September 19, 1985
Department of State Telegram 287763 to Embassy Bonn,
'Export of Uranium Enrichment equipment to Pakistan'

Citation:
http://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/document/118539

Summary:
As these telegrams demonstrate, by the fall of 1986, if not earlier, the U.S. government believed that a Pakistani firm, Multinational Inc., was a “procurement agent” for A.Q. Khan’s secret network. In this case, Pakistani agents operating in West Germany were trying to secure aluminum tubes that could be used for the Khan Laboratory’s gas centrifuge program.

Credits:
This document was made possible with support from the Leon Levy Foundation and Carnegie Corporation.

Original Language:
English

Contents:
- Scan of Original Document
Subject: Export of Uranium Enrichment Equipment to Pakistan

The Department recently learned that the Pakistani trading firm Multinational, Inc., has contacted two different Western German firms to inquire about procurement of aluminum tubes. We believe these tubes are intended for use in Pakistan's unsecured nuclear program to manufacture gas centrifuges for the production of enriched uranium. Thus, embassy is requested to raise this issue with the FRG as soon as possible, drawing on the following talking points.

- The USG believes that the aluminum tubes in question are intended for use in manufacturing gas centrifuges for the production of enriched uranium.
- Because of the form and alloy sought, we believe that these aluminum tubes meet the specifications for "rotor tubes" listed in the upgraded Danger Trigger List. However, if they do not meet these specifications, they may fall within the category of "aluminum alloys" on the list of "second track" items for gas centrifuge uranium enrichment.