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No Microwave Link in Embassy Test

Moscow

Blood tests on U.S. Embassy personnel here show abnormalities in one-third of the people tested, according to an administrative notice distributed yesterday.

The blood tests, conducted after the embassy claimed that microwave radiation was being beamed at the building by the Russians, showed an increase in the white blood cell count of one out of three embassy employees and family members who were examined.

"There is no connection with microwaves directed at the embas-

sy," the notice said. At the same time it added: "the cause remains undetermined."

"It can only be said that there may be a factor in the Moscow environment which produces a benign temporary increase in the circulating blood lymphocytes in some people."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Robert Funseth said the tests ruled out any connection between the radiation and the abnormalities.

The notice, which was distributed to all embassy personnel and

other Americans living here, said additional State Department medical tests have "failed to find any adverse consequences from the lymphocytosis." The announcement comes just over a year after the radiation was disclosed and two months after the embassy was designated an "unhealthful post" by the State Department.

At that time, hardship benefits for embassy personnel were increased because of "reported environmental conditions regarding sanitation and disease, medical and hospital facilities and climate."

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