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Since I have returned from the DPRK, I have had a chance to review the "daily" faxes received from the delegations. There are a couple of items that should be clarified so there are no misunderstandings or mis-interpretations:

FAX dated 9/20/95 indicated that we expected the DPRK to bring the water level up to the 6 meter mark using raw water. In fact, at our request the DPRK did "top off" the pool using their own make up system. Our makeup demineralizer system was used by us for filling the WTS, cleaning, etc., and by the DPRK only for the last few inches of topping off. We would definitely rather NOT have them use raw water as this would introduce chlorides, sulfates, iron, calcium,

FAX dated 9/21/95 discussed the need for blowing out the water from the filter housings before opening to change elements or bags. Indeed, the system was designed for this as each unit has an attachment for compressed air blowout with a drain back to the pool for the displaced water. By using the compressed air, the water can be discharged back to the pool and filter unit left "blowing down" for some time to minimize dripping and lid run off when the filters are finally opened. The procedures for this were practiced at CenTec during pre-operational testing. There is an air compressor supplied specifically for this purpose. I suspect that under the "circumstances" at the time they were changing the clean units, they could not follow the detailed procedures without interruption.

FAX dated 9/22/95 discussed the chiller shutdown problem. Since the chiller set point was at 34 F last week, the local personnel has studied the literature and reset the set point data for the controller. The chillers will also shut down if there is a momentary loss of flow (e.g., power interruption) and must be restarted by the operator.

The DPRK personnel constantly "hound" the delegation for information on shipping. We had this happen at least twice a day. They do read the correspondence from the U.S. and almost without exception, misinterpret the data. Since they are quite anxious to have use of the IL-76 at "others" expense, the schedule becomes important. The obvious information pipeline for them is simply to contact the Air Koryo office. We found that there is little communication between the office in Beijing and P'yongyang. The problem this causes for us is that they want to deploy the IL-76 to Beijing at any and every opportunity if the costs can be offset by others. For example, when Tom Grim and I left on the 19th, we were

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told that they were sending the IL-76 to Beijing because Gordon had 500 kilos of "luggages" (there translation of cargo). This was a result of me continually asking for an update on the current shipment from CenTec and misinterpretation by the DPRK. Unfortunately, Gordon did not even have his own personal luggage! Thus, it is probably best just to ask the DPRK to be patient and consult Air Koryo about flight schedules.

For clarification, I learned this morning that this last shipment was not complete and that part of the freight (boxes #1,2,4,7,8,9,&10) is still in Tokyo. The other six boxes left for P'yongyang today (9/23/95 DPRK time). We will contact the freight forwarder (DHL) ASAP to clarify on Monday morning. This is most unfortunate as I am sure the DPRK has seen the fax stating that the freight was "on the ground" in Beijing on Sep. 21.

If anyone has any questions, please call CenTec.

cc: RNM