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TO: AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
INFO: SECSTATE WASHDC, IMMEDIATE

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EMBASSY MOSCOW FOR THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM ONLY

STATE FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY TALBOTT AND S/NIS SESTANOVICH

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