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'US Demarche on Pakistani Reprocessing Plant,' US Embassy Italy cable 21617 to State Department

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Italian response to U.S. demarche on Pakistani nuclear development. Reports that Pakistan has not yet requested any equipment from Italy, but if they did Italy would follow all mandated safeguards.

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1. AS FOREIGN MINISTER AND MFA SECRETARY GENERAL WERE UNAVAILABLE, OCM RAISED ISSUE OF PAKISTANI REPROCESSING PLANT WITH MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS GARDINI NOVEMBER 6. OCM GAVE GARDINI NON-PAPER AND USED TALKING POINTS PROVIDED RETEL IN ORAL PRESENTATION. GARDINI SAID THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY ITALIAN PLANS TO SELL RELEVANT EQUIPMENT TO PAKISTAN BUT THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO QUESTION.

2. IN FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION, MFA DIRECTOR FOR DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS FERRETTI MADE FOLLOWING POINTS IN RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE: (1) THE GOI APPRECIATES THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PAKISTANI ATTEMPTS TO DEVELOP A NUCLEAR CAPABILITY, WHICH CORRESPONDS TO REPORTS ITALIANS HAVE HAD FROM OTHER SOURCES; (2) SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO PAKISTANI REQUEST, EITHER AT THE GOVERNMENT OR INDUSTRIAL LEVEL, FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT OR EXPERTISE; AND (3) IF THE GOI SHOULD RECEIVE SUCH A REQUEST IT WOULD APPLY ALL THE SAFEGUARDS MANDATED BY THE ZANGGER

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GROUP (AS PAKISTAN IS NOT AN NPT SIGNATORY) AND ALL THE GUIDELINES OF THE LONDON SUPPLIERS GROUP. GARRUNER