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Summary:

The Embassy of Pakistan writes to the Chinese Foreign Ministry regarding the welfare of Pakistani nationals in Xinjiang.

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The Embassy of Pakistan present their compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China and with reference to the list of Pakistan nationals in Sinkiang supplied by the Ministry in pursuance of Embassy's Note No.691-F-121/52 dated the 12th March 1952 have the honour to state that Mr. Mahmud Shah who was till recently incharge of ex-Pakistan Consulate General at Kashgar has furnished a list of Pakistan nationals in Sinkiang, a copy of which is enclosed. The list which is based on the records of the ex-Pakistan Consulate as well as the late British Consulate General at Kashgar is understood to be quite upto date and does not include details of family members. It appears that quite a majority of persons are missing in the list so kindly supplied by the Ministry.

2. The Embassy would be grateful if verification could be made about the unaccounted for nationals so that the work relating to registration and passports in respect of these persons could also be taken up. In this connection, it will be recalled that His Excellency the Vice Foreign Minister while withholding permission for the visit to Sinkiang of a diplomatic officer of this Embassy, promised that the work of the Embassy would not be hampered and every facility would be afforded in this regard.

The Embassy of Pakistan avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China the assurances of their highest consideration.