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'US Demarche on Pakistani Reprocessing Plant,' US Embassy Netherlands cable 6352 to State Department

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Summary:

Dutch response to U.S. demarche on Pakistani nuclear development, agreeing to cooperate fully. Foreign Minister van der Klaauw also express concern about less developed countries ("LDCs") that consider non-proliferation discriminatory.

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1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER KLAUW NOVEMBER 9 AND MADE THE ORAL POINTS IN PARA TWO AND LEFT A NON-PAPER CONTAINING THE POINTS IN PARA THREE REFER. VAN DE KLAUW SAID HE SHARE OUR THOUGHTS ON NON-PROLIFERATION AND HAS OFTEN SPOKEN OUT ON THAT SUBJECT. HE ALSO SHARES OUR CONCERN REGARDING PAKISTAN: HE BELIEVES FORMER PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO WAS BOASTING BUT WE CANNOT BE SURE.

2. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE BRITISH HAVE RAISED WITH HIM THE QUESTION OF CONTROLLING THE EXPORT OF INVERTERS FOR A GAS CENTRIFUGE ENRICHMENT FACILITY. THE MFA IS WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND IS TALKING TO DUTCH PRODUCERS AND IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS OF THE COCOM LIST.

3. VAN DER KALLAUW WENT ON TO SAY THAT A CTB WILL BE IMPORTANT IN THIS RESPECT. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO INDIA, HE SAID TO THE INDIANS THAT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO ADHERE TO THE CTB IN THE FUTURE. THE INDIANS WERE NON-COMMITTAL IN SECRET

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THEIR RESPONSE AND SAID ONLY THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO STUDY THE MATTER.


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