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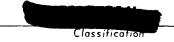
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E.O. 11652: 6DS TAGS: PFOR. IN. US SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER, JUNE 19.1974

1. IN A FRIENDLY, EASY TALK THIS MORNING PRIME MINISTER GANDHI STATED THAT IF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY WERE "PROPOSED WHICH BROUGHT EVERYBODY IN AND WAS NOT DIS-CRIMINATORY. THEN INDIA WOULD BE FOR IT." ONCE SUCH AN OVERALL TREATY WERE IN PLACE, INDIA WOULD SUPPORT A TREATY FOR THE MITERMATIONAL REGULATION AND SUPERVISION OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS.

2. THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION RESTS WITH THE OTHER NUCLEAR COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE STOCKPILES OF WEAPONS. HER PRIVATE SECRETARY P.W. DHAR INTERJECTED THAT A FIRST STEP WOULD BE FOR THE TWO SUPERPOVERS TO AGREE TO THIS APPROACH. TO MY SURGESTION THAT INDIA WOULD THEN EXPECT THAT THIS SUBJECT YOULD BE REISED AT THE FORTHCOMING MOSCOV SUMMIT. THE PRINE HINISTER REPLIED THAT "THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD THING."

3. AS HER "PERSONAL OPINION, NOT NECESSARILY THAT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S" THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT "EVEN FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES" IF THERE WERE "ANY ALTERNATIVES I WOULD RATHER USE THOSE THAN NUCLEAR ENERGY." WE TALKED OF SOLAR ENERGY. SHE MADE CLEAR HER FEELING THAT THE AMOUNTS OF AID NOW BEING REVEIVED COULDN'T IN ITSELF SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT INDIA'S ECONOMIC COMDITIONS AND MEEDS WHICH ARE SO GREAT. HENCE THE NEED TO EXPOGRE OPTIONS SUCH AS NUCLEAR ENERGY.



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44 THE PRIME MEMISTER MOTED THAT HER FATHER FIRST PRO-POSED A TEST BAR TREATY AT THE UN. THIS WAS RIDICULED. AT THE TIME, BY BOTH THE US AND THE USSR. BUT WHEN SUCH A TREATY CAME INDIA SIGNED IT. INDIA DID NOT SIGN THE MPT WHICH WAS DISCRIMINATORY. THE REAL PROBLEM AT THIS MOMENT IS NOT SO MUCH HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION AS VERTICAL PROLIFERATION. CHINA AND FRANCE RENAIN OUT OF THE MPT. THE POLICY TODAY IS AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN THE PAST FEW DAYS BOTH MAD SET OFF EXPLOSIONS OF GREATER YIELD THAN INDIA'S.

3. INEIR PAKISTAN PREOCCUPATION PERSISTS. TO VIT: PAKISTAN HAD SET OFF A HUE AND CRY ABOUT INDIA. BUT HAD SAID NOTHERS WHEN THE CHINESE TESTED. IN 1965 AT THE UNITED MATIONS MR. BANTTO HAD RIDICULED THE IDEA OF THERE BEING ANY NEED FOR A MUCLEAR UMBRELLA INAS MUCH AS CHINA'S TEST WAS PEACEFUL. ETC. IN A LONG TALK WITH DHAR YESTERDAY HE ASKED ME WHAT WE WERE GOING TO DO ABOUT PAKISTAN. I REPLIED THAT THE REAL QUESTION WAS WHAT WAS INDIA GOING TO DO. INDIA WAS THE BIG NATION DOWN HERE, AND THE ONE WHICH HAD EXPLOSED A MUCLEAR DEVICEN IT WAS INDIA'S JOB TO EMABLE PAKISTAN TO LIVE WITH THIS. HE BEGAN RE-COUNTING THINGS BEING SAID IN ISLAMABAD. I INTERRUPTED TO BAY THAT INDIA WAS STILL THINKING LIKE A LITTLE COUNTRY AND MAD GOT TO START THINKING LIKE A BIG COUNTRY. HE HAD BEGUN WITH AN ACCOUNT OF THE BRITISH DE-CISION TO GRANT PARITY AS BETWEEN HUSLINS AND "NON MUSLIMS", THE MUSLIM LEAGUE AND THE CONGRESS PARTY, ETC. I SAID THIS WAS ALL IN THE PAST AND IT WAS TIME INDIA CAOSHT UP WITH PRESENT REALITIES, MUCH AS THE UNITED STATES EVENTUALLY LEARNED TO DO IN NORTH AMERICA.

The American 6. THE PRIME MINISTER CONCLUDED -- THE FIRST TIME IN MY EXPERIENCE --BY ASKING THAT I CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT HER WARM PERSONAL REGARDS. HOYATHAN

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