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TAGS: NNSS, TECH, MARR, PK

SUBJECT: PK NUCLEAR INTENTIONS

1. AS DEPT KNOWS, I INTEND TO LET THE PAKS KNOW GRADUALLY, PRIVATELY, AND AT A HIGH LEVEL THAT WE CAME SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR ENRICHMENT/REPROCESSING/NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE RESEARCH. I HOPE AND EXPECT THAT SOME OF WHAT WE SAID ON THAT SUBJECT TO CONGRESSMEN RECENTLY HAS ALREADY BEEN PLAYED BACK TO CONGRESSMEN TO PAK EMBASSY WASH AND THENCE TO GOP HERE.

2. I WANT TO CHOOSE MY OWN TIMES TO EXPOSE ELEMENTS OF OUR KNOWLEDGE IN HIGH LEVEL CONVERSATIONS HERE, TO EMPHASIZE TO PAKS THE IMPORTANCE WE CONTINUE TO PLACE ON THE WHOLE SUBJECT, AND TO INCREASE PAKISTANI UNDERSTANDING OF THE DANGERS AND PENALTIES OF SUCH ACTIVITIES.

3. FOLLOWING BASIC NODIS TEXT OF SUGGESTED WORDING FOR DEPT REVISION/APPROVAL IN LIGHT OF NEED TO PROTECT SOURCES, ETC. INITIALLY AT LEAST I PLAN TO USE ONLY PORTIONS OF THE TEXT IN DIFFERENT CONVERSATIONS RATHER THAN THE WHOLE STATEMENT AT ONE TIME.

4. LEAD-IN RECAP WHAT I HAVE ALREADY TOLD PAKS SECRET.
About close congressional interest and concern about Pak nuclear intentions, USG's obligation to keep watch on Pak activities, and refer to background paper on U.S. laws and policies, I begin quote: I think you should know that my government and also other governments are already concerned about reports we have received about secret and unsafeguarded Pakistani activities in the nuclear field. This includes, inter alia, information on efforts involving, implosion devices for a nuclear bomb, and other indications of GOP intentions to experiment with centrifuge technology for uranium enrichment to produce a nuclear weapon. The laws and policies of the USG are very strict in these matters, and I would not want to see such activities cause a reversal of our resumption of aid to Pakistan, or an adverse reaction by other countries. End quote.

5. From here I see no need to concert with Brits or French in advance of conveying the above material, but I think we should tell both after the substance has been delivered.

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