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France et al., 'Visit of Pakistani Prime Minister
Khan Junejo to Washington - 15-18 July 1986'**

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Summary:

A State Department Cable detailing the visit of Pakistani Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo to Washington D.C. According to administration officials, Junejo was "astute and well briefed" and professed to be responsive to the U.S. emphasis on the "absolute criticality" of "restraint" in Pakistani nuclear activities. In meetings with the press, Junejo "specifically affirmed" commitment not to enrich uranium above the five percent level.

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JUNEJO TO WASHINGTON - 15-18 JULY 1986

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1. (U) PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMAD KHAN JUNEJO OF PAKISTAN LEFT WASHINGTON ON THE EVENING OF 18 JULY WITH PLANNED VISITS TO AGRICULTURAL AREAS AND THE EPCOT CENTER IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, AND TO NEW YORK CITY BEFORE FLYING FROM JFK ON 22 JULY TO PARIS AND THEN ISLAMABAD. VISIT DREW A FAIR AMOUNT OF MEDIA INTEREST, LARGELY BECAUSE OF STORIES ON THE NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION ISSUE, ON NARCOTICS, AND ON THE RESTORATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RULE WHICH WERE PART OF STAGE-SETTING BY CSM, NYT, AND WASHINGTON POST.

2. (U) SEPTTEL/WIRELESS FILE TRANSMITTED TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED ON 18 JULY AT CONCLUSION OF WASHINGTON OF THE VISIT. IN DISCUSSING VISIT WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS, ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD DRAW ON JOINT STATEMENT AND ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS, WHICH WERE USED IN BRIEFING FRIENDLY FOREIGN DIPLOMATS WHO ASKED FOR BRIEFING HERE:

3. (C) GENERAL: VISIT WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL ON A BROAD FRONT, WITH EXCELLENT RAPPORT ESTABLISHED AT THE TOP. VISIT CONFIRMED WITH PAKISTAN'S NEW CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT THE BASICS OF THE CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WE HAVE ENJOYED WITH ITS PREDECESSOR MARTIAL LAW REGIME. US APPLAUDED THE PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO CONSTITUTIONAL AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS OCCURRED IN PAKISTAN SINCE MARTIAL LAW WAS LIFTED LAST DECEMBER, UNDERSCORING THEMES OF BOTH CHANGE AND CONTINUITY. WE PRAISED JUNEJO AND PRESIDENT

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ZIA AS ARCHITECTS OF THIS SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION, AND WE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF THEIR PERSEVERING WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, DESPITE DIFFICULTIES. (NB: JUNEJO ENTOURAGE EPITOMIZED TRANSITION BY INCLUSION OF THE CHIEF MINISTERS OF TWO PROVINCES AND ELEVEN PARLIAMENTARIANS, IN ADDITION TO HIS MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FINANCE.)

4. (C) COMING AS IT DID JUST MONTHS AFTER AGREEMENT WITH JUNEJO ON A FOLLOW-ON ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AMOUNTING TO DOLLARS 4.02 BILLION FOR THE SIX-YEAR PERIOD TO BEGIN NEXT YEAR WHEN THE CURRENT DOLLARS 3.2 BILLION PROGRAM OF 1981 WINDS UP, THE VISIT SERVED TO DEVELOP FURTHER THE POLITICAL STAKE THAT PAKISTAN'S NEW CIVILIAN LEADERS HAVE IN THE ONGOING US-PAKISTAN RELATIONSHIP. WE PROMISED GOOD FAITH, BEST EFFORT TO SECURE FULL FUNDING.

5. (C) JUNEJO PROVED TO BE A WELL-BRIEFED AND POLITICALLY ASTUTE VISITOR, HIS DIRECTNESS, HIS APPARENT SINCERITY, AND HIS COMMAND OF THE ISSUES MAKING HIM

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ESPECIALLY EFFECTIVE IN FACE-TO-FACE DEALINGS OR SMALLER GATHERINGS. THE POSITIVE IMPRESSION HE CREATED FROM THE VERY START OF HIS VISIT CARRIED OVER INTO ALL OF HIS SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS, AND HE WAS GENERALLY WELL RECEIVED ON THE HILL, WHERE WE BELIEVE HE DID GOOD SPADEWORK IN SUPPORT OF PAKISTAN'S CLAIM TO AND NEED FOR ECONOMIC AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE.

