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**Record of Conversation Between Soviet Ambassador
A.M. Puzanov and Taraki**

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Summary:

Record of Conversation Between Soviet Ambassador A.M. Puzanov and Taraki discussing Afghanistan's relations with Pakistan and Soviet aid to Afghanistan

Original Language:

Russian

Contents:

Translation - English

The conversation is about the negotiations with Pakistan. Puzanov "spoke approvingly" about the steps the Afghans had taken to open a dialogue with Pakistan. The Ambassador noted that "the Pakistanis must not be given grounds for breaking the dialogue." Taraki warned that Pakistan "is leading things toward a break in the negotiations"... Puzanov: "in any case the Afghan side must demonstrate reasonable restraint; if the Pakistanis set out to break off the negotiations, let the blame for that fall entirely on them." About Iran: It is impossible to evaluate the situation in that country one-dimensionally, "in the country leftist forces are operating." He advises that a friendly step should be taken in relation to Iran, analogous to the one made in relation to Pakistan. Taraki "expressed satisfaction over the arrival and deployment in Bagram of the Soviet special group." He would like also to confer with the Soviet comrades about measures to strengthen the border defenses.