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FROM:

SUBJECT:

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Presidential Reply to Letter of August 17 from Prime Minister Bhutto of Pakistan

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The President has now seen Aziz Ahmed but he still owes Bhutto a reply to the August 17 letter. At Tab I is a memo transmitting that letter and proposing a reply. The suggested reply has been developed from a State draft and coordinated here, revised to reflect the fact of the Presidential meeting last week.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: That you forward the memo at Tab I to the President seeking his signature on a letter of reply to Bhutto.

APPROVE AS AMENDED

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The proposed Presidential reply mentions, at the conclusion, the issue fact of of a visit to Pakistan. You will reply having sent an interim message to Bhutto on this subject, promising an early reply as to what the President's dent's schedule might permit this year [Tab IV]. The President's reply would definitively rule out this year.

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> That you forward the memo at Tab I to the President seeking his signature on a letter of reply to Bhutto.

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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR:	THE PRESIDENT
FROM:	HENRY A. KISSINGER
SUBJECT:	Reply to Letter from Prime Minister Bhutto of Pakistan

At Tab B is a letter to you from Prime Minister Bhutto expressing his concern over the direction of Soviet policies in South Asia. These concerns are not new but they have been heightened by recent events such as the Helsinki Summit -- which Bhutto thinks will permit the Soviets to devote even more time to their ambitions in South Asia -- and statements allegedly made recently by the Soviet representative in Kabul implying sympathy for Afghan designs on Pak territory.

Bhutto does not make explicit new appeals to you for greater political and material support but does state that Soviet aggressive designs on Pakistan are encouraged by the lack of "credible evidence of support from the US."

Bhutto's letter is a further attempt to keep his security concerns before you and to elicit your personal reassurance and support. Within the framework of our current policy toward South Asia and our interest in avoiding any destabilizing moves, we are doing about as much as we can for Pakistan, including modest PL-480 and FMS programs. You and I have mede this clear h Acir Ahmed Coccordic assistance, military siles

I believe that you should reply in general terms to Bhutto, giving broad reassurance on the issues he raises. I also recommend that you use this reply to inform Bhutto personally that you do not believe a trip to Pakistan will be possible this year. Brutto suspects as much but he has pressed repeatedly for you to visit Pakistan even if you are not going to India this year.

RECOMMENDATION:

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That you sign the letter to Prime Minister Bhutto at Tab A. (The text has been cleared with Paul Theis.)

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your letter of August 17. It is important that we maintain the close personal dialogue which we so effectively began in our very constructive meetings of last February. I know that Secretary of State Kissinger has also been in touch with you, and belt of the ball the

State, Aziz Ahmed

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Let me assure you at the outset there is no question that the integrity and independence of Pakistan are important to the United States and essential to the stability of South Asia. In a period in which we are working to lessen tensions between the major powers, while safeguarding our vital security interests and those of our friends, my Government remains fully cognizant of its responsibility to insure that an easing of tensions in one area does not create opportunities for exploitation elsewhere. Nor can it in any way impact adversely on our relations with other countries in our objectives of regional stability and world peace. We have, therefore, made clear to the Soviet leadership that our continuing attention to improved relations between the United States and the Soviet Union is heavily conditioned by developments in other parts of the world. I believe this position is well understood and will continue to benefit your Nation's security and independence.

Let me emphasize that there will be no lessening of our resolve to help our friends in South Asia. Secretary Kissinger has already made clear our appreciation for Pakistan's concerns. These have been the subject of continuing attention in the United States Government for some time, as you know from our discussions here last February. I believe we have taken significant steps to help Pakistan, both through the lifting of the arms embargo and in our on-going economic assistance programs. In the months ahead there will be visible results, as we respond to specific requests for arms purchases and as we reach new agreements on various economic development programs.

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We admire the progress you have stimulated in the process of normalization of relations among the countries of South Asia and we intend to continue to offer maximum encouragement to your efforts.

In closing, I want to reiterate my strong wish to visit Pakistan at an early date and to meet with you again. It now appears that my schedule through the remainder of this year will make it impossible for me to accept your warm hospitality at this time. As you know, I do plan to visit the People's Republic of China fairly soon. I intend to discuss with the Chinese leaders our common interests in promoting stability in South Asia and your important contribution to that end. I look forward to accepting your hospitality at a mutually convenient time next year. In the meantime, I remain grateful for and committed to the further strengthening of the close relations between our two countries.

With best personal wishes,

Sincerely,

His Excellency Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Islamabad

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Bhutto Message -- State of Play

I appreciated your response on the package at Tab A. Just to wrap this up, you may have seen the attached cables in which State went out to the party, conveying the text of the Bhutto letter and seeking guidance on handling it. You will note that, as we suspected, no replies to Bhutto's two previous messages have gone out and that State has now been instructed to come up with a new draft message taking into account all of Bhutto's letters. We will probably see a new package go by in the traffic, seeking the Secretary's approval for a proposed response. I will flag it for you.

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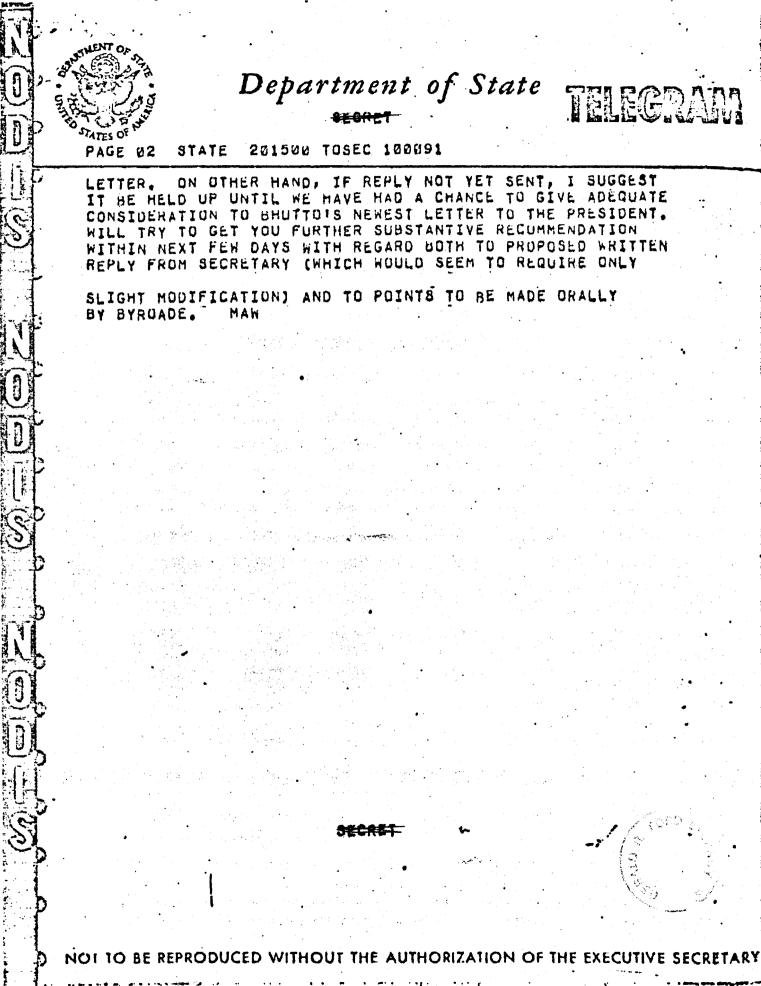
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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM SOBER

