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Kashmir *Map*

1. Thank you for your minute of 9 July, in which you confirmed that you are doing your best to ensure sales of lethal equipment to India and Pakistan are routed through the manufacturer rather than direct from Government stocks. I have no difficulty in accepting the specific recommendations in your paragraphs 5 and 6 for two direct sales to the Pakistan Navy. Equally, I agree that the sale of surplus stock to the Indian Navy on which an offer has already been made - your paragraph 3 - should be allowed to go ahead. Given our longstanding defence sales relationship, it is right that India and Pakistan should continue to be included in the list of countries to be offered surplus Royal Navy vessels, also referred to in your paragraph 3.

2. I agree that we should keep our policy on defence sales to India and Pakistan under review in the light of the Kashmir situation. Meanwhile I should be grateful if

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your officials would keep me informed about any significant requests for direct sales that may be made under MOUs or other pre-existing arrangements. We may wish to recommend some administrative delay in meeting certain requests, but in any case I note you would deal with them in as low key a way as possible.

3. There now appears to be a temporary lull as the monsoon sets in and both sides prepare for a round of senior official talks on 18-20 July to discuss confidence-building measures. The next danger period could be in September/October, when the harvest is in and weather conditions again allow large scale military operations. It would be sensible to ask our officials to review the situation then, say in mid-October. In the meantime, and for contingency planning purposes, work should continue on defining the scope of any arms embargo that might be required, as suggested in my minute of 24 May to the Prime Minister.

4. I am copying this minute to the Prime Minister and to Sir Robin Butler.

(DOUGLAS HURD)

Foreign and Commonwealth Office
15 July 1990

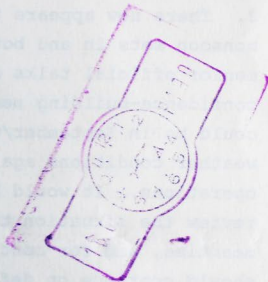
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your officials would have been informed about any
significant requests for direct talks that may be made
under MOUs or other pre-existing arrangements. We will
also be recommending some administrative delay in handling
certain requests, but in any case I hope you would have
with them in as low key a way as possible.

1. The above appears to be a temporary till we see
some progress and both sides prepare for a round of
talks on 19-20 July in Geneva.
The next paper period
will be 20-21 October, when the भारत is in the
middle of its paper period.
We should be available to see our officials to
discuss the situation in the
middle of the paper period, but we
should be in defining the scope of any such
discussions, as suggested in my minute of
19 July 1972.



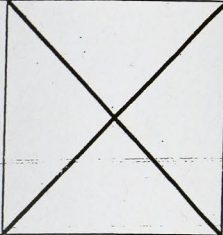
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Secretary and Commonwealth Office

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