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FOR ALEXANDER

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ZIA

1. PAKISTANIS HAVE NOW DECIDED TO HAVE OTHERS PRESENT AT THE PRELIMINARY TETE-A-TETE. ON THEIR SIDE THERE WILL BE RIAZ PIRACHA, FOREIGN SECRETARY (I.E. PUS), ALI ARSHAD, PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR IN LONDON, AND GENERAL AREF, PRINCIPAL STAFF OFFICER TO PRESIDENT. WE ARE SIMILARLY OFFERED THREE ADDITIONAL PLACES - PRESUMABLY MYSELF AND WHO ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE? THE OTHERS WOULD WAIT OUTSIDE IN THE CABINET ROOM AND WE WOULD GET INTO A BIGGER MEETING IN DUE COURSE, THOUGH IT NOW LOOKS AS IF THE MAIN PART OF THE BUSINESS MAY BE DONE AT THE SMALL MEETING.

2. PAKISTANIS HAVE NO SET AGENDA IN MIND AND THINK THAT PRESIDENT WILL WANT TO RANGE OVER THE WHOLE EXTERNAL FIELD, FOCUSING PARTICULARLY ON THE MELBOURNE MEETING, THE AFGHANISTAN SITUATION, INDO-PAKISTAN RELATIONS AND US/PAKISTAN RELATIONS. AFTER SOME PRELIMINARY REMARKS, HE WILL ASK PRIME MINISTER TO LEAD OFF AND WILL PROBABLY SUGGEST THAT SHE TELLS THEM WHAT HAPPENED AT MELBOURNE. EVEN IF HE DOES NOT SUGGEST IT, THIS WOULD PROBABLY BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE FIRST SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION SINCE IT IS UPPERMOST IN THE PAKISTANIS' MINDS. THEY WOULD HOPE FOR A FRANK ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED ON THE

QUESTION OF RE-ADMISSION OF PAKISTAN AND A MORE GENERAL ACCOUNT OF THE OTHER DECISIONS TAKEN AT MELBOURNE. FORMER WILL INEVITABLY INVOLVE A DISCUSSION OF MRS GANDHI'S ATTITUDES AND WILL PROBABLY LEAD INTO A DISCUSSION OF INDO-PAKISTAN RELATIONS, IN THE COURSE OF WHICH THEY WILL PROBABLY WANT OUR ASSESSMENT OF WHAT THE INDIANS ARE UP TO. AFGHANISTAN COULD APPROPRIATELY FOLLOW NEXT, LEADING TO A DISCUSSION ABOUT US/PAKISTAN RELATIONS AND ABOUT US POLICY GENERALLY IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. THIS WOULD TAKE US INTO THE MIDDLE EAST GENERALLY, ARAB/ISRAEL, THE GULF, IRAN AND THE IRAN/-IRAQ WAR.

3. THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO HAVE MUCH TO RAISE ON BILATERAL ISSUES, WHICH WILL PROBABLY COME UP AT THE WIDER MEETING (OR LATER IN THE DAY). IF THEY ARE GOING TO HAND OVER A LIST OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT NEEDED FROM US IT WOULD PROBABLY BE AT THAT POINT, THOUGH IT MIGHT COME UP AT THE SMALLER MEETING, AND MIGHT BE FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF DISCUSSION ON AID AND TRADE. THEY MAY AT SOME STAGE REFER TO THE FAILURE OF THE OTTAWA 7 TO ACT OVER ARIANA FLIGHTS FROM AFGHANISTAN. THE RIOTS IN THE UK MAY BE MENTIONED, ALSO THE ACTIVITIES OF PAKISTAN EXILES IN THE UK. THEY ARE LESS SENSITIVE THAN THE INDIANS ON IMMIGRATION QUESTIONS, BUT MAY TOUCH ON THEM.

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MYTEL 504 AND TELECON MISS NOBLE/FABIAN: AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN

1. THE INCURSION OF 4 OCTOBER WAS IN BALUCHISTAN IN THE AREA USED BY HAZARAS (CENTRAL AFGHANISTAN TRIBESMEN) TO GO BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE BORDER. LAST YEAR THERE WERE SEVERAL INCURSIONS INTO THE NORTH WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE INCLUDING ONE SHOOTING-UP OF A PAKISTAN BORDER POST. HOWEVER, SUCH INCURSION HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CAREFULLY CONTROLLED BY THE AFGHANS/RUSSIANS. I SEE NO REASON TO RECOMMEND CHANGE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME.

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