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2. RESPONSE TO BHUTTO'S TWO PREVIOUS LETTERS (TO PRESIDENT AND TO SECRETARY) IS PENNING IN S/S 7515991 WHICH IS WITH YOU. IF REPLY AS PROPOSED THEREIN MAS ALREADY BEEN SENT, I SEE NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM ALTHOUGH WE WOULD WISH TO SUPPLEMENT IT LATER WITH REFERENCE TO BHUTTO'S LATEST



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(\mathbf{T})	1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT FROM PRIME MINISTER BHUTTU DATED AUGUST 17, 1975. IT WAS Delivered to the white house august 22 by the pakistan Embassy.
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	DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,
3	I AM WRITING TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR APPREHENSIONS OVER THE LIKELY SOVIET ROLE IN ASIA AFTER THE HELSINKI SUMMIT, PARTICULARLY FOLLOWING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR REGION SECHET.

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REGIMES IN OUR IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD ON THE SOVIET UNION WITH WHICH THEY ARE ALLIED AND WHICH IS ENABLED BY THE HELSINKI ACCORD TO PAY GREATER ATTENTION TO DUR REGION IN PURSUANCE OF ITS HISTORIC OBJECTIVES AND GLUBAL AMBITIONS. WE FORESEE THAT, ASSURED OF SECURITY IN EUROPE, THE SOVIET UNION WILL RELENTLESSLY EXERT PRESSURES ON THE SMALLER STATES OF ASIA AND ON PAKISTAN IN PARTICULAR, WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING ITS PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AN UNCHALLENGABLE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE IN THIS CONTINENT.

SITUATED AS WE ARE, WE CANNOT BUT BE CONSCIOUS OF SOVIET DESIGNS AND THE NATURE OF SOVIET AMBITIONS IN ASIA, AND WHAT THESE PORTEND FOR US. DESPITE THE SOVIET UNION'S ROLE IN THE DISMEMBERMENT OF OUR COUNTRY IN 1971, WE HAVE, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF OUR PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES, LEFT NO STONE UNTURNED TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS WITH IT IN ORDER TO REDUCE ITS HOSTILITY TOWARDS PAKISTAN WHICH, RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, IT HAS REGARDED AS AN OBSTACLE IN THE PATH OF ITS AMBITIONS IN ASIA, THIS ABOVE ALL WAS THE PURPOSE OF MY VISIT TO MOSCOW IN MARCH 1972 AND AGAIN IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

SOVIET GOALS AND AMBITIONS ARE INFLEXIBLE AND HARDLY AMENABLE TO ANY BASIC CHANGE AS A RESULT OF THE EFFURTS OF A SHALL COUNTRY SUCH AS OURS, WHICH IN THE INTEREST OF THE PRESERVATION OF ITS OWN SOVEREIGNTY, NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, HAS STOUTLY DECLINED TO THE THE SOVIET LINE. THE PASSAGE OF TIME MAKES CLEARER BUTH THE EVER-GROWING THREAT TO OUR EXISTENCE FROM MOSCOWIS EXPANSIONIST POLICIES AND THE WOEFUL INADEQUACY OF OUR RESOURCES TO MEET THIS THREAT.

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I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE UNITED STATES IS COGNIZANT OF THE SOVIET THREAT TO THE COUNTRIES OF THIS REGION AND IN PARTICULAR TO PAKISTAN WHICH HAS SO FAR STOUD ITS GROUND. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE VARIOUS STATEMENTS OF POLITICAL SUPPORT TO PAKISTAN WHICH WERE GIVEN TO US BY THE UNITED STATES AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL TO COUNTER THE SOVIET THREAT. THE FACT, HOWEVER, NEEDS TO BE REGISTERED THAT THESE DECLARATIONS, VALUABLE THOUGH THEY ARE, SEEM TO HAVE MADE LITTLE IMPACT ON SOVIET EXPANSIONISM. SOVIET PULICIES CONTINUE TO BE STRIDENTLY ASSERTED AND SOVIET PURPOSES AGGRESSIVELY REITERATED.

IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, OUR ABILITY TO RESIST SOVIET PRESSURES WILL DEPEND NOT SO MUCH ON THE RELIANCE WE PLACE ON THE AMERICAN POLITICAL ASSURANCES AS ON THE CREDIBILITY THE SOVIET UNION ATTACHES TO THEM. THE LACK OF A CREDIBLE EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT FROM THE U.S. ENCOURAGES THE SOVIET UNION TO EXPECT THAT THE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OF PAKISTAN WOULD COMPEL US TO MAKE READJUSTMENTS DEMANDED BY THE CHANGING POWER EQUILIBRIUM IN OUR REGION.



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I NEED HARDLY ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, OF HOW MUCH WE CHERISH OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND AND GAIN STRENGTH IN THE COMING MONTHS AND WILL BE SUSTAINED BY OUR COMMITMENTS TO THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF PEACE AND STABILITY WHICH WE SHARE.

WITH MY BEST WISHES AND WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS,

YOURS SINCERELY, ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO.

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MEMORANDUM FOR

FROM:

SUBJECT:

New Message for the President from Prime Minister Bhutto

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Ambassador Yaqub-Khan returned from Pakistan late yesterday with another letter to the President from Prime Minister Bhutto. The original was delivered here with the hope that it would be transmitted immediately. I believe it is safe to assume that the Ambassador will seek an early meeting with you (he has not requested this yet) on your return from Vail to discuss the range of Pakistani security concerns and such issues as (a) the President's trip to Pakistan and (b) a possible meeting for Aziz Ahmed with the President during UNGA (Chavan has asked for a meeting -- the Paks will be sensitive), as well as developments in South Asia (Bangladesh).

The full text of Bhutto's message is attached, but its main themes --Soviet/Indian/Afghan pressures on Pakistan and the need for greater US support for Islamabad -- are consistent with Bhutto's previous two messages to the President and Secretary Kissinger of June 13. Two points are worth noting, however: (a) The linkage between the conclusion of the Helsinki Summit (paragraph 2) and prospects for accelerated Soviet efforts to carve out a sphere of influence in South Asia; (b) The assertion that US assurances to Pakistan to date (while greatly appreciated) have not curbed Soviet designs (paragraph 6) and particularly, that this situation only further encourages Moscow in its pressures on Pakistan (paragraph 7). While Bhutto makes no specific requests in this letter, by developing a negative line on US support for Pakistan, he is in effect asking for increased political and materiel support, arms being of foremost interest to Islamabad.

You will note that Bhutto makes no mention of having received replies to his two messages of June 13 and this has probably prompted his third letter. I have checked with State and understand that the Secretary has not (as of this writing) given final clearance to the proposed replies and that he has this action package with him. State is now aware of this

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new message and Deputy Assistant Secretary Sober will be staffing the Secretary. I am also doing a daily briefing item. In sum, this action is now on the tracks.

