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Reuters in Haaretz.com
January 13, 2009

"Our ambassador to the IAEA told them, in essence, that there was no possibility that the uranium found at the site could have originated with the Israel Air Force," the official said.

"The response, as I understand it, basically said, 'It wasn't us', full stop," a senior Western diplomat said. "It was not a detailed response ... The nature of the response is not hugely surprising."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1055199.html>

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VIALS OF DEADLY GASES FROM SECOND WORLD WAR FOUND IN DUSTY ATTIC

By Fay Schlesinger

Daily Mail Online (UK)

January 15, 2009

"When another dusty cardboard box was uncovered in her uncle's attic, Lyn Fulton expected to find memorabilia from his days as a war-time air raid warden and chemistry lecturer.

Instead, she found vials of deadly gases thought to date back to the Second World War."

"Experts say they may have been part of a kit to help people identify the gases in case of a chemical attack.

The four glass vials were labelled mustard gas, phosgene, Lewisite and bromobenzyl cyanide (BBC) - all used during the two World Wars."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1116544/Vials-deadly-gases-Second-World-War-dusty-attic.html?ITO=1490>

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NNSA RECOVERS 20,000 RADIOACTIVE SOURCES FROM AROUND THE UNITED STATES

US National Nuclear Security Administration News Release

January 14, 2009

"The Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) announced today that it has recovered over 20,000 excess and unwanted sealed radioactive sources in the United States. These sources are made from plutonium, cesium, americium, cobalt, strontium and other radioactive materials.

"This major achievement in the removal of these radioactive sources ends any threat that they could be used in a dirty bomb," said NNSA Administrator Thomas D'Agostino. "NNSA's continued progress illustrates our comprehensive strategy to keep dangerous nuclear and radiological material safe and secure."

NNSA uses its Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory (INL) and contracts with the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) and three small business firms to recover radioactive sources from commercial firms and academic institutions after the sources are determined to be excess and unwanted, and when there is no other disposition path. NNSA's source recovery efforts

involve reporting to the proper state radiation safety agencies and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission."

The full article can be found at: <http://nnsa.energy.gov/news/2270.htm>

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U.S. LAWMAKER SEEKS STRONGER SANCTIONS TO DENY WMD ACQUISITION BY "ROGUE REGIMES":

Global Security Newswire

January 15, 2009

"U.S. Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fla.) has reintroduced legislation to add U.S. economic leverage against nations that support nuclear or missile technology transfers to Iran, North Korea or Syria, she announced yesterday."

"The Security through Termination of Proliferation (STOP) Act, officially designated H.R. 485, would expand the set of activities that could trigger U.S. sanctions and would bar U.S. nuclear cooperation agreements with any nation "that is assisting the nuclear program of Iran, North Korea or Syria, or transferring advanced conventional weapons or missiles" to those countries, according to the bill's text."

The full article can be found at: http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20090115_9702.php

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CAMDS [CHEMICAL AGENT MUNITIONS DISPOSAL SYSTEMS] CLOSURE GETS NEW SITE PROJECT MANAGER

US Army Chemical Materials Agency News Release

January 15, 2009

"With the new year comes a new focus on closure activities at the Chemical Agent Munitions Disposal Systems (CAMDS) located at the Deseret Chemical Depot (DCD). Jerry Linn has been named as the U.S. Army Chemical Material Agency (CMA) Site Project Manager (SPM) for CAMDS. Linn is no stranger to the TOCDF, previously serving for a number of years as a government TOCDF associate project manager based at CMA headquarters in Maryland.

Linn and his staff recently moved into the new CAMDS field office, which provides support to the U.S. Army in oversight of the systems contractor performing the closure work. As the new CAMDS SPM, Linn serves as the lead manager for the destruction of the CAMDS facility and its secondary wastes. Linn reports to the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (TOCDF) SPM Ted Ryba, who believes "Jerry's selection brings great value to the

CAMDS closure effort.”

CAMDS closure work includes the decontamination and demolition of the facilities and equipment. That work will transition from Tennessee Valley Authority to EG&G Defense Materials, Inc. on April 1, 2009, having all closure work at DCD performed by a single systems contractor.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.cma.army.mil/fndocumentviewer.aspx?docid=003679937>

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