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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN REPROCESSING

UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM BRIEFED CLEM ZABLOCKI AND JOHN GLENN
AUGUST 11 ON PAKISTAN. ON THE BASIS OF HIS RECENT TRIP
HE STRESSED THE PRECARIOUSNESS OF THE PAKISTAN SITUATION,
THEIR CONCERN OVER AFGHANISTAN, AND THE U.S. INTERESTS
INVOLVED IN RESUMING NORMAL AID TO THAT COUNTRY. AGAINST
THIS BACKGROUND HE MENTIONED FOR THEIR INFORMATION ONLY THAT
THE FRENCH WERE CURRENTLY DISCUSSING POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL
FROM THE PAKISTAN REPROCESSING PROJECT AND ADVISED BOTH MEN
THAT THE ADMINISTRATION MIGHT, WITHIN A FEW WEEKS, BE COMING
TO THEM TO CONSULT ON RESUMED AID. BOTH ZABLOCKI AND GLENN
STRESSED THAT MANY IN CONGRESS REMAIN DEEPLY SUSPICIOUS OF
PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR INTENTIONS AND THAT, EVEN IF THE FRENCH

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WITHDRAW, CONGRESS WILL PROBABLY WISH PUBLIC ASSURANCES FROM THE PAKISTANIS THAT THEY WILL NOT PROCEED ON ANY OTHER BASIS WITH REPROCESSING. THE UNDER SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT, GIVEN THE PAKISTAN POLITICAL SITUATION, THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT AND THAT WE MAY HAVE TO PROCEED ON A BASIS OF QUIET ASSURANCES FROM PAKISTAN OR OUR OWN ESTIMATE OF THEIR CAPACITY. ZABLOCKI POINTED OUT THAT THE GLENN AMENDMENT PROVIDES FOR A PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER BUT ASSERTED AT THE SAME TIME THAT THIS PATH WOULD NOT BE POPULAR UNLESS THE

SUSPICION THAT PAKISTAN WOULD PROCEED WITH REPROCESSING WAS LAID TO REST. GLENN PREDICTED THAT IF THERE WAS DOUBT ABOUT PAKISTAN'S INTENTIONS THERE WERE THOSE WHO WOULD PROPOSE A SPECIFIC PROHIBITION AGAINST ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN. CHRISTOPHER

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