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Summary:

U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan advises against informing the Indian government about U.S. concerns over Pakistan's nuclear program. It would have an "adverse impact" for the U.S. government to be seen colluding with India by Pakistan.

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SUBJECT: ACHIEVING USG NONPROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES IN PAKISTAN

1. WE UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY THAT ONE PART OF USG PLAN FOR FORESTALLING NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IN PAKISTAN INVOLVES INFORMING INDIAN GOVT OF USG CONCERN ABOUT PAK INTENTIONS.

2. WE CAN UNDERSTAND DEPT'S REASONING, BUT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ADVERSE IMPACT ON PAKISTAN IF INDIANS LEAK TO PRESS FACT USG CONCERN AND FACT USG HAS BEEN TALKING CONFIDENTIALLY TO INDIANS ABOUT OUR CONCERN.

3. IF THIS STEP HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN TAKEN, WE WOULD LIKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT FURTHER ON THESE ADVERSE FACTORS, INCLUDING MANNER OF INFORMING INDIANS IF IT IS DECIDED WE SHOULD GO AHEAD. WE HAVE IN MIND REFRAINING FROM GIVING INDIANS ANY FACTUAL INFORMATION ABOUT PAK ACTIVITIES AND CONFINING OURSELVES TO STATEMENT OF USG CONCERN. AFTER ALL, WE HAVE NOT YET TOLD PAKS ANY FACTUAL INFORMATION ABOUT KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR ACTIVITIES, AND I STILL AWAIT DEPT APPROVAL OF SUGGESTED SCENARIO FOR DOING SO. I HAVE NO SUCH CONCERN ABOUT SIMILAR LEAKS COMING OUT OF WESTERN EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS GROUPS, BUT FOR

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