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Summary:
The State Department asks for information on a letter sent by IAEA Director General Eklund to Munir Khan of the Pakistani atomic energy commission. IAEA inspectors in Pakistan should also be alert to "any questionable use of facilities or disposition of safeguarded material."

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MUNIR KHAN, CHAIRMAN OF PAEC, ASKING FOR AN EXPLANATION OF A RECENT STATEMENT BY BHUTTO CONCERNING STEPS HIS REGIME HAD TAKEN TO PREPARE FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

2. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING THE CONTENTS OF EKULND'S LETTER TO KHAN AND OF ANY RESPONSE.

3. IN ADDITION, THE MISSION SHOULD DISCREETLY CONVEY TO THE IAEA SECRETARIAT AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL (E.G., EKULND OR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL FISCHER) THAT, IN CARRYING OUT ITS SAFEGUARDS ACTIVITIES IN PAKISTAN, ITS INSPECTORS WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO BE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE FOR ANY QUESTIONABLE USE OF FACILITIES OR DISPOSITION OF SAFEGUARDED MATERIAL, ESPECIALLY AT KANUPP, AND ANY ACTIVITIES IN HOT CELLS (PERHAPS NEWLY CONSTRUCTED) AT PINTSTEC INVOLVING MATERIAL REQUIRED TO BE SAFEGUARDED BY IAEA. CHRISTOPHER

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