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*Dear Michael,*

Pakistan: Visit of Agha Shahi

Agha Shahi, the Pakistan Minister for Foreign Affairs, will make a courtesy call on the Prime Minister at 4.30 pm on Tuesday 17 June. Mr Blaker will be present during the call.

As background I attach:

- / (a) a personality note on Agha Shahi;
- (b) a fact sheet on Pakistan; and
- (c) a set of the briefs prepared for Agha Shahi's discussion with the Secretary of State at 11.30 on 17 June.

The Prime Minister may wish to enquire about Mr Shahi's recent activities (the preamble to the Steering Brief refers) and mention the current Venice meetings.

*yours ever*  
*Roderic Lyne*

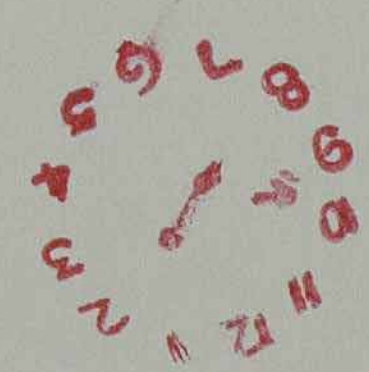
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STEERING BRIEF

1. The Pakistan Foreign Minister (he was promoted from Foreign Affairs Adviser on 29 May and Lord Carrington sent congratulations) will be here for talks at Lord Carrington's invitation. He comes to London after attending the first meeting of the Islamic Conference three man committee (Shahi, Gotbzadeh, Chatty) in Tehran (4-6 June); transitting Heathrow (8-9 June); talks in Bonn with Chancellor Schmidt and Herr Genscher (10 June); Bucharest; and Vienna with Chancellor Kreisky (12 June). He is expected to go on to Paris for talks with the French (probably with the President) and a meeting of the three man committee with Afghan opposition leaders.

UK OBJECTIVES

2. (i) to assure Pakistan of our interest and support;
- (ii) to discuss ways to keep pressure up on Russians over Afghanistan which is likely to be the main subject of discussion;
- (iii) to see whether Agha Shahi's growing close working relationship with Gotbzadeh offers prospect for any help over hostages problem;
- (iv) if opportunity offers to give discreet encouragement to improved Pakistan/India relations;
- (v) to take opportunity to refer briefly to our concern about nuclear non-proliferation.

PAKISTAN OBJECTIVES

3. Agha Shahi will probably wish to:
  - (i) explain Pakistan's approach to Afghanistan (Islamic Conference, Committee of Three) and discuss further steps to solution for problem (NAM, UNGA);
  - (ii) seek our continuing political, economic and possibly military support for Pakistan;
  - (iii) although not in the front line on the Arab/Israel /question

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question he may refer to the Islamic Conference resolution; he will wish to know about the European Summit at Venice;

- (iv) discuss our assessment of Indian policy including the Indo/Soviet arms deal.

AGENDA

4. The Secretary of State may wish to open with a complimentary reference to Agha Shahi's successful chairmanship of the two Islamic Conferences in January and May.

5. (a) Afghanistan and E/W Relations (Brief Nos 1 and 2)

He could then ask about the Islamic Conference, the three man committee on Afghanistan, its discussions in Tehran and Mr Shahi's visits to Bucharest, Bonn and Vienna. Lord Carrington will wish to explain fully our current views on the Afghanistan problem.

6. We believe Agha Shahi may accept that the Committee is unlikely to make any progress with the Soviet Union. He may see the best way forward as sustained diplomatic pressure perhaps at a NAM meeting and certainly at the UNGA where he will want the Islamic and Non Aligned Nations rather than the West to take the lead.

- (b) Iran and the Gulf (Brief No 3)

The Secretary of State could press Agha Shahi about Indian attitudes. He will be meeting again with Gotbzadeh in Paris immediately after leaving London.

- (c) Arab/Israel (Brief No 4)

Agha Shahi has made links with the Non Aligned and particularly the Arab countries a corner stone of his policy. He supports Arab views on Palestine.

- (d) China, E & S/E Asia (Brief No 5)

The Secretary of State could ask about Pakistan's recent  
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contacts with the Chinese. Agha Shahi saw Hung Hua briefly on 6 June when they were both in Islamabad. The brief covers also Indo/China and Korea, although these may not arise in the discussions.

(e) India (Brief No 6)

Agha Shahi can certainly be expected to raise Indian attitudes.

(f) Bilateral Relations

Agha Shahi can be expected to wish to raise questions of economic aid (Brief No 7). He may well refer to the Paris Consortium meeting (telegram annexed to Brief No 8) and military assistance (Brief No 1). As at the Islamabad meetings in January, the Secretary of State may wish to refer briefly to our continuing concern about nuclear non-proliferation. (Brief No 9.) Other bilateral issues (Brief No 11) are unlikely to be brought up.

(g) Commonwealth Membership (Brief No 10)

Agha Shahi regards this as a sensitive subject. It is recommended that it be left to him to raise it if he wishes to.

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PAKISTAN MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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