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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS PRC:
NUCLEAR COOPERATION AND AFGHANISTAN

REF: A) ISLAMABAD 19420, B) BEIJING 22121

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: ON SEPTEMBER 15, PAKISTAN FOREIGN MINISTER YAOUB KHAN AND PRC STATE COUNCILLOR AND MINISTER IN CHARGE OF THE STATE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION SONG JIAN SIGNED A PEACEFUL NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN BEIJING. THE AGREEMENT REPORTEDLY INCLUDES NUCLEAR COOPERATION IN POWER GENERATION, MEDICINE AND AGRICULTURE AND EXCHANGES OF EXPERTS AND INFORMATION. UNDER THE AGREEMENT, THE SALE OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES WILL BE UNDER IAEA SUPERVISION "WHEREVER NECESSARY." THE AGREEMENT WILL BE REGISTERED WITH THE IAEA, POSSIBLY BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. THE TWO SIDES HOPE THAT BY PLACING ALL OF THEIR NUCLEAR COOPERATION UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, THEY WILL DEFLECT CRITICISM, WHICH THEY SAY IS UNFOUNDED, THAT THEY HAVE COOPERATED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER KHAN ALSO MET WITH PRC FOREIGN MINISTER WU XUEQIAN TO REVIEW THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE MUJAHIDIN AND TO INCREASE EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON THE SOVIETS. FM WU AND VICE FOREIGN MINISTER LIU SHUOING REPORTEDLY TOLD FOREIGN MINISTER KHAN THAT ALTHOUGH THE PRC HAD RECENTLY EMPHASIZED THE CAMBODIA "OBSTACLE," IT HAS NO INTENTION OF RELEGATING AFGHANISTAN TO THE BACK BURNER. END SUMMARY.

4. PAKISTAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAHABZADA YAOUB KHAN VISITED BEIJING SEPTEMBER 15 TO SIGN A PEACEFUL NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE PRC. DURING HIS ONE DAY STOPOVER, FOREIGN MINISTER KHAN MET WITH CHINESE PREMIER ZHAO ZIYANG, WHO ALSO ATTENDED THE SIGNING CEREMONY. IN ADDITION TO STATE COUNCILLOR SONG, FOREIGN MINISTER WU AND VICE FOREIGN MINISTER LIU. KHAN'S DELEGATION INCLUDED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PAKISTAN ATOMIC COMMISSION, MUNIR KHAN, COMMISSION MEMBER ISHAQ AHMED, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S ASSISTANT RIFAT MAHDI.

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TOLD ENDOFF ON SEPTEMBER 17 THAT CHINA AND PAKISTAN HAD BEEN CONSIDERING AN AGREEMENT FOR TWO OR THREE YEARS. THE IMPETUS FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT WAS THEIR DESIRE TO UNDERLINE THE PEACEFUL NATURE OF SINO-PAKISTANI NUCLEAR COOPERATION AND TO DYSBEL RUMORS AND ALLEGATIONS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. ENDOFF ADDED THAT DISCUSSIONS BEGAN IN ISLAMABAD LAST APRIL AND A GENERAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED IN LATE JULY. HOWEVER, THE AGREEMENT UNDERWENT SEVERAL LAST MINUTE CHANGES PRIOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER KHAN'S ARRIVAL IN BEIJING.

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6. ACCORDING TO THE PRC HAD EXPECTED ATOMIC COMMISSION CHAIRMAN MUNIR KHAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT FOR PAKISTAN BUT, PARTLY IN RESPONSE TO THE PRC'S NAMING STATE COUNCILLOR SONG JIAN TO SIGN FOR THE PRC AND PARTLY DUE TO A DESIRE TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE PAKISTAN PLACES ON THIS AGREEMENT, FOREIGN MINISTER KHAN DECIDED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ENROUTE TO THE UFGA IN NEW YORK.

7. ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT IS SIMILAR TO OTHER BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WHICH BOTH PARTIES HAVE SIGNED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AND PROVIDES FOR COOPERATION FOR THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN SUCH AREAS AS POWER GENERATION, MEDICINE AND AGRICULTURE. EXCHANGES OF EXPERTS AND INFORMATION ARE PLANNED AS WELL AS THE SALE OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL. EMPHASIZED THAT THE SALE OF EQUIPMENT

AND MATERIAL WOULD BE UNDER IAEA REGULATION "WHEREVER NECESSARY." IN RESPONSE TO ENDOFF'S REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION, EXPLAINED THAT IN CERTAIN CASES, SUCH AS THE SALE OF SMALL QUANTITIES OF HEAVY WATER, IAEA SUPERVISION IS NOT REQUIRED HOWEVER, IN CASES INVOLVING LARGER (UNSPECIFIED) AMOUNTS OF HEAVY WATER OR IN THE AREA OF NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL, IAEA SUPERVISION WAS REQUIRED. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL XINHUA NEWS AGENCY REPORTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT THE TWO SIDES WILL PLACE THEIR NUCLEAR COOPERATION PROJECTS UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS. ENDOFF NOTED THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE REGISTERED WITH THE IAEA, POSSIBLY BY THE END OF THIS YEAR AND THAT ALL FUTURE CHINESE-PAKISTANI NUCLEAR COOPERATION WOULD BE UNDER THE AGREEMENT. DURING HIS CONVERSATION WITH ENDOFF, ENDOFF NOTED THAT BOTH SIDES SALES OF NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT OR MATERIAL WOULD BE PERMITTED WITHOUT THE PRIOR CONSENT OF BOTH PARTIES. (IN A CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY S&T OFFICER.)

STATED THAT IF THERE ARE ANY TRANSFERS OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL AUTHORIZATION WOULD HAVE TO BE OBTAINED. ACCORDING TO HOWEVER THERE HAS BEEN NO AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC EXCHANGES OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL.

TOLD POL COORS ON SEPTEMBER 15 THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD NOT ONLY HELP BOTH COUNTRIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR NUCLEAR INDUSTRIES, BUT WOULD REMOVE ANY DOUBTS ABOUT THE TYPE OF COOPERATION THEY WERE ENGAGED IN. "YOU SHOULD BE PLEASED," ENDOFF ADDED.

8. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SIGNING CEREMONY, FOREIGN MINISTER KHAN MET WITH PRC PREMIER ZHAO FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES TO DISCUSS THE AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO XINHUA REPORTS, ZHAO USED THE MEETING

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TO RESTATE CHINA'S POLICY OF NEITHER ADVOCATING NOR ENCOURAGING NOR PRACTICING THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. AT THE SAME TIME HE REPEATED THE PRC'S CRITICISM OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AS "DISCRIMINATORY." XINHUA ALSO REPORTED FOREIGN MINISTER KHAN HAILING THE AGREEMENT AS OPENING A NEW CHAPTER IN PAKISTAN-CHINA BILATERAL RELATIONS AND SAYING THE AGREEMENT WOULD HELP TO ELIMINATE "IRRESPONSIBLE RUMORS" AND TESTIFY TO CHINA'S POLICY OF NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND PAKISTAN'S POLICY OF NON-PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

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~~COMMENTED THAT THE CHINESE WERE CONCERNED WITH THE U.S. REACTION TO THE AGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE U.S. CONGRESS, AND INSISTED ON THE INCLUSION OF STATEMENTS REITERATING THE PRC'S NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY.~~

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12. ~~REPORTED THAT THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN NEW YORK DURING THE UNGA.~~

13. COMMENT: THE HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE BY FOREIGN MINISTER KHAN AND PREMIER ZHAO AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY INDICATES THE IMPORTANCE BOTH SIDES PLACE IN THIS AGREEMENT. CHINA AND PAKISTAN ARE CLEARLY CONCERNED WITH THE U.S. REACTION TO THE AGREEMENT, AND ARE EMPHASIZING THE PEACEFUL AND ROUTINE NATURE OF THEIR BILATERAL NUCLEAR COOPERATION. HOWEVER, THE PRECISE DEGREE OF IAEA SUPERVISION AND SAFEGUARDS IS UNCLEAR. WE HAVE INFORMALLY REQUESTED A COPY OF THE AGREEMENT AND ARE WAITING FOR AN MFA RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST.

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