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Attachment: Message from the Prime Minister to the President dated August 17, received NSC late August 22.



Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to share with you our apprehensions over the likely Soviet role in Asia after the Helsinki Summit. particularly following recent developments in our region. 2. We feel deeply disturbed over the establishment of an authoritarion system in India on the one hand, and the growing hostility of an unstable Afghan regime towards Pakistan on the other. Our fears are heightened by our perception of the increasing dependence of these two regimes in our immediate neighbourhood on the Soviet Union with which they are allied and which is enabled by the Helsinki accord to pay greater attention to our region in pursuance of its historic objectives and global ambitions. We foresee that, assured of security in Europe, the Soviet Union will relentlessly exert pressures on the smaller states of Asia and on Pakistan in particular, with a view to achieving its purpose of establishing an unchallengable sphere of influence in this continent.

3. Situated as we are, we cannot but be conscious of Soviet designs and the nature of Soviet ambitions in Asia, and what these portend for us. Despite the Soviet Union's role in the dismemberment of our country in 1971, we have, within the framework of our principles and policies,

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left no stone unturned to improve our relations with it in order to reduce its hostility towards Pakistan which, rightly or wrongly, it has regarded as an obstacle in the path of its ambitions in Asia. This above all was the purpose of my visit to Moscow in March 1972 and again in October last year.

Soviet goals and ambitions are inflexible 4. and hardly amenable to any basic change as a result of the efforts of a small country such as ours. which in the interest of the preservation of its own sovereignty, national independence and territorial integrity, has stoutly declined to toe the Soviet line. The passage of time makes clearer both the ever-growing threat to our existence from Moscow's expansionist policies and the woeful inadequacy of our resources to meet this threat.

5. The Soviet Union is determined to subject 🗂 us to intensified pressures while continuing to be outwardly affable. The most recent and disturbing illustration of this came during recent exchanges between our diplomats and their Soviet counter parts in Kabul. Our Minister was asked by his Soviet Afghan timitorial ambitions counter part whether Pakistan would agree to cede some territory to Afghanistan. On receiving a firm reply in the negative the Soviet Minister threw up his hands and said, "Then God alone knows what will happen." When our Ambassador sought clarification of the Soviet attitude from the Soviet Ambassador, the latter not only accused Pakistan of not wanting luchange, concluded account to improve relations with Afghanistan but went so far Was Waggerated and surmisidas to assert that the Durand Agreement - defining H was Pak lead in to pressing the international frontier between Afghanistan and for US Arms.

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Pakistan - was a legacy of the colonial times which Pakistan should not try to defend and that the Durand Line had been foisted upon the Afghans, since no nation would, according to the Soviet Ambassador, "willingly agree to have its own people divided into two parts." The Soviet Ambassador concluded by saying that the Asian Security Pact was the real and the only answer for establishing peace and security in Asia.

6. I have no doubt that the United States is cognizant of the Soviet threat to the countries of this region and in particular to Pakistan which has so far stood its ground. We greatly appreciate the various statements of political sunnort to Pakistan which were given to us by the United States at the highest level to counter the Soviet threat. The fact, however, needs to be registered that these declarations, valuable though they are, seem to have made little impact on Soviet expansionism. Soviet policies continue to be stridently asserted and Soviet purposes aggressively reiterated.

7. In these circumstances, our ability to resist Soviet pressures will depend not so much on the reliance we place on the American political assurances as on the credibility the Soviet Union attaches to them. The lack of a credible evidence of support from the U.S. encourages the Soviet Union to expect that the security requirements of Pakistan would compel us to make readjustments demanded by the changing power equilibrium in our region.



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8. I need hardly assure you, Mr. President, of how much we cherish our relations with the United States. We sincerely hope that they will continue to expand and gain strength in the coming months and will be sustained by our commitments to the goals and objectives of peace and stability which we share.

9. With my best wishes and warmest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Million hi Skunk (Zulfikar Ali Bhutto)

His Excellency Mr. Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States of America, WASHINGTON D.C.



Prime Minister's House Rawalpindi

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13 June 1975

My de or Dr. Kissinger,

As you are aware, we have done, and will continue to do, our utmost to normalize our relations with India in accordance with the Simla Agreement. Nevertheless, we are seriouply concerned over the probability of India deciding to launch a war against Pakistan in which Afghanistan will also join a. both will have the full backing of the Soviet Union. Such a war could come at any time the Soviet Union should judge the situation to be ripe. It is our assessment that it could be unleashed within two years, before we have had the time adequately to strengthen our defence capability. India could contrive a pretext on the basis of its brazen claim to Jammu and Kashmir being an integral part of India and Pakistan being in control of a part of the

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Against this background, I was relieved to hear from Mr. Aziz Ahmed what you had told Gromyko and what you planned to tell the Chinese about the action the United States would take if the Soviet Union attacked China for coming to Pakistan's assistance in the event of an Indian attack on Pakistan.

This latter assurance could have a most vital bearing on the balance of power in Asia and fortify peace and stability in this critical region. I consider it to be the most effective counter yet to the Soviet ambitions to extend hegemony

rthe region comprising the Persian Gulf and the sub-continent.

To Pakistan, which is the immediate target of these ambitions, it comes as a refreshing indication of a new determination in the United States Administration to safeguard peace and stability in . South . ;ia.

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I should also add that this assurance is another manifestation of the far-sighted statesmanship and clarity of vision which I, like many others, have always admired in you. Only such a perception of lurking dangers and the undistracted will to wert them can transform the fears of today into the hopes of tome row.

May I suggest that the question of Chinese assistance to Pakistan in the event of an Indian attack may be taken up with the Chinese leaders while they are still considering the issue. It could help them materially to decide what China could do in that contingency.

Mr. Aziz Ahmed took up the matter of the Chinese press attacks on the United States with the Chinese Ambassador along the lines indicated by you soon after his return from Ankara. 👋 🞌 🦉 With warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Culfikar Ali Bhutto

His Excellency Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Washington D.C.

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Prime Minister's House Rawalpindi

13 June 1975

Dear Mr. President,

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I have been wanting to write to you on a matter of vital interest both to the security of Pakistan and to the peace and stability of our vast and populous region. However, since you have been preoccupied with momentous issues relating to Europe and the Middle East, I thought it better to wait until you returned home and had time to address your attention to other matters of importance to world peace.

On May 22, Secretary Kissinger and my Minister of State for Defence and Foreign Affairs, Mr. Aziz Ahmed, met in Ankara. In the course of that meeting, Dr. Kissinger informed Mr. Ahmed that he had spoken to Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko in very strong terms to the effect that an Indian attack on Pakistan with Soviet equipment would invite a response from the United States.

It is an established fact that practically all of India's armed forces are equipped with Soviet weapons. Moneyver, where with Inde-Soviet Treaty of 1971, an armed attack on Pakistan by India would necessarily carry Soviet approval and, indeed, direct involvement.

