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SUBJECT: US RESPONSE TO INDIAN CRITICISM

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1. I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM JOE SISCO TELLING ME TO SPEAK STRONGLY TO CHAVAN ABOUT RECENT INDIAN CRITICISMS OF THE US. I DON'T BELIEVE HOWEVER, THAT I SHOULD START THIS PROCESS WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT OUR STRATEGY IS. THAT IS, WHAT WOULD WE DO IF THE INDIANS DID NOT RESPOND? I FEAR THAT THE INDIANS CONTINUE TO ABUSE US BECAUSE SO MUCH OF THEIR EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT WE WILL TAKE IT AND CONTINUE TO GIVE THEM WHAT THEY WANT.

2. IN FACT, WE WARNED THEM SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THAT IF THEY OVERREACTED TO OUR ARMS SALES POLICY WE WOULD BE FORCED TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT OUR POLICIES. AT FIRST IT APPEARED THAT THEY HAD HEEDED THIS WARNING, BUT IT IS NOW OBVIOUS THAT THEY HAVE NOT. AT THIS TIME I FEEL I NEED A CLEAR IDEA OF WHERE WE ARE GOING BEFORE DELIVERING ANOTHER LECTURE.

3. ACTIONS UNDER WAY WITHIN THE US GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE THE INDIANS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO HELP THEM DESPITE THEIR CRITICISM. VERY SHORTLY THE ADMINISTRATION WILL GO TO THE HILL WITH AN AID APPROPRIATION

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GOING TO ALTER OUR PROGRAMS THERE IS NO POINT IN BEATING THEM OVER THE HEAD WITH A BAG OF WIND. IF I AM GOING TO EXPRESS US CONCERN I WANT TO KNOW HOW MUCH BACKING I HAVE.

7. I AM AWARE THAT SUCH DECISIONS MUST BE MADE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL BUT I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO MATCH OUR ACTIONS TO OUR RHETORIC.  
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