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1. SUMMARY. MFA MINISTATE AGHA SHAHI CALLED ME IN THIS AFTERNOON (1) TO ASK FOR BACKGROUND ON DEPT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT ABOUT SUSPENSION OF NEW US AID TO PAKISTAN (CARRIED HERE IN PAPERS THIS MORNING ATTRIBUTED TO REUTERS) AND (2) TO CLARIFY APPARENT CONFUSION OVER USG HOPE TO HAVE PRIVATE ASSURANCE FROM GOP THAT THEY WILL NOT BUILD THEIR OWN REPROCESSING PLANT -- AN ASSURANCE THAT AGHA SHAHI SAID NO GOVT HERE COULD GIVE AND STILL SURVIVE IN FACE OF PAK PUBLIC OPINION. END SUMMARY

2. CONCERNING REUTERS STORY I SAID I HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY WORD FROM WASH BECAUSE TODAY IS HOLIDAY AND CODE ROOM CLOSED. I WAS SURE THAT USG HAD NO DESIRE TO STIMULATE ANY PUBLICITY AT THIS TIME CONCERNING REPROCESSING PLANT AND GLENN AMENDMENT. I SURMISED THAT NEWSMEN, IN FOLLOWING UP RECENT STORIES CONCERNING FRENCH CONTRACT, HAD ASKED DIRECT QUESTION TO WHICH DEPT SPOKESMAN HAD REPLIED ALONG FACTUAL LINES. I OBSERVED
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