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INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR TAGS INFO.

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: AF, PK, PFOR  
SUBJ: AFGHAN-PAK RELATIONS



1. I HAD MY FIRST GOOD TALK FEBRUARY 3 WITH THE NEW PAK AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN ALI ARSHAD. WE HIT IT OFF WELL AND HE EXPRESSED THE DESIRE FOR FUTURE TALKS. TO ASSIST AND PROTECT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS RELATIONSHIP, I HAVE MADE THIS MESSAGE EXDIS.

2. WE REVIEWED RECENT EVENTS IN PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS, ALL OF WHICH ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY ISLAMABAD. ARSHAD SAID THAT FOR THE TIME BEING THE IDEA OF HIGH-LEVEL TALKS IS MOOT AND THAT HE IS CONCENTRATING ON TRYING TO REMOVE MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN BOTH CAPITALS RESULTING FROM PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON BOTH SIDES. IN THIS CONNECTION HE MENTIONED THE FLAP OVER BHUTTO'S INVITATION TO DAUD AND HIS EFFORTS TO CONVINCED THE AFGHANS OF BHUTTO'S SINCERITY AND THAT BHUTTO'S GOING PUBLIC WITH THE INVITATION WAS NOT A PROPAGANDA PLOY BUT A REFLECTION OF BHUTTO'S POLITICAL STYLE IN TRYING TO GET PUBLIC OPINION IN PAKISTAN BEHIND A POLICY OF RAPPROCHEMENT WITH AFGHANISTAN. LIKEWISE ARSHAD SAID THAT DURING HIS RECENT TWO OR THREE WEEK STAY IN ISLAMABAD HE HAD TRIED TO CORRECT MIS-

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