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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN PROLIFERATION PROBLEM

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- 1. CONTENTS OF REFERENCE PASSED TO ROBERT ALSTON, FCO, NOVEMBER 22. AFTER CONSULTATION, ALSTON REPORTED HMG AGREEMENT WITH PARAS (1), (3) AND (4).
- 2. USG PROPOSALS RE SOVIETS IN PARA (2) GIVE HMG SOME CONCERN. HMG HAD REVIEWED POSSIBILITY OF AN APPROACH TO THE SOVIETS AT TIME OF THEIR OWN DEMARCHE ON THIS MATTER. DECISION WAS NEGATIVE ON GROUNDS THAT HMG NOT CERTAIN SOVIET'S COMMITMENT TO NON-PROLIFERATION OUTWEIGHS THEIR SPECIAL POLITICAL INTERESTS VIS A VIS PAKISTAN.
- 3. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, ALSTON SUGGESTS THIS QUESTION BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN ALSTON AND AMB SMITH IN VIENNA, EITHER DURING NOVEMBER 26 BILATERAL OR IN PRIVATE SESSION. BREWSTER

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