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'US Demarche on Pakistani Reprocessing Plant,' US Embassy Canada cable 5446 to State Department

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Canadian response to U.S. demarche on Pakistani nuclear development, agreeing to cooperate fully and expressing surprise that Pakistan was attempting to complete the reprocessing plant.

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1. DELIVERED NON-PAPER AND TALKING POINTS NOVEMBER 7 TO DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY GOLDSCHLAG WHO WAS ALREADY AWARE OF U.S. STEPS TO CONTROL EXPORT OF INVERTERS FOR GAS CENTRIFUGE ENRICHMENT FACILITY. HE WAS SURPRISED, HOWEVER, WHEN I INDICATED PAKISTAN MAY ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SECRET
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TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, MATERIALS, AND EQUIPMENT FROM INDIVIDUALS AND FIRMS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CANADA, FOR COMPLETING CONSTRUCTION OF A NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT. HE HAD ASSUMED, HE SAID, THAT CANADA HAD CUT ALL NUCLEAR RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN.

2. IN ANY CASE, THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD TREAT THIS SUBJECT AS A MATTER OF IMPORTANCE AND URGENCY. HE ASKED THAT WE PROVIDE GOC WITH ANY INFORMATION WE HAVE INDICATING PAKISTANIS MAY ATTEMPT OBTAIN CANADIAN HELP OF ANY KIND, ENDS.

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