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Summary:

Dutch response to U.S. demarche on Pakistani nuclear development, agreeing to cooperate fully. Foreign Minister van der Klaauw also express concern about less developed countries ("LDCs") that consider non-proliferation discriminatory.

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1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER KLAUW NOVEMBER 9 AND MADE THE ORAL POINTS IN PARA TWO AND LEFT A NON-PAPER CONTAINING THE POINTS IN PARA THREE REFTEL. VAN DE KLAUW SAID HE SHARED OUR THOUGHTS ON NON-PROLIFERATION AND HAS OFTEN SPOKEN OUT ON THAT SUBJECT. HE ALSO SHARES OUR CONCERN REGARDING PAKISTAN; HE BELIEVES FORMER PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO WAS BOASTING BUT WE CANNOT BE SURE.

2. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE BRITISH HAVE RAISED WITH HIM THE QUESTION OF CONTROLLING THE EXPORT OF INVERTERS FOR A GAS CENTRIFUGE ENRICHMENT FACILITY. THE MFA IS WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND IS TALKING TO DUTCH PRODUCERS AND IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS OF THE COCOM LIST.

3. VAN DER KALLUW WENT ON TO SAY THAT A CTB WILL BE IMPORTANT IN THIS RESPECT. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO INDIA, HE SAID TO THE INDIANS THAT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO ADHERE TO THE CTB IN THE FUTURE; THE INDIANS WERE NON-COMMITTAL IN

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THEIR RESPONSE AND SAID ONLY THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO STUDY THE MATTER.

4. VAN DER KLAUW CONTINUED THAT HE IS WORRIED ABOUT THE NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE IN 1980. HE SAID THAT IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH LDC REPRESENTATIVES, THEY CONTINUOUSLY RAISED THE DISCRIMINATORY ASPECTS OF THE NPT. UNFORTUNATELY MANY LDCS CONSIDER NUCLEAR POWER TO BE THE LATEST STATUS SYMBOL BECAUSE IT ILLUSTRATES THE HEIGHT OF INDUSTRIALIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY. IN ADDITION IT WOULD HELP THEM MEET THEIR VERY REAL ENERGY NEEDS AND THEY ASK WHY THEY, THE POORER COUNTRIES, SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE BENEFITS OF NUCLEAR POWERS. HE SAID THIS IS A PSYCHOLOGICAL QUESTION WHICH MUST BE ADDRESSED BY THE WEST.

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