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1. WE FULLY UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT SHARING WITH THE INDIANS USG CONCERNS ABOUT PAK NUCLEAR INTENTIONS. IN FACT, INSTRUCTIONS FOR NYE/PICKERING TALKS IN DELHI DID NOT MAKE REFERENCE TO PAKISTAN.

2. IN AN INFORMAL CORRIDOR CONVERSATION IN DELHI WITH JAGAT MEHTA AND SEETHA, NYE REFERRED IN PASSING TO NEWS STORIES ON PAKISTAN NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENTS (BHUTTO SECRET

NOT TO BE REPRODUCED WITHOUT THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
STATEMENT AND UK INVENTOR STORY). BOTH SEEMED WELL AWARE OF SITUATION. MEHTA EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT PAKISTANI INTENTIONS, BUT SUBJECT WAS DROPPED THERE. VANCE