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Talking Points for Murphy-Azim Meeting

- -- Inform Ambassador Azim that we expect to move forward in the next few days to notify the Congress of our intention to sell 500 AIM-9L air-to-air missiles to Pakistan, as we had promised we would earlier last year when we informed Pakistan of our positive response to the Pakistan request.
- -- Notifications of our intention to sell I-TOW and AN/TPQ-36 radars will also be made in the next week.
- -- We will address other outstanding requests for military systems in the near future.
 - -- We remain fully committed to helping Pakistan defend itself, and that commitment remains firm and unchanging.
- -- At the same time, as we have said in the past, that help presupposes Pakistani restraint in the nuclear area.
- -- We have noted with interest President Zia's reported comment to Henry Kissinger regarding a willingness to make a commitment in writing to hold enrichment to below five percent. Although we have interpreted President Zia's last written assurance to us as being tantamount to the same thing, we would of course welcome any additional a specific clarification of this point. Written player and to write Uprantum beginning to the course welcome any additional assurance clarification of this point.
- -- While we highly value these assurances, we also seek verification mechanisms which would serve to strengthen our relationship as we look to extending our cooperation in the coming years. Just as our substantial security assistance demonstrates in a concrete way our security commitment to Pakistan, so would verification mechanisms relating to the address program directly address the serious concerns of those with questions about the peaceful nature of the Pakistan program. Any such action Pakistan could take would be an important step to help us build broad and enduring support for Pakistan.
- -- As President Zia may recall, Deane Hinton spoke to him last summer about the possibility of U.S. visitors to Pakistan's uranium enrichment facility. We continue to believe that Pakistan's willingness to accept such visitors would be most helpful in our efforts to sustain support for the security assistance program.

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- -- We appreciate the concern President Zia has expressed about avoiding any suggestion of an intrusion on Pakistan's sovereignty. In putting forward this idea, we would hope to work with Pakistan on ways to avoid giving such an impression, perhaps by thinking in terms of an appropriate exchange of visitors.
- -- We also share President Zia's interest in seeing the problem of nonproliferation addressed more effectively in the regional context. We will continue to advance this view in our discussions with India and others.
- -- Pakistan has already advanced a number of useful suggestions in this regional context, such as one calling for agreement, between India and Pakistan, on mutual inspection of each others nuclear facilities. Another such possibility which we believe would have a very positive effect on the non-proliferation atmosphere in South Asia is a joint statement, by Pakistan and India, noting both parties are opposed to the acquisition and testing of nuclear devices.