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**'US Demarche on Pakistani Reprocessing Plant,' US
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Summary:

Comments by French advisor Jacomet on the State Department's demarche on Pakistani nuclear development. Jacomet stated that the French government was planning a similar demarche. He was most concerned about the response of Italy and West Germany.

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1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR MADE THE POINTS CONTAINED REFTTEL TO JACOMET NOVEMBER 2. JACOMET'S REACTION WAS POSITIVE TO OUR EXPRESSED INTENTION OF MAKING DEMARCHES TO POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS. IN FACT, HE SAID THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO MAKE SIMILAR DEMARCHES, EMPHASIZING TO POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS THAT FURNISHING OF SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT TO PAKISTAN WOULD BE IN CONFLICT TO THE FRENCH POSITION ON NONPROLIFERATION.

2. JACOMET SAID HE EXPECTED TO CALL IN THE ITALIAN AND SPANISH AMBASSADORS IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO EXPRESS FRENCH CONCERNS. HE SAID HE FELT THAT THE "MOST DANGEROUS" PROBLEM WOULD BE WITH ITALY AND THE FRG. THE GERMANS, HE COMMENTED, DON'T CARE AT ALL ABOUT FRANCE'S NONPROLIFERATION POLICY. (INTERESTINGLY, HE SAID NOTHING ABOUT A FRENCH DEMARCHE TO THE FRG.) JACOMET, HAVING JUST RECEIVED

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THE BRITISH DEMARCHE ON THE PAKISTAN DESIRE TO DEVELOP A GAS CENTRIFUGE ENRICHMENT FACILITY (STATE 278247), EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE UK WAS SAFE. HE HAS ALSO RECEIVED WORD FROM THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN TOKYO THAT THE JAPANESE HAVE TURNED DOWN PAK REQUESTS. HE IS LESS SURE ABOUT SPAIN, BUT THINKS IT WILL PROBABLY ALSO REFUSE PAK REQUESTS.

3. IN GOING OVER THE APPROACH WE PLAN TO MAKE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS, JACOMET EXPRESSED RELIEF THAT NO MENTION IS TO BE MADE OF THE FRENCH DESIRE TO CANCEL THE REPROCESSING DEAL WITH PAKISTAN. WHILE THAT DECISION REMAINS FIRM, THERE REMAINS GREAT SENSITIVITY HERE TO ANY DIRECT LINKING ON OUR PART OF US POLICIES WITH THE FRENCH DECISION TO CANCEL THE DEAL.
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