6. (C) AFGHANISTAN: IN HIS PRIVATE TALKS, IN HIS MEETINGS ON THE HILL, IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, AND MOST NOTABLY, IN HIS FORCEFUL REPLY TO SECRETARY SHULTZ'S LUNCHEON TOAST, JUNEJO GAVE EVERY INDICATION THAT HE AND HIS CIVILIAN COLLEAGUES WOULD BE NO LESS TOUGH ON THE AFGHANISTAN ISSUE THAN WERE THEIR PREDECESSORS. "WE FACE A LONG WAR," HE TOLD HIS AUDIENCE AT THE SECRETARY'S LUNCH, AS HE UNDERLINED PAKISTAN'S DETERMINATION TO STAY
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THE COURSE. HIS WORDS ON THE NEED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET FORCES FROM AFGHANISTAN WERE STRONG AND UNCOMPROMISING, AND ON THE DURATION OF SUCH A TIMETABLE,

HE MADE UNEQUIVOCAL HIS INSISTENCE THAT IT BE "SHORT;" HE TOLD CORRESPONDENTS, "FOUR MONTHS WOULD BE AMPLE."

7. (C) WE BELIEVE WE ALSO MADE MAJOR PROGRESS WITH HIM ON THE PROVISION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANS INSIDE AFGHANISTAN, ON THE PROPOSAL TO HELP AFGHANS IMPROVE THEIR OWN MEDIA COVERAGE, AND ON BUILDING THE IMAGE OF THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE ALLIANCE. OUT OF SENSITIVITY TO JUNEJO'S CONCERNS ABOUT PAKISTAN'S BEING SEEN AS A "CONDUIT" FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE, WE WILL COMPLY WITH HIS REQUEST THAT WE CHARACTERIZE OUR HUMANITARIAN AID TO AFGHANS INSIDE AFGHANISTAN AS "AID TO WAR-AFFECTED AFGHANS" INSTEAD OF "CROSS-BORDER ASSISTANCE."

8. (U) WE STRONGLY CONDEMNED ATTACKS ON PAKISTAN AND TERRORIST BOMBINGS IN PAKISTAN DIRECTED FROM AFGHANISTAN AND USED VARIOUS OCCASIONS DURING THE VISIT TO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO PAKISTAN'S INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

9. (U) FINALLY, WE TOOK NOTE OF PAKISTAN'S PRAISEWORTHY RECORD - WITH OUR HELP, BUT AT EVEN GREATER COST TO THE GOP EXCHEQUER -- IN LOOKING AFTER THE NEARLY 3 MILLION AFGHANS WHO HAVE SOUGHT REFUGE IN PAKISTAN. (NB OUR CONTRIBUTION TO REFUGEE RELIEF IN PAKISTAN OVER THE YEARS

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IS APPROACHING DOLLARS 500 MILLION; ADDITIONALLY MORE THAN DOLLARS 20 MILLION HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATED FOR HUMANITARIAN AID TO WAR-AFFECTED AFGHANS.)

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10. (S) NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION: WE REMINDED JUNEJO OF OUR STAUNCH COMMITMENT TO ARMS CONTROL AND TO LIMITING THE FURTHER SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WE TOLD HIM WE REMAIN SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IN SOUTH ASIA, URGED THAT THERE BE RESTRAINT ON ALL SIDES, AND PRESSED THE PAKISTANIS TO CONTINUE, AND IF POSSIBLE TO EXPAND, THEIR DIALOGUE ON NUCLEAR MATTERS WITH INDIA. WE EMPHASIZED TO JUNEJO, AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST FOR PRESIDENT ZIA, THE ABSOLUTE CRITICALITY TO THE CONTINUANCE OF AMERICAN ASSISTANCE OF RESTRAINT IN PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM (A THEME REPEATED TO HIM ALSO ON THE HILL). WE BELIEVE HE CARRIED AWAY A VIVID IMPRESSION OF BOTH THE SERIOUSNESS AND THE BREADTH OF US CONCERN ABOUT PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES.

11. (U) IN THE JOINT STATEMENT, ON THE HILL, AND IN HIS OTHER MEETINGS AROUND TOWN, JUNEJO REPEATEDLY AFFIRMED PAKISTAN'S COMMITMENT TO PEACEFUL USES AND HIS GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO SIGN THE NPT, INTER ALIA, IF

INDIA WOULD DO SO. TO NEWSMEN, HE SPECIFICALLY AFFIRMED PAKISTAN'S COMMITMENT NOT TO ENRICH URANIUM ABOVE FIVE PERCENT. JUNEJO CONFIRMED TO NEWSMEN BASIC DETAILS OF THE WASHINGTON POST STORY, PUBLISHED BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL, OF A 21 JUNE SOVIET DEMARCHE TO ZIA ON THE PAK NUCLEAR PROGRAM AND THE US REAFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN'S SECURITY.

