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SUBJECT: FRENCH GO PUBLIC (PARTLY) ON REPROCESSING
ISSUE WITH PAKISTAN

REF: ISLAMABAD 7497

1. THE FRENCH HAVE PUBLICLY SURFACED SOME OF THEIR
DIFFICULTIES WITH PAKISTAN OVER THE REPROCESSING PLANT.
MFA SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED AUGUST 2 THAT DURING HIS JULY
VISIT TO ISLAMABAD JACOMET HAD MADE SOME PROPOSALS TO
PAKISTAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A WEAPONS-PROOF RE-
PROCESSING PLANT. THE SPOKESMAN SAID QUOTE AT
THE END OF 1976 THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN NUCLEAR POLICY
TOOK DECISIONS ACCORDING TO WHICH FRANCE IS PURSUING
A FIRM POLICY OF NON-PROLIFERATION. THE PAKISTANI
GOVERNMENT HAS STATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT IT IS NOT
SEEKING TO ACQUIRE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE FRENCH
GOVERNMENT HAS THEREFORE MADE PROPOSALS TO THE PAKISTAN
GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD PERMIT IT TO HAVE AT ITS
DISPOSAL PROLIFERATION-PROOF INSTALLATIONS MEETING
ITS ENERGY NEEDS ON SATISFACTORY TECHNICAL AND
ECONOMIC TERMS. END QUOTE

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2. JACOMET INFORMS US THAT THE FRENCH FELT THE NEED TO SURFACE THIS DEFENSE OF THEIR POSITION BECAUSE OF A REUTERS REPORT FROM ISLAMABAD DATED AUGUST 1 SAYING JACOMET WAS TRYING TO PERSUADE THE PAKISTANIS TO MODIFY THE AGREEMENT. JACOMET TELLS US THAT AS YET THERE HAS BEEN NO PAKISTANI REACTION TO THE MFA STATEMENT; FRENCH PRESS HAS NOT PLAYED IT UP EITHER.
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