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# New Scare at Embassy in Moscow

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Two three-year-old American girls living in the U.S. embassy, which has been subjected to microwave radiation, have returned to the United States with unusual blood problems, informed sources said yesterday.

An embassy spokesman confirmed that the girls left earlier this week but would give no other details. An investigation of possible medical effects of the radiation, which American officials have said is part of Soviet electronic surveillance of the embassy, is under way.

The radiation has continued

despite repeated protests to the Soviets. Most windows in the embassy complex have been screened to cut down radiation, and the State Department has said this has been 90 per cent effective.

Soviet officials have maintained that the embassy's own electronic equipment is responsible for the microwave field around the building.

Despite reports about the two girls, American sources insisted that no medical problems have yet been found that can be related to the radiation.

The children, whose names were not given, lived in adjoin-

ing apartments in one wing of the ten-story embassy building.

Sources said the decision to take them home for further medical observation came during a visit by Dr. William Watson and Dr. Herbert Pollack, senior State Department specialists who came to assess results of two series of blood tests made on embassy personnel and their families.

The blood tests were administered as concern grew over possible medical problems arising from the radiation. Watson and Pollack left for Washington Thursday without disclosing the results of their tests.

One explanation for the

microwaves is that the Soviets beam them at the embassy to counteract U.S. eavesdropping devices there. But a scientist connected with an earlier investigation of the mysterious microwave signals has said he did not rule out a possibility that the radiation is intended to cause a "suppressive effect" on embassy personnel.

Secret American investigation of the microwaves goes back to the early 1960s, American officials have said, but the problem has been publicly discussed only for about the last six months.

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