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PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 9, 1979

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TIME AND PLACE: 2:00-3:30 p.m., White House Situation Room

SUBJECT: Pakistan

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PARTICIPANTS:

State  
Warren Christopher, Deputy Secretary  
David Newsom, Under Secretary for Political Affairs  
Lucy Benson, Under Secretary for Security Assistance, Science & Technology  
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SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

The PRC met to discuss the implications of Pakistani nuclear policy, especially as regards requirements for the US to suspend assistance under the Symington Amendment, measures to prevent Pakistan from developing a nuclear explosive capability, and steps to maintain the best possible relations with Pakistan under the circumstances: (S)

There appears to be no question that transfers of critical equipment have taken place that will require action under the Symington Amendment. Since there is no precedent, there was considerable question, however, as to the timing and modalities for implementation of the Amendment and specific actions that would be covered. It was decided that the State Department's Legal Adviser will advise the Secretary of State as to which pending aid agreements may legally be signed, as well as other implications of the Symington Amendment. The intent of the PRC is to maintain maximum flexibility within the law in order to be able to respond to changes in circumstances and to maintain the broadest possible basis for continuing close relations with Pakistan. (S)

State will also provide legal advice on the status of two agreements with Pakistan that are now pending in Islamabad. (S)

A major emphasis is to be put on devising ways of dissuading Pakistan from pursuing its nuclear option. Diplomatic scenarios will be developed by an interagency group chaired by the State Department. It will cover multilateral (especially Indo-Pakistani) as well as bilateral approaches and should report back on a tight deadline. (S)

Efforts will be continued to cut off supplies of equipment that are critical to the Pakistani nuclear explosive program, both from our allies and from the United States itself. (S)

It was agreed that additional consultations with Congress will be needed. (U)