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Summary:

Report that the US is continuing to hinder Geneva Accord negotiations between Afghanistan and Pakistan by "raising additional conditions that can only be considered an attempt to slow or even disrupt the solution of the Afghan problem."

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The results of the negotiations between CC USSR Politburo member and USSR Foreign Minister E. A. Shevardnadze with US President R. Reagan and Secretary of State G. Shultz in Washington on 22-24 March of this year.

[...]

On Afghanistan. We firmly put the question on the necessity of the speedy completion of the Geneva process and the signature of an agreement with the participation of the US. In principle, announcing the desirability of a successful completion of the negotiations, the Americans are again raising additional conditions that can only be considered an attempt to slow or even disrupt the solution of the Afghan problem. In particular, under the excuse of "symmetry" of US and USSR duties as guarantors of the future agreement, the American side tried to get an interpretation of the agreement on non-interference that would have meant the legalization of Washington's and Islamabad's armed interference in the affairs of Afghanistan. Warding off these attempts, we suggested to the President and Secretary of State that they weigh the consequences of the Americans quitting the peace process.

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