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OF DACCA ARE AFLOOD WITH HINDUS AND OTHERS SEEKING TO GET OUT OF DACCA. MANY BENGALIS HAVE SOUGHT REFUGE IN HOMES OF AMERICANS, MOST OF WHOM ARE EXTENDING SHELTER.

4. TIGHTNING OF CURFEW TODAY (IT IS BEING REIMPOSED AT NOON) SEEMS DESIGNED TO FACILITATE PAK MILITARY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. THERE IS NO RPT NO RESISTANCE BEING OFFERED IN DACCA TO MILITARY.

5. FULL HORROR OF PAK MILITARY ATROCITIES WILL COME TO LIGHT SOONER OR LATER. I, THEREFORE, QUESTION CONTINUED ADVISABILITY OF PRESENT USG POSTURE OF PRETENDING TO BELIEVE GOP FALSE ASSERTIONS AND DENYING, FOR UNDERSTOOD REASONS, THAT THIS OFFICE IS COMMUNICATING DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EVENTS IN EAST PAKISTAN. WE SHOULD BE EXPRESSING OUR SHOCK, AT LEAST PRIVATELY TO GOP, AT THIS WAVE OF TERROR DIRECTED AGAINST THEIR OWN COUNTRYMEN BY PAK MILITARY. I, OF COURSE, WOULD HAVE TO BE IDENTIFIED AS SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND PRESUMABLY GOP WOULD ASK ME TO LEAVE. I DO NOT BELIEVE SAFETY OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY WOULD BE THREATENED AS A CONSEQUENCE, BUT OUR COMMUNICATION CAPABILITY WOULD BE COMPROMISED. GP-3.
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