As you are aware, Mr. President, my Government is determined to further the process of normalization of relations with India in accordance with the Simla Agreement. We will sustain this policy as long as it is reciprocated by India.

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Nevertheless, our considered assessment of the situation, as Mr. Ahmed conveyed to Dr. Kissinger, is that war could come at any time the Soviet Union wanted it, as India would have no difficulty in contriving an excuse for starting one. For instance, India could brazenly assert its spurious claim to the whole of the State of Jammu and Kashmir as an integral part of India and prepare the stage for an invasion of Azad Kashmir on the pretext that it sought to release it from Pakistan's control. All-out hostilities would be ineluctable result.

Dr. Kissinger asked what China would do in the event of an Indian attack on Pakistan. We had put precisely the same question to the Chinese Vice-Premier when he visited Pakistan recently. The Chinese Government are considering this question but have given us no answer so far. Their decision in this regard cannot but be influenced by the existence of the Indo-Soviet Treaty. The constraint on China's freedom to act as a result of this Treaty was tragically demonstrated when India attacked Pakistan in 1971. China was hamstrung while Pakistan was dismembered with Soviet instigation and support.

Dr. Rissinger then enquired whether he could ask China what exactly it would do if India attacked Pakistan and added that, if China posed the counter-question as to what the United States would do in such an event, it would be informed that if India attacked Pakistan and China came to its help and if in consequence the Soviet Union attacked China, the United States would not be able to stay out of that situation.

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To Pakistan, confronted with an overwhelming military threat from India and Afghanistan, both armed and backed by the Soviet Union, this forthright enunciation of the determination of the United States to ward off a danger of vast and incalculable proportions comes as most welcome news.

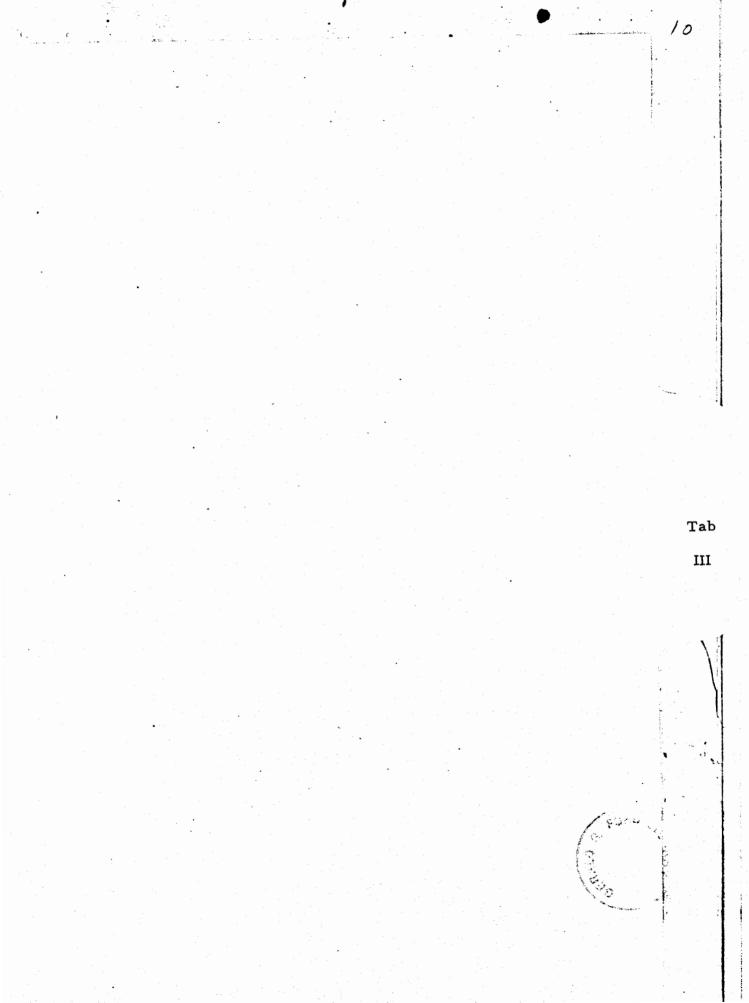
I am deeply impressed, Mr. President, by the clarity with which your Administration has perceived the implications of an attack on Pakistan for the peace and stability of this strategic area. This unclouded approach envisages, for the first time, a concrete step which could restore the power equilibrium in this region. This could operate as a decisive factor in maintaining peace, defending freedom and protecting the vital interests of the United States in South Asia. If the shadow of blackmail and the spectre of war which darken the horizons of this strife-torn subcontinent were removed from it, a curning point would be reached in its history. The global balance of power would gain reality and the structure of peace in our critical region could become truly inviolable.

With best wishes and warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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His Excellency Mr. Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States of America White House, Washington D.C.



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CUMSTANCES WHERE AN END TO BELLIGERENCY AND PEACE STIL LIE IN THE FUTURE. THE EGYPTIANS, FUR THEIR PART, ARE CUNCERNED ABOUT ENTERING POLITICAL UNDERTAKINGS THAT ARE OF SIGNIFICANCE TO THE ARAB HURLD GENERALLY IN CIRCUMSTANLES WHERE MUCH OF THEIR AND OTHER ARAB TERRITORY REMAINS UCCUPIED AND THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIANS REMAIN UNFULFILLED. DESPITE THESE POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS ON BOTH SIDES, I BELIEVE WE HAVE MADE CUNSIDERABLE PROGRESS AND THAT THE CHANCES FOR ACHIEVING THIS AGREEMENT ARE GOOD EVEN THOUGH A NUMBER OF OBSTACLES REMAIN TO BE UVERCOME AND A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION IS NOT YET FULLY ASSURED. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE IN PARTICULAR THAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAS APPROACHED THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GENUINE STATESMANSHIP, AND THAT WE HAVE MAD HEARTENING SUPPORT FROM OUR SAUDI FRIENDS.

I RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS CONCERN IN THE ARAB WORLD THAT THIS AGREEMENT, IF ACHIEVED, WILL LEAD TO DIMINISHED INTEREST IN FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE ARAB-ISKAELI PROBLE. IT IS OUR FIRM IN-TENTION, HOWEVER, THAT THERE MUST BE UN-GOING NEGOTIATIONS HOWEVER DIFFICULT THEY WILL BE AND HOWEVER MUCH TIME THEY MAY TAKE -- HITH RESPECT TO THE SYRIAN AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM. OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS REQUIRE NOTHING I AM CERTAIN THAT THE SAUDI LEADERS WOULD BE REA LESS. ASSURED BY ANY ENCOURAGEMENT YOU COULD GIVE THEM. THE PRESIDENT AND I ARE DETERMINED TO PURSUE THIS EFFORT AND, DESPITE SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES WE ARE EXPERIENCING AT HOME, I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE AMERICAN CONGRESS AND EPOPLE WILL SUPPORT OUR PEACE EFFORTS AND OUR POLICIES OF STRENGTHENING RELATIONS WITH OUR ARAB FRIENDS. THE VERY ACHIEVEMENT OF A NEW AGREEMENT SHOULD HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT UN THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ATMOSPHERE AND, IF IT IS SCRUPULOUSLY IMPLEMENTED AND OBSERVED, CAN BROADEN THE BAIS OF CONFIDENCE WHICH IS NEEDED FOR BUTH SIDES TO TAKE THE HARD POLITICAL DECISIONS THAT WILL BE REQUIRED AS THE NEGOTIATN PROCESS GUES FURWARD IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OCCASION, MR, PRIME MINISTER, TO TELL YOU HOW PLEASED THE PRESIDENT AND I WERE TO HEAR FROM YOU IN YOUR LETTERS OF JUNE 13 REGARDING YOU CONCERNS FOR PARISTAN'S SECURITY, I REGRET THAT SECRET

