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TO PRIORITY JEDDA

TELEGRAM NUMBER 359 OF 2 JULY

AND TO ISLAMABAD AND TEHRAN

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AFGHANISTAN

1. PLEASE SPEAK TO HABIB CHATTY ON THE FOLLOWING LINES (IF HE IS OUT OF JEDDA PLEASE REPEAT AS APPROPRIATE FOR ACTION WHEREVER HE MAY BE):

QUOTE

WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND I SAW THE PAKISTAN FOREIGN MINISTER ON 17 JUNE WE DISCUSSED THE USEFUL WORK OF THE 3 MAN COMMITTEE IN KEEPING UP THE PRESSURE ON THE SOVIET UNION, AND MORE GENERALLY IN PROMOTING THE ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE AFGHAN CRISIS. AGHA SHAHI GAVE US AN ACCOUNT OF YOUR APPROACHES TO THE RUSSIANS AND THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE MEETING WITH THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE LEADERS IN SWITZERLAND OVER THE WEEKEND 20/21 JUNE. AGHA SHAHI ALSO EMPHASISED YOUR JOINT VIEW THAT THE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES SHOULD RETAIN THE INITIATIVE IN THE EFFORTS TO SEEK A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM CAUSED BY THE SOVIET INVASION.

I AM VERY CONSCIOUS OF THIS LAST CONSIDERATION AND AM SURE IT IS BEST THAT YOU SHOULD REMAIN IN THE LEAD. BUT IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF YOU COULD LET US KNOW THE COMMITTEE'S THINKING ON WHAT STEPS YOU MIGHT TAKE BETWEEN NOW AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. THIS WILL HELP US TO FORMULATE OUR OWN VIEWS ON WHAT WE SHOULD DO NEXT. IN PARTICULAR, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW WHAT OPPORTUNITIES YOU SEE OF PROMOTING FURTHER INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE IN THAT PERIOD FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND HOW YOU ASSESS THE PROSPECTS FOR A MEETING, ON ACCEPTABLE TERMS, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REGIME IN KABUL.

UNQUOTE

2. (FOR ISLAMABAD AND TEHRAN). YOU SHOULD SPEAK TO HOST GOVERNMENTS AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO MAKE THE POINT THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THEY CAN KEEP US FULLY IN THE PICTURE ABOUT THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES. WE WOULD FIND IT PARTICULARLY HELPFUL TO KNOW WHAT PREPARATIONS THEY ENVISAGE FOR THE UNGA AT WHICH AGHA SHAHI CLEARLY ENVISAGED THAT PAKISTAN AND ISLAMIC COUNTRIES WOULD WISH TO TAKE LEAD ON AFGHANISTAN.

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