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SUBJECT: ACHIEVING USG NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES IN PAKISTAN

REF: ISLAMABAD 11119

1. WE FULLY UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT SHARING WITH THE INDIANS USG CONCERNS ABOUT PAK NUCLEAR INTENTIONS. IN FACT, INSTRUCTIONS FOR NYE/PICKERING TALKS IN DELHI DID NOT MAKE REFERENCE TO PAKISTAN.

2. IN AN INFORMAL CORRIDOR CONVERSATION IN DELHI WITH JAGAT MEHTA AND SETHNA, NYE REFERRED IN PASSING TO NEWS STORIES ON PAKISTAN NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENTS (BHUTTO

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STATEMENT AND UK INVERTOR STORY). BOTH SEEMED WELL AWARE OF SITUATION. MEHTA EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT PAKISTANI INTENTIONS, BUT SUBJECT WAS DROPPED THERE. VANCE

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