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SUBJ: SUPPLY OF THIRD COUNTRY US ARMS TO PAKISTAN

REF: NEW DELHI 12487

1. WE BELIEVE IT IS BEST THAT WE NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY PRESS ALLEGATIONS THAT US HAD ALERTED BOTH JORDAN AND IRAN TO BE PREPARED TO FURNISH PAKISTAN WITH US ARMS. WE BELIEVE THAT INDIAN CONCERNS RE POSSIBLE US ACTIONS DURING WAR WERE ONE FACTOR LEADING TO PROMPTNESS OF INDIAN CEASE FIRE IN WEST. BOTH BECAUSE THERE REMAIN IMPORTANT TASKS SUCH AS WITHDRAWAL AND TO ASSURE CONSISTENCY US POSITION, WE WISH TO CONTINUE IN STANCE OF AVOIDING ACTION TO EASE INDIAN CONCERNS.

2. ACCORDINGLY, IF GCI ASKS ABOUT UNNA REPORTS YOU SHOULD IF POSSIBLE AVOID DIRECT RESPONSE. IF PRESSED SUGGEST YOU REPLY THAT YOU ARE UNAWARE OF FACTS REGARDING UNNA STORY ON JORDAN AND IRANIAN ARMS, WHICH IN ANY EVENT OVERTAKEN BY CEASE FIRE. ROGERS

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