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E.O. 12356: N/A  
TAGS: ECPS, MNUC, PARM, PREL, US, PK  
SUBJECT: MARAGING STEEL CASE: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE ON PERVEZ ARREST IN  
MARAGING STEEL EXPORT CASE PREPARED FOR SPOKESMAN 13  
JULY. GUIDANCE WAS NOT/NOT USED.

2. BEGIN GUIDANCE. QUOTE:

-- S/NP PRESS GUIDANCE JULY 13, 1987

-- PAKISTANI NUCLEAR EXPORT CASE

Q: ANY COMMENT ON THE ARREST OF A PAKISTANI FOR  
ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTING TO EXPORT MARAGING STEEL ILLEGALLY  
TO PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM?

A: -- WE UNDERSTAND THAT A CANADIAN RESIDENT OF PAKISTANI  
ORIGIN HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN PENNSYLVANIA ON FRIDAY AND  
CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTING TO EXPORT SPECIALTY STEEL AND  
BERYLLIUM TO PAKISTAN IN VIOLATION OF U.S. EXPORT CONTROL  
LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO PAKISTAN'S VIOLATION OF U.S.  
LAWS AND REGULATIONS?

A: -- THE CASE IS CURRENTLY THE SUBJECT OF A CRIMINAL  
PROCEEDING, AND IT IS UP TO THE COURTS TO DETERMINE  
WHETHER ANY VIOLATION OF U.S. LAW OCCURRED.

Q: DO YOU THINK THAT PAKISTAN SOUGHT THIS STEEL SO THAT  
IT COULD PRODUCE HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM FOR BOMBS?

A: -- I AM NOT PREPARED TO SPECULATE ABOUT THE INTENTIONS  
OF THE INDIVIDUALS OR GOVERNMENTS THAT MAY BE INVOLVED IN  
THIS CASE. THE U.S. HAS REPEATEDLY VOICED ITS CONCERNS  
ABOUT THE OVERALL NATURE AND DIRECTION OF PAKISTAN'S  
NUCLEAR PROGRAM, AND ABOUT PAKISTAN'S ONGOING  
UNSAFEGUARDED URANIUM ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES.

Q: ARE YOU GOING TO SUSPEND ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN, AS  
REQUIRED BY THE SOLARZ AMENDMENT?

A: NO JUDGMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THIS CASE. SHULTZ

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