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'Achieving USG Nonproliferation Objectives in Pakistan,' US Embassy Pakistan Cable 1119 to State Department

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Summary:

U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan advises against informing the Indian government about U.S. concerns over Pakistan's nuclear program. It would have an "adverse impact" for the U.S. government to be seen colluding with India by Pakistan.

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SUBJECT: ACHIEVING USG NONPROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES IN PAKISTAN

1. WE UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY THAT ONE PART OF USG PLAN
FOR FORESTALLING NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IN PAKISTAN
INVOLES INFORMING INDIAN GOVT OF USG CONCERN ABOUT PAK
INTENTIONS.

2. WE CAN UNDERSTAND DEPT'S REASONING, BUT WE ARE CONCERNED
ABOUT ADVERSE IMPACT ON PAKISTAN IF INDIANS LEAK TO PRESS
FACT USG CONCERN AND FACT USG HAS BEEN TALKING
CONFIDENTIALLY TO INDIANS ABOUT OUR CONCERN.

3. IF THIS STEP HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN TAKEN, WE WOULD
LIKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT FURTHER ON THESE ADVERSE
FACTORS, INCLUDING MANNER OF INFORMING INDIANS IF IT IS
DECIDED WE SHOULD GO AHEAD. WE HAVE IN MIND REFRAINING
FROM GIVING INDIANS ANY FACTUAL INFORMATION ABOUT PAK
ACTIVITIES AND CONFINING OURSELVES TO STATEMENT OF USG
CONCERN, AFTER ALL; WE HAVE NOT YET TOLD PAKS ANY
FACTUAL INFORMATION ABOUT KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR ACTIVITIES,
AND I STILL WAIT DEPT APPROVAL OF SUGGESTED SCENARIO.
FOR DOING SO, I HAVE NO SUCH CONCERN ABOUT SIMILAR LEAKS
COMING OUT OF WESTERN EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS GROUPS, BUT FOR
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USG TO BE SEEN BY PAKS TO BE COLLUDING WITH INDIA IN THIS IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT MATTER.

4. DEPT PLEASE REPEAT THIS TO DELHI AND OTHERS AS DESIRED.

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