12. (C) NARCOTICS: AS A FOLLOW-UP TO DISCUSSIONS IN PAKISTAN EARLIER THIS YEAR BY ATTORNEY GENERAL MEESE AND INM ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE WROBLESKY, THERE WERE GOOD EXCHANGES AT HIGH LEVEL ON THE NEED TO HALT THE PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING OF AND TRAFFICKING IN ILLICIT NARCOTICS, NOTABLY HEROIN. JUNEJO IMPRESSED ALL WITH THE FIRMNESS OF HIS DETERMINATION TO COOPERATE WITH US IN

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THIS FIGHT. JOINT STATEMENT EXPLICITLY REFERS TO OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER GOP REQUEST FOR HELP IN AERIAL SPRAYING AS AN OPIUM ERADICATION MEASURE.

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13. (C) REGIONAL PEACE AND COOPERATION: WE EMPHASIZED OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN PROMOTING LONG-TERM PEACE AND PROGRESS IN SOUTH ASIA, URGING FURTHER PROGRESS IN INDO-PAKISTAN NORMALIZATION, RAISING PRIVATELY WITH THE PAKS OUR CONCERNS ABOUT ALLEGATIONS OF PAK MEDDLING IN EAST PUNJAB, UNDERSCORING OUR SUPPORT FOR THE NEW SOUTH ASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION (SAARC), AND ENSURING THAT JUNEJO UNDERSTANDS OUR EFFORT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH INDIA IN NO WAY REDUCES OUR COMMITMENT TO OR DILUTES OUR INTEREST IN PAKISTAN.

14. (U) TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER: FONMIN YAQUB KHAN AND SECRETARY SHULTZ SIGNED AGREEMENT ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AT THE WHITE HOUSE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER, AN AGREEMENT SOUGHT BY THE PAKS SINCE THE SIGNING OF AN MOU WITH SIMILAR INTENT WITH INDIA LAST YEAR. SEPTELS PROVIDE BACKGROUND ON THE AGREEMENT, AIM OF WHICH IS TO FACILITATE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND ENSURE ITS PROTECTION, CONSISTENT, OF COURSE, WITH REQUIREMENTS OF OUR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY.

15. (C) ECONOMIC MATTERS - POLICY REFORM, INVESTMENT, DEBT, AND TEXTILES: VISIT ENABLED ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMEN TO UNDERSCORE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CONTINUED US AID AND GREATER MOVEMENT BY GOP TO IMPLEMENT ECONOMIC REFORM MEASURES RECOMMENDED BY WORLD BANK AND IMF, E.G. REMOVAL OF SUBSIDIES, GREATER MOBILIZATION OF DOMESTIC RESOURCES, FREEING UP OF INVESTMENT CLIMATE, ETC. JUNEJO APPEARED TO TAKE THIS ON BOARD WITH POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND
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PROMISED IMPROVEMENT, ESPECIALLY IN INVESTMENT APPROVAL

PROCEDURES. FOR HIS PART, JUNEJO PRESSED FOR HELP ON FMS DEBT, FOR GREATER USG SYMPATHY ON TEXTILE MATTERS, AND FOR US HELP TO RESIST WHAT HE ANTICIPATES WILL BE IBRD EFFORT TO SHIFT PAKISTAN AWAY FROM SOFT IDA TO HARDER IBRD LOANS.

16. (U) FOR ISLAMABAD: WE ANTICIPATE HE WILL HEAR FURTHER ON SHIPPING TAX AND SOFT-DRINK PROBLEMS IN MEETINGS IN NEW YORK.

17. (S) FOR LONDON AND PARIS ONLY: PORT VISITS: WE SPECIFICALLY RAISED WITH SENIOR MEMBERS OF JUNEJO ENTOURAGE OUR CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE CHANGE IN GOP PORT VISIT POLICY REFLECTED IN QUESTIONS ABOUT ARMAMENTS CONTAINED IN NEW MFA QUESTIONNAIRE ABOUT SHIPS FOR WHICH

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PORT VISIT PERMISSION IS BEING SOUGHT; FONSEC SAID HE UNDERSTANDS OUR NUCLEAR NON-DECLARATION POLICY AND DENIED ANY GOP INTENT TO CHANGE GROUND RULES FOR PORT VISITS, ASCRIBING QUESTIONNAIRE LANGUAGE TO PRESUMED LOWER LEVEL OVER-ZEALOUSNESS.

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18. (U) KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SHULTZ

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