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BRANCH IN CLUSE CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR CONSTITUTION AND OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1959 NUTUAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH PAKISTAN.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY ARE HOPEFUL THAT THEY WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HOLD TALKS IN PEKING WITH LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA LATER THIS YEAR. THESE TALKS WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE FULL RANGE OF SECURITY ISSUES AFFECTING RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND PAKISTAN, AND WAYS IN WHICH OUR GUVERNMENT HIGHT CUNTINUE TO ASSIST PAKISTAN IN ITS EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN ITS SECURITY.

THE SECRETARY WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE THAT MR. AZIZ AHMED HAS COMMUNICATED TO THE CHINESE OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE FEECT WHICH THEIR PROPAGANDA HAS ON OUR ABILITY TO MOBILIZE DOMESTIC SUPPORT FOR THE PRC'S SECURITY.

IN DISCUSSNG YOUR LETTERS IN WASHINGTON, I FOUND A DEEP AND CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE ADMINISTRATION IN PAKISTAN'S SECURITY AND WELFARE, AND A STRONG DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL IN WAYS THAT ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR DWN LEGISLATIVE AND CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

AS I KNOW YOU ARE AWARE FROM YOU UWN DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN LEADERS, INCLUDING SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN, THE UNITED STATES IS NOT AULE TO UNDERTAKE ADDITIONAL FORMAL SECURITY COMMITMENTS, DUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF DUR FORMAL TREATIES AND EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS.

WITH REGARD TO THE RECENT STATEMENTS MADE BY SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES TO PAKISTANI OFFICIALS IN KABUL CONCERNING THE DURAND LINE, IF THESE IN FACT REPRESENT A CHANGE IN SOVIET POLICY TUNARD PAKISTAN, WE WOULD OF COURSE VIEW THEM WITH GRAVE CONCERN.

WE WILL BE INTERESTED TO HAVE YOUR FURTHER VIEWS ON THE SOVIET POSITION, FOLLOWING YOUR FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES.



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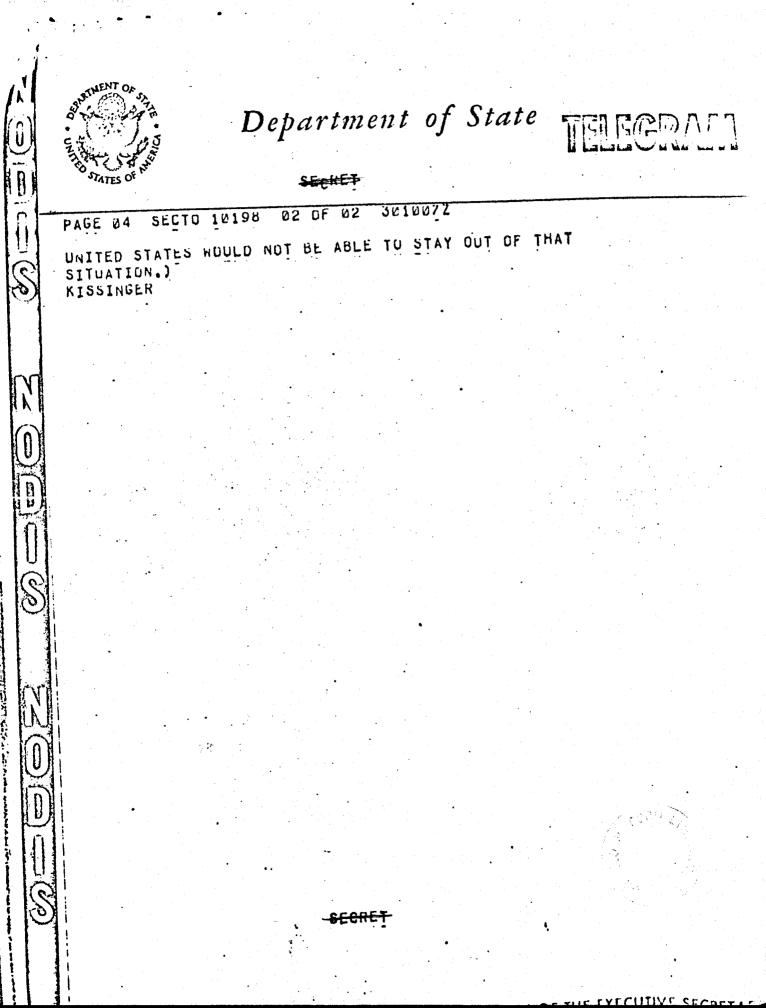
4. IN ADDITION TO THE SUBSTANTIVE POINTS ABOVE, YOU SHOULD SEEK TO CORRECT THE DIFFERENCES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN WHAT I SAID TO AZIZ ANNED IN ANKARA ON MAY 22 AND THE INTERPRETATION OF THESE REMARKS CONTAINED IN BHOTTO'S LETTERS OF JUNE 13. THE FULLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE MADE SO THAT THE RECORD WILL BE CLEAR:

DURING NY WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS, I REVIEWED THE MINUTES OF THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN MINISTER AZIZ AHMED AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. OUR RECORD CONTAINS SOME IMPORTANT NUANCES WHICH, IF NOT PRECISELY GRASPED, COULD LEAD TO MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH WE BOTH WANT TO AVOID.

THE SECRETARY INFORMED AZIZ AHMED HE HAD TOLD THE SOVIETS THAT WE WOULD HOLD THEM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE USE MADE OF THEIR EQUIPMENT ANYWHERE, AND ESPECIALLY IN PAKISTAN.

