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Only a few weeks after Pervez’s arrest, Under Secretary of State Armacost traveled to Pakistan for wide ranging discussions with General Zia, but with a special focus on nuclear procurement and the uranium enrichment program.

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SUBJECT: PERVIZ NUCLEAR ARREST CASE - JULY 23

1. STANDOFF BY INDIAN SPOKESMAN GIVES GREATER

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE HAVE OBTAINED A COPY OF THE STATEMENT RELEASED

BY THE INDIAN SPOKESMAN (I.E., FOREIGN SECRETARY) AT HIS

PRESS CONFERENCE ON JULY 23 (REPORTED REF 61). IT GIVES FURTHER

CONFIRMATION TO THE CONSPIRACY EXPLANATION OF THE CASE

THAT WAS PRESENTED IN THE PROPOSED INDIAN STATEMENT PROVIDED

TO THE AMBASSADOR BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON JULY 21

(REF 61) AND THE STATEMENT RELEASED BY THE PAK EMBASSY

IN WASHINGTON ON JULY 22 DEP CG. THE PAK EMBASSY

STATEMENT AND THE PROPOSED INDIAN STATEMENT CLOSELY

PARALLEL EACH OTHER IN CHARACTERIZING THE ATTEMPTED

EXPORT AS THE "OUTCOME OF A CONSPIRACY" BY ELEMENTS

WHO ARE OPPOSED TO THE CONTINUATION OF PAKISTAN-U.S.

RELATIONS AND HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTED TO DELIBERATELY

SCUTTLE THE PASSAGE OF THE 1987-83 U.S. AIR PACKAGE FOR PAKISTAN.

THE STATEMENT RELEASED BY INDIAN MAKES

SEVERAL SMALL CLARIFICATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING

ADDITIONAL SENTENCES: "WHAT STARTED AS A ROUTINE

COMMERCIAL SALE HAS, IN PRACTICE, TURNED INTO

A CONSPIRACY, COMPLICATED BY UNDER COVER

AGENTS AND THEIR COLLABORATORS TO APPEAR AS AN

"OUGNOURIOUS VIOLATION" OF U.S. LAW. NOT ALL THE

CONSPIRATORS AND THEIR COLLABORATORS HAVE YET BEEN

IDENTIFIED BUT..."

3. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE JULY 23 NFA STATEMENT WITH CHANGES FROM THE DRAFT STATEMENT GIVEN

TO THE AMBASSADOR ON JULY 21 IN PARENTHESES:

BEGIN TEXT: THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS

EFFECTED AN IMMEDIATE HIGH LEVEL INVESTIGATION INTO

THE ALLEGED ATTEMPT BY A CANADIAN RESIDENT OF

PAKISTAN ORIGIN TO EXPORT TO PAKISTAN SPECIAL STEEL

FROM THE UNITED STATES ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THE

LEGAL框架 OF THE LAW OF THE COUNTRY.

ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION SO FAR AVAILABLE, THE

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Sharon Ahmad, Senior Reviewer

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