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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 348835

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TAGS: SOPN, CH, US
SUBJECT: NEWSWEEK ARTICLE ON CHINESE NUCLEAR

COOPERATION WITH PAKISTAN

1. FYI, DECEMBER 20 ISSUE OF NEWSWEEK CONTAINS ARTICLE ON PAKISTAN ENTITLED "WORRIES ABOUT THE BOMB," WHICH CONTAINS FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH: QUOTE SOME NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION EXPERTS SAY PAKISTAN HAS SCOURED THE WORLD IN RECENT YEARS IN SEARCH OF EQUIPMENT FOR ITS REPROCESSING AND ENRICHMENT FACILITIES. A PAKISTANI SCIENTIST ALLEGEDLY STOLE INFORMATION ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY FROM A NUCLEAR INSTALLATION IN THE NETHERLANDS. MORE RECENTLY, U.S. OFFICIAL SOURCES SAY THEY BELIEVE THAT CHINA HAS SLIPPED PAKISTAN BOTH RAW URANIUM AND BLUEPRINTS FOR BUILDING A BOMB, A CHARGE CONFIDENTIAL

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PAKISTAN DENIES. BY ONE BRITISH REPORT, PAKISTAN TRIED--WITHOUT SUCCESS--TO BUY FROM BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA HIGHLY MACHINED STEEL SPHERES USED ONLY FOR THE CORE OF A NUCLEAR WEAPON. END QUOTE

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2. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING CLEARED GUIDANCE ON THIS ARTICLE, WHICH WE EXPECT WILL SAY "NO COMMENT."

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