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THE SECRETARY ASKED AZIZ AHMED IF WE COULD ASK THE CHINESE WHAT THEIR RESPONSE WOULD BE IF PAKISTAN IS ATTACKED. THE SECRETARY ALSO INDICATED THAT A GENERAL WAR FOLLOWING AN INDIAN ATTACK UN PAKISTAN AND INVOLVING THE SUVIETS AND CHINESE WOULD HAVE THE GRAVEST IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WHOLE OF ASIA AND FUR U.S. POLICY IN THE AREA. (BHUTTO'S LETTER TO THE SECRETARY STATES: ".... I WAS RELIEVED TO HEAR FRUM MR. AZIZWAHMED....HAT YOU PLANNED TO TELL THE CHINESE ABOUT THE ACTION THE UNITED STATES WOULD TAKE IF THE SUVIET UNION ATTACKED CHINA FOR COMING TO PAKISTAN'S ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT OF AN INDIAN ATTACK ON PAKISTAN." BHUTTO'S LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT STATES: "DR. KISSINGER ... ADDED THAT, IF CHINA POSED THE COUNTERQUESTION AS TO WHAT THE UNITED STATES HOULD DO IN SUCH AN EVENT AN INDIAN ATTACK ON PARISTAN), IT WOULD BE INFORMED THAT IF INDIA ATTACKED PAKISTAN AND CHINA CAME TO ITS HELP AND IF IN CONSEQUENCE THE SOVIET UNION ATTACKED CHINA, THE SECRET-



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3. BHUTTO READ CAREFULLY MY PREPARED TEXT WHICH HAD REFN EXTRACTED VERBATIM FROM ABOVE REFTEL. WHEN HE FINISHED, HE TOLD HE THAT HE UNDERSTOOD COMPLETELY AND WAS GLAD TO HAVE THIS MATTER SETTLED SO THAT NO FURTHER CONVERSATION ON THIS SUBJECT BETWEEN US WOULD BE NECESSARY. HE SAID AGAIN HE REFRETTED HAVING ACCEPTED BAD ADVICE ON HIS LEITERS TO YOU AND THE PRESIDENT GROWING OUT. GF YOUP TALK WITH AZIZ AHMED IN ANEARA. I HAVE NO DOUBT BUT THAT HE UNDERSTOOD COMPLETELY THAT I WAS IN THE

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A, BHUTTO ASKED IF HE COULD KEEP THE COPY OF MY ADDITIONAL POINTS THAT HE HAD READ, WHILE I OBVIOUSLY DO NOT WANT TO BECOME A PARTY IN HIS FRICTIONS WITH AZTZ-AHMED, I GAVE HIM MY PERMISSION TO DO SO THINKING THAT THIS WOULD HELP TO SERVE TO MAKE THE RECORD COMPLETELY CLEAR FOR OUR OWN PURPOSES. THERE WAS NO DOUBT BUT THAT HE PLANNED SERIOUS DISCUSSION WITH BOTH AZTZ AHMED AND AGHA SHAHI ON THE PLANE TO SAUDI ARABIA ON BOTH YOUR LETTER AND MY ADDITIONAL POINTS.

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WORK OUT AS WE WISHED AND THAT THE NEXT STEP, ASSUMING YOUR PRESENT EFFORT SUCCEEDS AS REGARDS THE EGYPTIAN FRONT, WOULD LEAD TO AN IMPASSE. HE SAID HE WAS SPEAKING AS UNE WHO CONSIDERED RELATIONS WITH THE US AS VITAL AND WHO BELIEVED THAT ANY SETDACK IN THEM WOULD DE DISASTROUS FUR PAKISTAN. IN THIS CONTEXT HE THOUGHT YOU AND THE PRESIDENT HOULD WANT TO CONSIDER ALL FACETS OF EVERY PRULEN IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND PERMAPS HIS OWN PESSYM MISTIC FEELINGS ADOUT THE FUTURE.

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5. BHUTTO SAID HE HAD HIGH REGARD FOR SADAR AND THOUGHT THAT HE HAD BEEN VERY ACCOMMODATING. BUT HE SAID HE WOULD NOT NECESSARILY DESCHIBE THE CONCESSIONS HE HAD MADE AS STATESMANSHIP BUT MORE AS AN ACCOMMUNATION. HE SAID (1) HE THOUGHT THE EGYPTIAN HILITAKY HAD LOST THIER WILL TO FIGHT AND SADAT HAS HAD TO TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNTY, AND (2) THAT SADAT WAS STAKING EVERYTHING, ON BOTH HIS FIRST AND SECUND AGREEMENTS THROUGHT YOUR GOOD EFFORTS, TO NAKE POSSIBLE AN ECONUMIC BUOM TO TURN ATTENTIONS AWAY FRON THE ISRAELI PRUBLEM. HE SAID (1) ABOVE HAD INHERENT IN IT THE DANGER THAT SADAT COULD BE OVERTHROWN. AS REGARDS (2) ADDVE, BHUTTO REMINDED ME THAT HE WAS FROM AN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY AND HE KNEW THAT THE ECONOMIC MIRACLES SADAT WAS HOPING FOR JUST DIDN'T HAPPEN OVER. NIGHT, WHETHER IN A VERY RICH UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY LIKE IRAN OR A VERY POOR COUNTRY. SO THERE WOULD BE NO GREAT QUIEK CHANGE FROM POVERTY FOR THE EGYPTIANS. AFTER & PERIOD OF GREAT EXPECTATIONS AND BUDYANCY, IN WHICH THE PUBLIC POSTURE OF EGYPT MIGHT APPEAR TO TURN BELLICOSE OR EVEN CHAUVANISTIC, THE LETDOWN WHICH WOULD CUME WOULD ALSO ENDANGER SADAT. IF HE TRIED TO RECOUP BY BOLDNESS AGAIN ON THE ISRAELI FRONT HIS "MILITARY MIGHT GET RID OF HIM AS -SECKET

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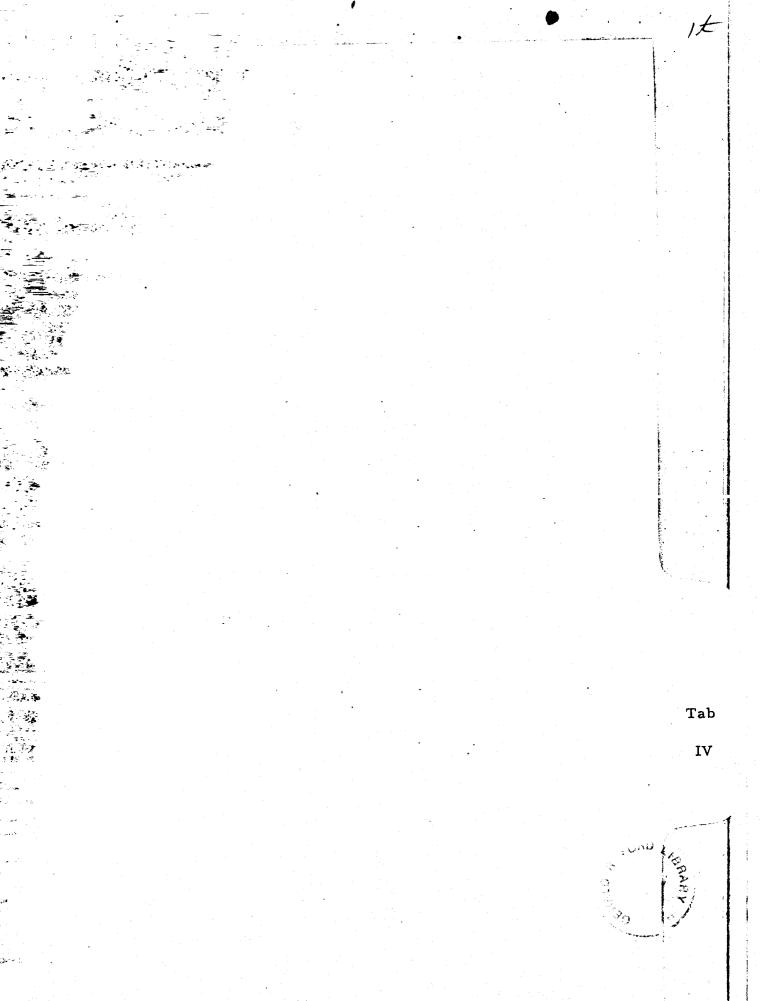
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DATE AND TIME:

PLACE:

Suite 34-A, Waldorf Towers New York, New York

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday, September 30, 1975

Ahmed:

Congratulations on your success in the Middle East. It must have been tough.

