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MY THREE IPTS: MESSAGES TO THE PRIME MINISTER

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT ZIA

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DEAR MR PRESIDENT,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIGNATURE OF
THE GENEVA ACCORDS IN AFGHANISTAN. I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR
MOST KIND AND GENEROUS WORDS.

I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT THE CREDIT FOR SECURING SOVIET WITHDRAWAL
LIES FIRST AND FOREMOST WITH THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN WHO HAVE
RESISTED THE SOVIET OCCUPATION WITH OUTSTANDING COURAGE AND
TENACITY. BUT THEIR SUCCESS HAS BEEN DUE IN NO SMALL MEASURE TO
THE STEADFAST SUPPORT WHICH THEY HAVE RECEIVED FROM PAKISTAN. I
WISH TO EXPRESS MY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND TO THE GOVERNMENT
AND PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN FOR THE RESOLUTION WHICH YOU HAVE
DISPLAYED OVER THE AFGHANISTAN ISSUE IN THE FACE OF INTENSE
PRESSURE.

I WELL RECALL OUR MEETING IN RAWALPINDI IN 1981 WHEN YOU MADE IT
CLEAR THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE, EVEN THEN, FAILING IN THEIR
ATTEMPT TO SUBDUCE AFGHANISTAN. IT HAS TAKEN THEM SEVEN MORE
YEARS TO COME TO TERMS WITH THIS. EVEN IN 1981 THE BURDEN BORNE
BY PAKISTAN IN SHELTERING THE REFUGEES WAS A HEAVY ONE. SINCE
THEN THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES HAS INCREASED ENORMOUSLY. I CANNOT
SPEAK TOO HIGHLY OF PAKISTAN'S GENEROSITY IN PROVIDING A SAFE
HAVEN FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FLED FROM SOVIET OPPRESSION. I VERY
MUCH HOPE THAT IT WILL SOON BE POSSIBLE FOR THE REFUGEES TO
RETURN HOME IN SAFETY AND HONOUR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
PROVISIONS OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENT. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE PLEDGED
POUNDS 10 MILLION THIS YEAR FOR REFUGEE RELIEF AND RESETTLEMENT.

THE READINESS OF THE REFUGEES TO RETURN WILL DEPEND UPON THE FULL
RESTORATION OF PEACE. LIKE YOU, I BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL
REQUIRE THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT WHICH IS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL
THE AFGHAN PEOPLE INCLUDING THE RESISTANCE. WE SUPPORT THE

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EFFORTS OF MR CORDOVEZ TO PROMOTE A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE VARIOUS
AFGHAN GROUPS. IT IS BOUND TO TAKE TIME FOR THE POLITICAL WOUNDS
OF AFGHANISTAN TO HEAL. BUT THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET FORCES WILL
REMOVE THE MAIN OBSTACLE TO PEACE AND LEAD TO CONDITIONS UNDER
WHICH THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN CAN FORM A TRULY REPRESENTATIVE
GOVERNMENT.

FINALLY, MAY I SAY THAT I HOPE THAT IT WILL INDEED BE POSSIBLE
FOR YOU TO PASS THROUGH LONDON IN JUNE, SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A
CHANCE TO DISCUSS THESE IMPORTANT ISSUES FACE TO FACE.
WITH WARM REGARDS.
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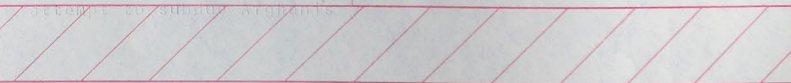
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MY THREE IPTS: MESSAGES TO THE PRIME MINISTER
1. Please pass the following message to President Zia
BEGINS
Dear Mr President,
Thank you for your message on the occasion of the signature
of the Geneva accords in Afghanistan. I greatly appreciate
your most kind and generous words.

I share your view that the credit for securing Soviet withdrawal
lies first and foremost with the people of Afghanistan who
have resisted the Soviet occupation with outstanding courage
and tenacity. But their success has been due in no small
measure to the steadfast support which they have received
from Pakistan. I wish to express my congratulations to you
and to the Government and people of Pakistan for the resolution
which you have displayed over the Afghanistan issue in the
face of intense pressure.

I well recall our meeting in Rawalpindi in 1981 when you made
it clear that the Russians were, even then, failing in their

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 2 attempt to subdue Afghanistan. It has taken them seven more
 3 years to come to terms with this.
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 5 Even in 1981 the burden borne by Pakistan in sheltering the
 6 refugees was a heavy one. Since then the number of refugees
 7 has increased enormously. I cannot speak too highly of Pakistan's
 8 generosity in providing a safe haven for those who have fled
 9 from Soviet oppression. I very much hope that it will soon
 10 be possible for the refugees to return home in safety and
 11 honour in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva agreement.
 12 As you know, we have pledged pounds 10 million this year for
 13 refugee relief and resettlement.
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 15 The readiness of the refugees to return will depend upon the
 16 full restoration of peace. Like you, I believe that this
 17 will require the formation of a government which is acceptable
 18 to all the Afghan people including the resistance. We support
 19 the efforts of Mr Cordovez to promote a dialogue between the
 20 various Afghan groups. It is bound to take time for the political
 21 wounds of Afghanistan to heal. But the withdrawal of Soviet
 22 forces will remove the main obstacle to peace and lead to
 23 conditions under which the people of Afghanistan can form
 24 a truly representative government.
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 26 Finally, may I say that I hope that it will indeed be possible
 27 for you to pass through London in June, so that we can have
 28 a chance to discuss these important issues face to face.
 29 With warm regards.
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From the Private Secretary

2 May 1988

**PAKISTAN: MESSAGES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT ZIA
AND PRIME MINISTER JUNEJO**

The Prime Minister has approved replies to the recent messages from President Zia and Prime Minister Junejo in somewhat amended form. I enclose the text which she has agreed. Subject to comments, they may now be despatched.

C. D. POWELL

R. N. Culshaw, Esq., M.V.O.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PRIME MINISTER

Afghanistan

Both President Zia and Prime Minister
Junejo sent you warm messages on the signing
of the Geneva Agreement on Afghanistan.

Agree to send the attached replies?

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Yes no

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29 April 1988

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29 April 1988

Dear Charles

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Messages to the Prime Minister from President Zia and
Prime Minister Junejo

Thank you for your letter of 14 April enclosing the above messages to the Prime Minister. I attach telegrams to Islamabad incorporating draft replies.

The reply to President Zia is the more substantive since his message touches on the questions of a broad-based government in Afghanistan and on a possible aid programme. The Foreign Secretary considers that the reply should reiterate our support for a comprehensive political settlement and for a government in Afghanistan that truly represents the Afghan people. It also refers to our support for an international aid programme and to the £10 million we have pledged this year, if such a programme can be organised.

The reply to Prime Minister Junejo confines itself to a tribute to Pakistan's stance and a hope that Afghans will soon be able to return to a genuinely independent and free Afghanistan.

Yours ever

(R N Culshaw)
Private Secretary

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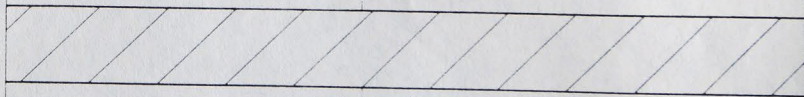
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