UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM BRIEFED CLEM ZABLOCKI AND JOHN GLENN AUGUST 11 ON PAKISTAN. ON THE BASIS OF HIS RECENT TRIP HE STRESSED THE PRECAUTIONS OF THE PAKISTAN SITUATION, THEIR CONCERN OVER AFGHANISTAN, AND THE U.S. INTERESTS INVOLVED IN RESUMING NORMAL AID TO THAT COUNTRY. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND HE MENTIONED FOR THEIR INFORMATION ONLY THAT THE FRENCH WERE CURRENTLY DISCUSSING POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PAKISTAN REPROCESSING PROJECT AND ADVISED BOTH MEN THAT THE ADMINISTRATION MIGHT, WITHIN A FEW WEEKS, BE COMING TO THEM TO CONSULT ON RESUMED AID. BOTH ZABLOCKI AND GLENN STRESSED THAT MANY IN CONGRESS REMAIN DEEPLY SUSPICIOUS OF PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR INTENTIONS AND THAT, EVEN IF THE FRENCH SECRET

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WITHDRAW, CONGRESS WILL PROBABLY WITH PUBLIC ASSURANCES FROM THE PAKISTANIS THAT THEY WILL NOT PROCEED ON ANY OTHER BASIS WITH REPROCESSING. THE UNDER SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT, GIVEN THE PAKISTAN POLITICAL SITUATION, THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT AND THAT WE MAY HAVE TO PROCEED ON A BASIS OF QUIET ASSURANCES FROM PAKISTAN OR OUR OWN ESTIMATE OF THEIR CAPACITY. ZABLOCKI POINTED OUT THAT THE GLENN AMENDMENT PROVIDES FOR A PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER BUT ASSERTED AT THE SAME TIME THAT THIS PATH WOULD NOT BE POPULAR UNLESS THE SUSPICION THAT PAKISTAN WOULD PROCEED WITH REPROCESSING WAS LAID TO REST. GLENN PREDICTED THAT IF THERE WAS DOUBT ABOUT PAKISTAN'S INTENTIONS THERE WERE THOSE WHO WOULD PROPOSE A SPECIFIC PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN. CHRISTOPHER

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