Kissinger:

It was rough but not nearly as rough as since I came back. We are in a nihilistic phase of Congressional behaviour. Of course, they are hurting themselves by this since the really damaging thing politically would be to attack the Administration on domestic policy rather than foreign policy. What do they think they are doing? In any event, I am relaxed since this cannot last.

Ahmed:

Look at the investigation of the CIA and everything else.

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Kissinger:It is typical of this stage of nihilism. I have refused
to allow them to call up Foreign Service Officers to
testify on what their policy recommendations were.
This would be like the McCarthy period. My decision
will cause a tremendous brawl.

Ahmed:

We have submitted to you two lists of arms we need.

I hope the nuclear weapons are on the second list.

Kissinger:

Ahmed:

They are on the third list; we have the Pershing on the second list.

Kissinger:

The Pershing issue is a big fraud. We never had any intention of giving it to Israel in any foreseeable time frame. The people who are pushing all this are the pro-Israelis who want to lock us into commitments to Israel. But you didn't want it anyway.

Ahmed:

No, only the nuclear weapons.

Kissinger:

The 1960 models are in surplus now so we should be able to give you some--but I had better watch what I say since there is no telling what you might report back to Bhutto.

Ahmed:

We are being modest and restrained in handling the arms question.

Kissinger:

Do you have the money yet?

Ahmed:

We will find it from Saudi Arabia. But we think it will be easier to get answers first from you on just what is available and how much it costs. Then we can go to the Saudis.

Kissinger:

I can inform you that we have approval to supply you with 24 TOW launchers and 450 missiles. You can get started on a training program while awaiting delivery of the rest. It is our intention to start slowly on our new military relationship with you, concentrating on defensive weapons, and get it going well before it can

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Kissinger: (Continuing) be disrupted. So let us not give any publicity to the TOW's or the invitation we are extending to your Air Marshal. Let us build up slowly but steadily--with maybe some artillery next--weapons that can reasonably be described as defensive.

Ahmed:

We have been very careful in compiling our lists.

Kissinger:

If you narrow the gap with India to 1 to 10 you will be in good shape. Seriously, we want you strong enough so that India will be afraid to attack.

Ahmed:

We want A-7 and other weapons in a hurry. India might well attack us the 2nd or 3rd week of November in Kashmir.

Kissinger:

Can they really attack there? I thought the terrain was too rugged, and it would seem as aggression anyway.

Ahmed:

According to the Indian Constitution, all of Kashmir is part of India. We can take them on in Kashmir but they will fight us all along the border. We cannot be certain but we think this will happen and we must look out for it. If it happens, it will be a two-front war with Afghanistan joining in any time there is war with India. But we can handle this with the A-7.

Kissinger:

It has very long range and is an attack plane, isn't it?

Ahmed:

Yes. Are you saying it is not considered defensive? It is a fighter as well.

Kissinger:

I am simply stating facts about the plane.

Ahmed:

We have been very interested in this plane for a long time. We want about 110 of them. We also need weapons in a short time frame since ordinary delivery will never get them in our hands before the war in November. We will do our best by ourselves but we need arms. It all depends on the USSR. The Indians cannot move without Soviet approval because of their treaty which obliges the USSR to help India.

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Kissinger:

The treaty is not so binding.

Ahmed:

Yes it is since if India is attacked, the USSR is obliged to come in until the threat is removed. Really, this would bring the Soviets in even if India went first and we hit back. So whenever India wants to start something, she must have Soviet support. We think India will probably start a war. Mid-November to mid-December is the probable time. This year is unlikely, but we must be watchful, and next year is more certain. If we seem to be in trouble, the Afghans will join in. We have told our chaps to be ready to do their best on two fronts and not to expect anyone to come to their help. Outside help is a bonus and they should not count upon it. Iran could stop the Afghans by moving some of its units up to the borders but it would not do so for fear of the USSR. So what they will really do to help us is questionable. Nor have we been able to get China to assure us of support. That is why we need weapons off the shelf.

Kissinger:

We have serious problems with our own army on rapid delivery. Don't you have a team coming soon? We can discuss all this when they come in October.

Ahmed:

Thank you. That is the best approach. Also, concerning the Soviet threat, you know about the Soviet Ambassador in Kabul. When Bhutto had the Soviet Ambassador in Islamabad in to ask about this, he had us all present. The Soviet Ambassador said he would report immediately to Moscow and was sure it would be cleared up soon. He would let us know. But he has never returned. When our Ambassador to Moscow took it up there, the Foreign Ministry expressed surprise that we would credit any such statement. But when our Ambassador asked the Soviets about the Durand line, they said they were "not empowered" to discuss borders. It is not conclusive but it is very worrisome and worthy of note. We have informed you and the Iranians and the Chinese.

Kissinger:

As I told you in Ankara, we would take a grave view of Soviet machinations and you can be certain that the Soviets understand that. The Indian Foreign Minister will be in Washington next week and I will tell him that any Indian pressure on Pakistan will ruin Indian efforts at friendlier relations with the United States. They are trying hard to improve their relations with us at the present time, due to their internal developments. It is nothing spectacular, but it is interesting.

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<u>Ahmed</u>:

Will there be a Communique in connection with Chavan's visit?

Kissinger:

An agreed minute of the Joint Commission meeting, words but no real substance. The biggest question concerning the visit is whether I will be able to survive a dinner given by Ambassador Yaqub's colleague, Ambassador Kaul. He insists upon making some sort of comment about each of his guests after dinner, and since he takes at least half a minute for at least forty guests, that is already twenty minutes and then he gives a long toast in which he attacks United States policy. It is very boring. The last time I was at one of his affairs he gave a toast saying that some nations like economic power and some like military power but India likes spiritual power. I replied that I was surprised that he came out with spiritual power since I had expected him to say India has chosen nuclear power. In Bhutto's recent letter to President Ford he said that Pakistan may have to adjust its policy to meet the political realities in the area. What does that mean?

Ahmed:

There will be no change in our relationship with you or with the Chinese, you can be sure of that.

Kissinger:

What is the Chinese mood?

Ahmed:

We hope we can get more support from them. They have been hard to pin down. They defer to you so I hope that you will talk to them about Pakistan when you go to China.

Kissinger:

What is their attitude toward the United States?

Ahmed:

Last night, Chou gave me the impression that it is about time something happened as a follow-up by you to the Shanghai Communique. As you know, they have been very cautious and patient on this issue but for the first time I detected a bit of impatience. In the past he has always said he appreciates the problems of the United States. This time he did not say that and he hinted that China is impatient. But they clearly want to continue to have good relations with you.

