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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Gerald R. Ford
Pakistani Ambassador Yaqub-Khan
Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State
and Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant
to the President for National Security Affairs

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, August 21, 1974
12:38 - 12:45 p. m.

PLACE: The Oval Office
The White House

President: It is very nice to see you again and have an opportunity to chat with you.

Yaqub-Khan: I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you. You have already read the letter from Prime Minister Bhutto. He also asked me to convey his personal greetings.

Kissinger: Pakistan has the most intimidating honor guard I have ever seen.

Yaqub-Khan: We value our relationship with the U. S. and your efforts toward peace, and we are delighted that Secretary Kissinger will remain.

President: I want to say personally that our policies will continue. Secretary Kissinger is invaluable to me and to the country, and the globe. Your country's friendship is very valuable to us and we look forward to maintaining our relations. Secretary Kissinger has made me aware of some of your military needs. I don't know the total details yet.

Kissinger: I told the President of the \$90 million request.

Yaqub-Khan: I thank you. You said you would do that.

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Kissinger: On a sales basis, it wouldn't be as difficult to do.

Yaqub-Khan: We don't want to embarrass our friends. You know our needs and that is sufficient.

Kissinger: If we wind up with the Greek-Turkish, Arab-Israeli and India-Pakistan [problems] all at once....

Yaqub-Khan: You heard about the Cyprus developments?

Kissinger: There was a proposal for Prime Minister Bhutto to mediate.

Yaqub-Khan: Karamanlis made it, and we immediately checked it with the Turks. Your Ambassador said it would be fine with you. We have sent an Under-Secretary to Athens and Ankara to check the land to see whether mediation is possible.

President: Your assistance has been very helpful and we appreciate it.

[After closing pleasantries, the meeting ended.]