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SUBJ: NUCLEAR REPROCESSING

1. AS REQUESTED STATE 196859 (NOTAL) WE ARE RETRANSMITTING TO DEPT AND JIDDA ISLAMABAD'S 6982 OF 18 JULY GIVING UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF GEN ZIA'S INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN JIDDA IN ARABIC-LANGUAGE AL NADONA AND AL MEDINA JULY 8. REPORTED STATEMENT BY ZIA INCLUDES FOLLOWING: "NO MUSLIM COUNTRY HAS ANY (ATOMIC ARMS). IF PAKISTAN POSSESSES SUCH A WEAPON IT WOULD REINFORCE THE POWER OF THE MUSLIM WORLD."

2. COMMENT: AFTER FRENCH CALLED PAK MFA ATTENTION TO THAT STATEMENT ON JULY 18, GOP SIDE HAS NOT SO FAR AS WE KNOW REFERRED TO IT AGAIN, NOT IN ZIA'S RECLAMA LETTER TO PRES. GISCARD AND NOT IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS. WE DO NOT FEEL IT WOULD BE TO ADVANTAGE TO GOF OR USG TO PUBLICIZE ZIA'S GAFFE AT THIS POINT. TO DO SO COULD MEASURABLY COMPLICATE ZIA'S ALREADY DIFFICULT DOMESTIC POSITION.

-- POSSIBLE FUTURE REFERENCE TO ZIA'S REMARK, HOWEVER, MAY PROVE  
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USEFUL TO US AND/OR FRENCH IN JUSTIFYING FRENCH DECISION AND US CONCERN OVER PAKISTANI INTENTIONS.

-- WE BELIEVE PRESS (REUTERS AND BBC) AND PNA POLITICIANS PRESENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH CMLA ZIA ON POSSIBLY JOINING HIS GOVERNMENT HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF SAUDI INTERVIEW. EITHER OR BOTH MAY USE INFORMATION FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES AT ANY TIME.  
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