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POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

May 23, 1979

TIME AND PLACE: 4:00-5:30 p.m.; White House Situation Room

SUBJECT: PRC on Pakistan and Subcontinent Matters --
Summary of Conclusions

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The PRC met on May 23 to discuss general strategy on the
South Asian nuclear issue, and certain specific issues in
US-Pakistani relations. The following conclusions were
reached:

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We should continue to explore the possibility of a South Asian regional nuclear non-use/non-development arrangement, preferably including some level of Chinese involvement. In pursuit of this, Ambassador Goheen should conduct an introductory exploration with Desai. Depending on the results, we will have discussions on the subject in Beijing. If the prospects are at all promising, we would envision further work with the parties, perhaps by a distinguished individual who would devote extensive time to developing such an agreement. This individual might well be non-American. It was decided not to form a group of like-minded states to coordinate actions on South Asian nuclear matters at this time. Much the same effect can be achieved by working at the edges of the IAEA meeting in Vienna in June. (S)

A decision to authorize sale of the Gearing destroyers and the inertial navigation system (INS) for Mirages will be kept in reserve as possible incentive for Pakistan to cooperate in a regional nuclear arrangement. State and JCS are to produce a paper examining the Pakistani need for the INS. (S)

While PL-480 can be supplied under the law, there is strong Congressional concern; furthermore, the Pakistanis do not now need wheat and our resources are tight. Thus we will supply nothing in FY 1979 beyond our \$40 million Title I commitment. \$40 million for the FY 1980 Title I/III program will remain in the budget. State and AID will, however, make clear at the Consortium meeting and elsewhere that the implementation of this program will depend on Pakistani ability to meet established criteria and the attitude of Congress in the light of Pakistani behavior on the nuclear front. (S)

It was further agreed that we would continue to be receptive to any Pakistani response to the overtures that we had made in the context of the 1959 agreement, and that we could do nothing on debt relief for Pakistan at this time. It was noted that while the Soviets will be willing to discuss the South Asian nuclear question at the Summit, they are not willing to single this item out on the agenda. (S)

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