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SUBJECT: FIRST DAY IN ISLAMABAD -- AUGUST 2

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. I HAD A FULL DAY OF MEETINGS IN ISLAMABAD,
BEGINNING WITH A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AND WORKING
LUNCH CHAIRED BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, FOLLOWED BY A
LENGTHY SESSION WITH YAQUB KHAN AND HIS NUMBER TWO,
ZAIN NOORANI, AND CAPPED BY A MEETING AND DINNER WITH
PRIME MINISTER JUNEJO.

3. THE SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGES FOCUSSED ALMOST
EXCLUSIVELY ON THE NUCLEAR ISSUE AND AFGHANISTAN. ON
THE FORMER, I EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE
PRACTICAL STEPS TO DEMONSTRATE TO AN AROUSED CONGRESS
AND A SKEPTICAL ADMINISTRATION THAT NO FURTHER ILLEGAL
PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES WOULD TAKE PLACE AND THAT WE
HAD VERIFIABLE ASSURANCES THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER
ENRICHMENT OF WEAPONS-GRADE URANIUM.

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4. ALL PAK OFFICIALS TOOK THE FOLLOWING LINE:

-- IT WOULD BE INSANE FOR THE GOP LEADERSHIP TO HAVE

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ORDERED PROCUREMENT EFFORTS IN THE U.S. AT THIS
CRITICAL TIME;

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-- IN MAY 1986, FIRM INSTRUCTIONS WERE ISSUED TO THE
CONCERNED AGENCIES THAT NO NUCLEAR PROCUREMENT
ACTIVITIES SHOULD VIOLATE THE SUPPLIER COUNTRY'S
EXPORT REGULATIONS;

-- THE USG HAS BROKEN FAITH WITH THE GOP IN MOUNTING A
STING OPERATION TO TRAP PERVEZ, WHILE REPEATEDLY
REFUSING TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ABOUT ALLEGED ILLEGAL
PROCUREMENT;

-- PAKISTAN HAS BEEN PREMATURELY AND UNFAIRLY DECLARED
GUILTY OF ILLEGAL PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S.,
EVEN THOUGH THE JUDICIAL PROCESS HAS JUST BEGUN;

-- PERHAPS THE PERVEZ CASE WAS A ROGUE OPERATION WITH
CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS IN PAKISTAN INVOLVED;

-- PAKISTAN IS WILLING TO PURSUE THIS CASE NO MATTER
WHERE IT LEADS. HOWEVER, ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION
AVAILABLE TO IT SO FAR (INCLUDING FROM BRIG. INAM'S
COMPANY), THE GOP DOES NOT HAVE GROUNDS FOR
PROSECUTING ANYONE IN PAKISTAN.

-- THEREFORE, IT NEEDS EVIDENCE FROM THE USG TO ENABLE
IT TO PUNISH THOSE WHO ARE GUILTY. (YAQUB TOLD ME
PRIVATELY THAT THE GOP HAS BRIGADIER INAM UNDER
SURVEILLANCE. ONCE THEY ARREST HIM, HOWEVER, THEY CAN
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HOLD HIM ONLY FOR 14 DAYS BEFORE INDICTMENT.
THEREFORE, THERE IS A DEFINITE NEED FOR THE EVIDENCE
FROM THE U.S. BEFORE THE PAKS CAN PROCEED FURTHER,
SINCE THEY CURRENTLY HAVE NO BASIS FOR PROSECUTING HIM
UNDER THEIR LAW.

-- THEY ARE WILLING TO COOPERATE FULLY, AND SAID SO
REPEATEDLY, BUT THEY INSIST WE MUST BE WILLING TO
RECIPROCATATE AND GIVE THEM INFORMATION ON WHAT WE KNOW
ABOUT THE PERVEZ OPERATION AND OTHER SUCH ILLEGAL
PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES.

-- ON ENRICHMENT, YAQUB REPEATED ZIA'S LINE THAT WE
HAVE TO FIND SOME MEANS THAT REASSURE THE U.S. ON
ENRICHMENT LEVELS WITHOUT DEROGATING FROM PAKISTAN'S

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SOVEREIGNTY. ALL PAK OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT ON-SITE VERIFICATION IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. IN ANY CASE, THE U.S. HAS SAID IT WILL KNOW THROUGH ITS INTELLIGENCE IF PAKISTAN IS VIOLATING THE 5 LEVEL.

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5. WE AGREED TO TRY TO PUT TOGETHER A BASKET OF STEPS PAKISTAN CAN TAKE TO MEET HILL CONCERNS ABOUT THE NUCLEAR ISSUE. ON PROCUREMENT, THIS COULD INCLUDE OUR RECEIVING COPIES OF GOP INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS AGENCIES PROHIBITING ACQUISITION OF SENSITIVE NUCLEAR ITEMS IN THE U.S., PUBLIC REITERATION OF ZIA'S PROMISE TO PURSUE THE PERVEZ CASE NO MATTER WHERE IT LEADS, VIGOROUS LEGAL ACTION AGAINST INAM (AND ANYONE ELSE

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IMPLICATED AT THIS END), AND EVIDENCE THAT PAKISTAN IS
TIGHTENING UP ITS OWN REGULATIONS TO ENSURE SIMILAR
EFFORTS WILL NOT RECUR.

6. WE ALSO EMBARKED ON A DISCUSSION OF ESTABLISHING
TWO U.S.-PAKISTAN WORKING GROUPS. ONE, ON
PROCUREMENT, WOULD SHARE INFORMATION ON OUR VARIOUS
LAWS AND REGULATIONS ON ILLEGAL NUCLEAR-RELATED
EXPORTS. IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A CHANNEL FOR
PROVIDING THE GOP ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF OTHER
ILLEGAL PROCUREMENT EFFORTS PAKISTAN IS CONTINUING IN
THE US. THE SECOND GROUP -- COMPOSED OF A FEW PEOPLE
ON EACH SIDE WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE NUCLEAR
ISSUE AND POLITICALLY SENSITIVE -- WOULD DEFINE AND
ESTABLISH A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR FURNISHING
RELIABLE ASSURANCES ON ENRICHMENT. IF WE CAN

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INFORMALLY WORK OUT TERMS OF REFERENCE, WE WILL REFER
THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE GOING AHEAD WITH THE
IDEA.

7. ON AFGHANISTAN, WE SHARED SIMILAR ASSESSMENTS OF
THE SUCCESS OF THE MILITARY EFFORT OF THE MUJAHIDIN
AND THE WEAKNESS OF THEIR POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC
ACTIVITIES IN THE FACE OF RECENT GORBACHEV
INITIATIVES. YAQUB AGREED THAT WE SHOULD FORMULATE A
SET OF GUIDELINES OR PRINCIPLES FOR A POLITICAL
SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL WHICH THE RESISTANCE COULD PROPOSE
PUBLICLY AS A WAY OF COUNTERING THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA
EFFORT. ARNIE WILL PURSUE THIS WITH YAQUB. WE ALSO
AGREED TO DEVELOP A GAME PLAN JOINTLY TO LIMIT EROSION
IN THIS YEAR'S AFGHANISTAN VOTE AT THE UN. FINALLY,
WE AGREED ON THE UTILITY OF PUSHING THE NEUTRALITY
CONCEPT FURTHER IN ANY DISCUSSIONS EITHER OF US
CARRIES ON WITH THE SOVIETS IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

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8: ' I WILL SPEND TOMORROW WITH THE PAK DEFENSE TEAM,
THE ALLIANCE, AND PRESIDENT ZIA. RAPHEL

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