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

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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.

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1) DEPARTMENT RECENTLY LEARNED THAT THE PAKISTANI TRADING FIRM MULTINATION, INC. HAS CONTACTED TWO DIFFERENT WESTERN 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 SPEEDY AS POSSIBLE, DRAWING ON THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS.

-- THE USG HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE PAKISTANI TRADING FIRM MULTINATION, INC. HAS CONTACTED TWO DIFFERENT WESTERN FIRMS TO INQUIRE ABOUT PROCUREMENT OF ALUMINUM TUBES.

-- THE TWO WESTERN FIRMS ARE: CARLOVITZ AND CO. (WIE COULD NOT FIND AN ADDRESS) AND FELTEN UND GUILLERME EnergieTechnik GmbH, Schanzengasse 24/38, Pankow, FRG.

-- THE PAKISTANI FIRM MULTINATION, INC. IS KNOWN TO BE A PROCUREMENT AGENT FOR KHAN RESEARCH LABORATORY, THE ORGANIZATION CHIEFLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PAKISTAN'S UNSAFE-GUARDED URANIUM ENRICHMENT PROGRAM.

-- 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 SUSPENDED GUN TURBO-LIST. HOWEVER, IF THEY DO NOT MEET THESE SPECIFICATIONS, THEY CERTAINLY FALL WITHIN THE CATEGORY OF "ALUMINUM ALLOYS" ON THE LIST OF "SECOND TRACK" ITEMS FOR GAS CENTRIFUGE URANIUM ENRICHMENT.