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ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH Mohammad Naim of Afghanistan:

To be volunteered:

Tomorrow the President will meet with Mr. Mohammad Naim of Afghanistan who will visit the US as a Special Envoy of the head of state and Prime Minister of that country, President Daoud. *Pa-ood.*

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Q. Why is the President seeing Naim?

A. Mr. Naim's visit to Washington affords an opportunity to exchange views on relations between our two countries. Mr. Naim is one of his country's most distinguished statesman, having served as Afghanistan's Ambassador in Washington and as Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister.

Q. Does this visit have anything to do with the fact that Afghanistan and Pakistan seem to be improving their relations? Did this pave the way for such a visit?

A. This meeting should be seen in the context of US-Afghanistan relations which are good. As far as efforts by the states in South Asian to improve relations among themselves, we have always supported this as important to regional stability.

Q. What will they discuss?

A. I have no agenda for you.