIONING THE ADMINISTRATION'S
 CONCLUSION THAT "YELLOW RAIN" IS EVIDENCE OF USE OF
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JSS CONCLUSIONS. THEY FEEL CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE ON THE SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN ADEQUATE AND LINK THE ISSUE OF "YELLOW RAIN" TO THE CREDIBILITY OF THE U.S. POSITION ON VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOVIETS. THE LETTER CALLS FOR CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL FOLLOW UP TO SEE IF LETTER PROMPTS INTEREST FOR HEARINGS.

3. FULL TEXT OF LETTER POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES MAY

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