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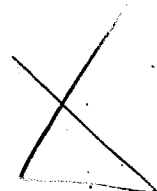
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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM BYROADE

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1. BHUTTO PHONED ME A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO INVITING ME FOR A DISCUSSION PRIOR TO A DINNER WHICH HE LATER GAVE IN OUR HONOR. WE HAD AN UNUSUALLY GOOD, WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION WHICH COVERED SOME MATTERS THAT I WOULD HOPE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU ON OUR COMING HOME LEAVE WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL ALLOW ME TO BE IN WASHINGTON EITHER LATER THIS MONTH OR IN JULY.

2. THIS MESSAGE WILL COVER ONLY ONE OF THE POINTS DISCUSSED AND I AM SENDING IT IN ORDER TO PLANT A THOUGHT IN YOUR MIND AT AN EARLY DATE.

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CURRENT CONSERVATIVE AND RATHER TOUGH BUDGET NOW BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. I GAVE HIM FULL MARKS FOR THIS AS WELL AS FOR THE GOALS HE HAS LAID DOWN FOR INCREASE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WHICH I DO INDEED BELIEVE WILL RESULT IN CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HERE THIS YEAR AND MORE MARKEDLY SO IN NEXT YEAR.

6. BHUTTO PULLED NO PUNCHES IN MAKING HIS PERSONAL REQUEST TO ME RE FOOD ASSISTANCE, SAYING IT WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO HIM IN THE ELECTION PROCESS AND IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF HIS HOPES FOR THE FUTURE AS HE HAD OUTLINED THEM TO ME. HE ASKED IF I WOULD TALK TO YOU PERSONALLY AND FRANKLY ON THIS SUBJECT WHEN I WENT HOME AND I SAID THAT I WOULD. BHUTTO'S HOPES ARE VERY SPECIFIC ALTHOUGH HE ACCEPTS THE FACT THAT WE PROBABLY COULD NOT GO AS MUCH AS A MILLION TONS UNDER PL-480. HIS REQUEST, THEREFORE, WAS FOR 700 THOUSAND TONS PL-460, 250-300 THOUSAND IN CC CREDITS. I TOLD HIM I WOULD SEE WHAT WAS POSSIBLE.

7. BESIDES THE POLICY QUESTION ON MILITARY SUPPLY, WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY HANDLED, THIS IS ONLY THE SECOND REQUEST OF ME THAT BHUTTO HAS PUT IN SUCH PERSONAL TERMS. AS I SURVEY THE LOCAL POLITICAL SITUATION THE CONCLUSION SEEMS INEVITABLE THAT U.S. INTERESTS WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY THE CONTINUATION IN POWER OF BHUTTO OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. FURTHER, I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT MEETING HIS REQUEST IN SUCH MAGNITUDE WOULD LESSEN HIS RESOLVE TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS TO MAKE PAKISTAN SELF-SUFFICIENT. HE HAS PROVEN OVER THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF TO BE HIGHLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO OUR SUGGESTIONS ON MATTERS SUCH AS FOOD AND FERTILIZER PRICES SO AS TO GIVE INCENTIVE TO THE FARMERS EVEN THOUGH THESE HAVE SOMETIMES BEEN POLITICALLY DIFFICULT FOR HIM. I REALIZE THE TIME FOR DECISION RE NEXT YEAR'S PL-480 ALLOCATIONS IS SOME TIME AWAY BUT I WANTED TO GIVE THE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THIS MATTER TO YOU PERSONALLY AT AN EARLY DATE SO THAT THE EVENTUAL DECISION WOULD NOT BE OVERLY SWAYED BY THOSE WHO ARE NOT SO AWARE OF THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS.
BYROADE

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