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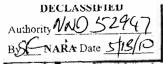
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. WITH REFTEL AUTHORIZATION, I CALLED ON UK AMBASSADOR BUSHELL AND FRENCH AMBASSADOR LE GOURRIÈREC MARCH 6 AND PASSED SUBSTANCE OF NUCLEAR SITUATION AS IT DEVELOPED DURING DEPSEC CHRISTOPHER VISIT.

B. BUSHELL, HIS HEAD OF CHANCERY, ROBIN FEARN, AND POLOFF SHERMAN WERE PRESENT IN UK MEETING. POLOFF AND I SAW FRENCH AMBASSADOR ALONE. I MAKE FOLLOWING DINTS TO BOTH:

- IN ALL THREE SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WITH GOP SUBJECT PAK NUCLEAR INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES WERE DISCUSSED.

-PAKS DID NOT DENY THAT BOTH REPROCESSING AND EN-ICHMENT PROGRAMS ARE ABUILDING -- NOR WOULD THEY GREE TO DISCONTINUE THEIR MOVEMENT TOWARD WEAPONS+ SECRET



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GRADE MATERIAL PRODUCTION.

-- DEPSEC POINTED OUT TO GOP IN CLEAR UNAMBIGUOUS TERMS SUBSTANCE OF US LEGISLATION ON THESE MATTERS AND STATED HIS BELIEF THAT GLENN AND/OR SYMINGTON AMENDMENTS WOULD BE TRIGGERED. CONSEQUENCES THEREOF INCLUDE AID DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE CUT-OFF, DISCONTINUANCE OF MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM (IMET), AND PROBABLE SUSPENSION OF COMMERCIAL MILITARY SALES. PL-480 WHEAT LEVELS MIGHT ALSO BE CURTAILED.

-- US ACTION WILL BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND MAY WELL AFFECT RELATIONS OF OTHER (EUROPEAN) COUNTRIES! RELATIONS WITH GOP.

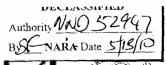
THE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM DIFFERS FROM THE FRENCH REPROCESSING CONTRACT IN THAT IT HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN SUB-ROSA RATHER THAN THROUGH PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP.

- I SPECULATED DN POSSIBILITY THAT US "SANCTIONS"
MIGHT HELL FORCE GOP TO MOVE TO INSURE ITS ECONOMIC
SECURITY THROUGH CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN ASSISTANCE
ROM ISLAMIC STATES.

- I ALSO SPECULATED EFFECT MAY BE TO ENCOURAGE SOME PAK MOVES TOWARD AN ACCOMMODATION WITH SOVIETS ON PERCEIVED SECURITY NEEDS.

-- I TOLD BOTH AMBASSADORS NEXT STEPS WOULD BE Discussed with their governments in Lundon and Paris.

. I EMPHASIZED TO BOTH AMBASSADORS THE SENSITIVITY SECRET





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WE PLACE ON THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND BOTH AGREED TO HOLD DETAILS CLOSELY.

5. BUSHELL INQUIRED WHETHER WE FORESAW TRADEDFF WITH ISLAMIC NATIONS BEING THE PRODUCT OF THE NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT (AS OPPOSED TO THE TECHNOLOGY) IN EXCHANGE FOR THE ECONOMIC SUPPORT. I REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. HE ALSO ASKED IF THIS TRADE OFF RESURRECTED THE OLD BUGABOO OF A PAK-LIBYAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION PROGRAM. I TOLD HIM I THOUGHT IT MIGHT INCLUDE LIBYA, SAUDI ARABIA AND, PERHAPS, DTHERS.

6. BUSHELL BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF DESAI LETTER TO ZIA ON PAK NUCLEAR INTENTIONS, I SAID WE HAD NOT SEEN LETTER BUT WERE AWARE THAT GOP FUREIOUS WITH DESAI'S ACTION, I ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT WE DID NOT SHARE ANY OF DUR KNOWLEDGE ON THESE MATTERS WITH THE GOI DURING DEPSEC VISIT TO DELHI.

7. RE SOVIET OPTION, BUSHELL SAID THERE IS A CERTAIN "HONESTY" ABOUT THE SOVIETS IN THEIR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY. THEY WOULD BE, HE THINKS, HESITANT TO SUPPORT ACTIVELY ANY PAK WEAPONS PROGRAM, I REPLIED, THAT MAY BE SO, BUT THAT THEY COULD NOT FOREGO THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE POLITICAL GAINS.

8. BUSHELL ASKED WHAT PRECONDITIONS THE PAKS
DEMAND FOR GIVING UP THEIR WEAPONS PROGRAM == WOULD
SUBSCRIPTION TO FULL SCOPE SAFEGUARDS AND NPT BY
INDIA BE ENOUGH. I SUGGESTED SUCH MUTUAL (INDIAN
PAK) ACTION WOULD PROBABLY BE THE QUID FOR
DISCONTINUANCE, BUT POINTED OUT THE NEAR IMPOS=
SIBILITY OF SUCH ACTION EVER TAKING PLACE.

P. LE GOURRIEREC REACTION MUCH LESS SUBSTANTIVE. SECRET



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HE AGREED TO PASS SUBSTANCE TO QUAI AND TO HOLD INFO CLOSELY. HE WAS APPRECIATIVE OF MY SHARING WITH HIM BUT HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO OFFER. HUMMEL

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