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BUBJECT: REPHOCESSING ISSUE

1. IT was a memorable memorial day week-end. President and giscard discussed reprocessing plant sale during their may 26 meeting. Hhen de guiringadu met secretary on may 29, he said that france has decided not to sell the reprocessing plant to pakistan. He added that he would inform pak un permrep akhund of french decision by may 31.

2. OUR THO IMMEDIATE GOALS ARE TO GUARD AGAINST AN INTEMPERATE PAKISTANI REACTION ONCE IT LEARNS OF THE FRENCH DECISION, AND TO DISSUADE PAKISTAN FROM ATTEMPTING SECRET

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TO DEVELOP A NUCLEAR OPTION ON ITS DWN. WE BELIEVE DUR CHANCES OF ACHIEVING THESE GOALS ARE ENHANCED IF WE CAN OFFER PAKISTAN A PACKAGE OF TANGIBLE INDUCEMENTS AND SOME POLITICAL SUPPORT. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE, WE ARE CONSIDER ING AN ISLAMABAD VISIT BY AMBASSADOR NEWBOW, A MARACHI PORT CALL BY A NUCLEAR CRUISER, AND POSSIBLE INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGES ON SUVIET ACTIVITIES IN AFGHANISTAN.

THE SECRETARY WILL MEET SHAHI IN NEW YORK MAY 2ND. WE WILL RECOMMEND THAT AFTER THAT MEETING, WE BRIEF A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF KEY PEOPLE ON THE HILL. WE WANT TO

BRING THE SHAM UP TO DATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND WANT TO MAINTAIN A DIALOGUE WITH INDIA ON OUR EFFORTS TO REASSURE PAKISTAN ABOUT ITS SECURITY CONCERNS.

4. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS THE DRAMA UNFOLDS AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS YOU MAY HAVE. AS A FIRST STEP, THE FOLLOWING ARE THE UNCLEARED TALKING POINTS WHICH HE ARE SUGGESTING THE SECRETARY USE WITH SHAHI. IF YOU MOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST ANY CHANGES, PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP.

5. POINTS TO BE MADE WITH AGHA!SHAHI:

WE RECOGNIZE THE NEW AND SERIOUS THREAT TO PAKISTANIS SECURITY POSED BY AFGHAN EVENTS. WE, LIKE THE PAKISTANIS TANIS, ARE ATTEMPTING TO KEEP LINES OPEN TO THE NEW AFGHAN REGIME AND REINFORCE ANY NATIONALIST TENDENCIES, BUT WE ARE UNDER NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL OF THAT REGIME -- WITH OR WITHOUT SOVIET ENCOURAGEMENT -- TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR ITS WEIGHBORS.

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GROMYKO THIS WEEK. YOU ALSO SAW THAT MR. BRZEZINSKI IN HIS "MEET THE PRESS" INTERVIEW HARNED OF THE THREAT TRATE THE MIDDLE EAST.

-- OUR AMBASSADOR IN KABUL IN EARLY CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT TARAKI AND MEMBERS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAS EMPHASIZED OUR INTEREST IN REGIONAL STABILITY.

AT IN A REGIONAL CONTEXT. IN OUR VIEW, COOPERATION AMONG COUNTRIES OF THE REGION SECOMES MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. IN OUR CONVERSATIONS, WE HAVE FOUND THAT THE IRANIANS, SAUDIS, TURKS AND INDIANS ALL SAY THEY ARE DISTURBED BY THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE REGIME OF AFGHAN EVENTS. WE WILL BE PURSUING THESE DISCUSSIONS, MOST IMMEDIATELY WITH PRIME MINISTER DESAI ON JUNE 13-14 IN WASHINGTON.

SECRETARY NEWSOM VISIT PAKISTAN AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME FOR A MORE DETAILED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE SITUATION IN THE REGION. I WOULD HOPE THAT HE MIGHT ALSO VISITION.

THE FRENCH HAVE INFORMED US OF THEIR DECISION ON THE REPROCESSING PLANT. WE UNDERSTAND THE POLITICAL SENSI-

IVITY OF THIS ISSUE IN PAKISTAN AND WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL IN ANY HAY WE CAN.

AND FRIENDLY TIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, AND IN LIGHT OF HE CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE. WE WILL, OF COURSE, LIFT THE SECRET

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FREEZE ON NEW AID DISBURSEMENTS. WE WILL ALSO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR MILITARY SALES WHICH FALL WITHIN OUR GLOBAL MILITARY SALES.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FIELD, AND LOOK FORWARD TO TALKS BETWEEN DUR EXPERTS IN ISLAMABAD ON THIS ISSUE. WE ALSO PROPOSE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOP ON HOW WE CAN BEST ASSIST PAKISTAN IN THE NON-NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD. IN THAT REGARD, IF THE GOP SO WISHES, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS ON REGOTIATING A BILATERAL NUE CLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WHICH, IF SIGNED, WOULD ALLOW SEARCH AND POSSIBLE POWER PROGRAMS.

THEY ALL REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. I WISH TO EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THE CENTRAL FACT THAT NOW THAT THE REPROCESSING ISSUE IS BEHIND US, WE FULLY INTEND TO ACTIVELY WORK TO STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN IN THE FIRM BELIEF THAT BOTH OUR COUNTRIES WILL BENEFIT FROM SUCH TIES.

IF REPROCESSING EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY ARE TRANSFERRED FROM ABROAD. HOWEVER, I MUST BE ABSOLUTELY FRANK WITH YOU AND SAY THAT NEITHER THE CONGRESS NOR THE ADMINISTRATION COULD SUPPORT ANY AID PROGRAM OR MILITARY SALES IF PAKISTAN SEEKS TO DEVELOP REPROCESSING CAPABILITY ON ITS NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES. VANCE

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