Kissinger:

I will get eager on October 17 or 18.

Will you also visit Pakistan?

Ahmed:

Kissinger:

I simply do not have the time although I would love it. On this subject, I notice that your Prime Minister is excited over the visit by President Ford. You know we never set a date for the visit and whether or not President Ford visits Pakistan is not dependent upon what he does with India. We have a special relationship.

Ahmed:

Kissinger:

Can he come in connection with his visit to China?

This was never planned and I cannot imagine how anyone got this idea. You know how the Chinese are. Certainly we would never consider going to India or even to Pakistan in connection with a visit to China. It has always been seen as a separate trip. The President may visit Southeast Asia after China, perhaps the Philippines. They need to be shored up after what happened in Indo-China. Is it true that you are buying arms from North Vietnam?

Ahmed:

We have made some inquiries but there is nothing definite. The article in <u>Newsweck</u> saying we are interested in buying arms from North Vietnam upset them very much although the leak did not come from us. We have no details of what they can supply and we have made no decision but we are checking. It appears that almost everything belongs to South Vietnam. We shall have to see what happens.

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Kissinger:

I do not know what they have to sell. Some things in some categories but I do not believe they have large overall totals. Also, I do not know what kind of shape it is in.

Ahmed:

We are having more trouble with the Tarbela Dam. Last year we had to empty the reservoir in order to repair damage to the tunnels. This has been fixed but it now turns out that the river bed has been scarred by closing the tunnels and this must be repaired. This means a delay in refilling the reservoir with a subsequent loss of water for irrigation. We had been counting on a good crop this year, especially for wheat, in 1976 but it now looks as if we shall have to wait for another year. Can you help us with more PL 480 wheat?

Kissinger:

What do we have already planned?

Atherton:

Ahmed:

500, 000 tons in the planning figure. The same as for India.

We needed at least one million before learning of the Tarbela problem. Now we need more.

Kissinger:

We shall review the problem and see what can be done. Who built the dam with which you are having so much trouble? Repairing a big dam is a very tricky problem.

Ahmed:

It was a French, Italian construction with some participation by the United States. It is the biggest dam in the world and they may have taken on more than they could handle.

Kissinger:

We shall see what we can do with PL 480.

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THE PRESIDENT

HENRY A. KISSINGER

Reply to Letter from Prime Minister Bhutto of Pakistan

At Tab A is a letter to you from Prime Minister Bhutto expressing his concern about Soviet policies in South Asia. The themes are not new but they are pegged on recent events - i.e., that the effect of detente in other areas Helsinki Summit will motivate the Soviets to devote even more time to their ambitions in South Asia, Bhutto provides specific evidence statements allegedly made, by the Soviet representative in Kabul, to illustrate that the Soviets are already in a more aggressive mode. My My My My A Affin Ison Nok Witty.

Bhutto does not make explicit new appeals to you for greater political and material support <u>although we know these are his principal con</u> cerns and we will doubtless hear them expressed more bluntly when Aziz Ahmed is here in connection with UNGA (I have recommended you meet with him). He approaches these issues indirectly in his argumentation that Soviet aggressive designs on Pakistan are encouraged by the lack of "credible evidence of support from the US!" to back up our verbal commitment to Pakistan's independence and territorial integrity.

Neither the Bhutto letter nor its timing reflect any new departure from Pakistan's foreign policy line and its continuing search for external support to offset Indian pre-eminence and fears of Soviet/Indian/Afghan designs against Pakistan. However, this summer Bhutto has been unusually active in pressing these themes and making a case for greater US support of all kinds. (He has sent parallel messages to me.) In part this may be due to some recent developments in South Asia where the emergency in India (the Paks fear a diversion campaign against Islamabad), the coup in Bangladesh and somewhat increased tensions between Pakistan and Afghanistan have combined to refresh traditional Pakistani security concerns. In part, it seems due to concern that the US may not be able of willing to provide the degree of support which Bhutto had expected

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when he was here last February. Since then, the collapse of Indochina, Congressional blockage of arms deals with Turkey and Jordan, and our continued pursuit of detente have added to doubts in Islamabad. But it all seems to add up to a strong Pakistan desire to get all they can in the way of economic and military support from the US. Bhutto has asked for 1 million tons of PL 480 food this year and is also pressing for our agreement to an arms supply program.

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On balance, I believe Bhutto's letter is mainly a further attempt to keep his security concerns on the front burner and to have your personal reassurance that this is the case. Within the framework of our current policy toward South Asia and our interest in avoiding any destabilizing moves, we are doing as much as we can for Pakistan, including affirma- Turdue tive action on these urgent arms requests which fall within the framework of your earlier policy decision on the lifting of the embargo and continuing our economic assistance and PL 480 programs while things in India and Bangladesh are so unsettled. PL-480 cmul Fivis programs.

I believe that you can reply in general terms to Bhutto, giving broad reassurance on the issues he raises but avoiding details, which I can deal with in my meeting with Aziz Ahmed at the UNGA.

I also recommend that you use this reply to inform Bhutto personally that you do not believe a trip to Pakistan will be possible this year. Bhutto suspects as much but he has pressed repeatedly for you to visit Pakistan even if you are not going to India this year. This is the kind of minor problem that could be removed by a personal word from you.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: That you sign the letter to Prime Minister Bhutto at Tab A. [Mr. Theis' office coordinated in the text.]

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Bhutto does not make explicit new appeals to you for greater political and material support but does state that Soviet aggressive designs on Pakistan are encouraged by the lack of "credible evidence of support from the US."

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the United States to oppose attempts to undermine the security of friends and allies in any part of the world. This includes South Asia and our determination to pursue our long-standing and constructive relationship with Dakistan. I believe this position is well understood and will continue to carry weight to the benefit of your Nation's security and independence.

Let me add, too, that there will be no reduction in our resolve to help our friends in South Asia. Secretary Kissinger has already assured you of my appreciation for Pakistan's concerns. These have been the subject of continuing attention in the United States Government for some time, as you know from our discussions during our moeting here in February. I believe we have taken significant steps to help Pakistan through the lifting of the arms embargo and in our on-going economic assistance programs. In the months ahead, our offerts will achieve visible results as we respond to specific requests for arms purchases and as we reach new agreements on various economic development programs.

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In closing, I want to reiterate my deep interest in visiting Pakistan at an early date and in meeting/you again. It now appears that my schedule through the remainder of this year will make it impossible for me to accept your warm hospitality at this time. In the foreseeable future, I do plan to visit the People's Republic of China A Given our desire to further improve relations with Peking and in view of the events of this year in Indochina and the effect they have had in East Asia, I know you will fully understand the reasons for such a visit at this particular time. You can be certain that Secretary Kissinger and I will discuss with the Chinese leaders in Peking what we can do to assist Pakistan. I do look forward to accepting your hospitality at a mutually convenient time in the next year. In the meantime, I remain grateful for and have full confidence in the relations which exist between our two countries. under your leadership.

With best personal wishes,

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With best personal wishes,

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