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SUBJ: VILLAINY BY NIGHT

1. UNASYG AND I ARE CONVINCED ON THE BASIS OF EVIDENCE WE BOTH REGARD AS CONCLUSIVE THAT BOMBING OF NON-MILITARY AREAS IN DACCA LAST NIGHT (AND INFERENTIALLY BOMBING OF ORPHANAGE ON NIGHT OF DEC 8-9) WERE CARRIED OUT BY A PAK GOVT PLANE BASED AT DACCA AIRPORT AND THAT THE PURPOSE OF ATTACKS WAS TO DISCREDIT THE INDIAN AIR FORCE.

2. EVIDENCE WHICH HAS BROUGHT US TO THIS CONCLUSION CONSISTS GENERALLY OF FOLLOWING:

A. SOUND OF ENGINES OF PLANE CARRYING OUT BOMBING WAS MARKEDLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF JETS OF IAF WHICH HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN PREVIOUS ATTACKS; UN AIRCRAFT EXPERT HAS GIVEN HIS OPINION THAT THE SOUND WAS COMPATIBLE WITH THAT OF SMALL TWIN ENGINE PROP AIRCRAFT, ALMOST CERTAINLY THE PIAGGIO P-136-L, AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH WAS SEEN BY ARMA AS RECENTLY AS A WEEK AGO AT DACCA AIRPORT. CONGEN EMPLOYEE OF 15TH FLOOR OF INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL FACING AIRPORT SAW PLANE TAKE OFF FROM AIRPORT AND HEARD IT CIRCLE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO BOMB EXPLOSIONS. ANOTHER CONSULAR EMPLOYEE ALSO HEARD AIRCRAFT AND BELIEVES HE SAW BOMB DROPPED, AFTER WHICH PLANE CUT ITS ENGINES AND PRESUMABLY LANDED AT NEARBY DACCA AIRPORT. SENIOR LOCAL EMPLOYEE ALSO SAW PLANE, RECOGNIZED IT AS TWIN-

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ENGINE CRAFT KEPT AT AIRPORT FOR VIP USE, AND OBSERVED THAT CABIN LIGHTS WERE ON DURING FLIGHT.

B. IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS NIGHT BOMBINGS WHEN INDIAN AIRCRAFT WERE INVOLVED, THERE WAS VIRTUALLY NO ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE, NOT AT ALL EXCEPT FOR TWO SMALL TRACER ROUNDS FIRED AT AN ANGLE AWAY FROM SITE OF BOMBING.

C. RECOVERED NEAR SCENE OF ONE OF BOMBS AND CURRENTLY IN POSSESSION UNEPRO IS OBJECT WHICH CANNOT HAVE ANY OTHER PURPOSE THAN THAT OF MAKESHIFT BOMB RACK; THIS OBJECT CONSISTS OF BOARDS NAILED TOGETHER TO FORM RECTANGULAR BASE APPROXIMATELY SIZE OF SPACE BETWEEN CABIN AND FLOAT SUPPORT OF PIAGGIO AIRCRAFT. FIXED TO THIS BOARD ARE TWO SEMI-CIRCULAR METAL BRACKETS FACING DOWNWARD; DANGLING FROM THE METAL BRACKETS IS A WEB OF WHITE HARNESS BELTING AND VARIOUS PIECES STRONG TWINE; OBVIOUS INFERENCE IS THAT THIS MAKESHIFT BOMB RACK WAS FABRICATED FOR USE WITH PIAGGIO AIRCRAFT IN ACCOMPLISHING LAST NIGHT'S MISSIONS; FACT THAT IT FELL OFF AND COULD BE RECOVERED IS PROBABLY ACCIDENT.

D. BASIS FOR INFERENCE THAT BOMBING OF ORPHANAGE ON NIGHT 8-9 DEC WAS OF SAME PATTERN IS FOUNDED ON SIMILARITY OF AIRCRAFT SOUNDS, ABSENCE OF ANY ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRING.

3. HENRY IS INFORMING SYG URGENTLY OF HIS CONCLUSIONS IN THIS AFFAIR AND IS CONSIDERING WHAT OTHER STEPS HE CAN TAKE. HE IS AFRAID THAT UNEPRO POSSESSION OF INCRIMINATING BOMB RACK DEVICE MIGHT LEAD TO SUBSEQUENT ATTACK BY PAF TO DESTROY EVIDENCE BY BOMBING UN COMPOUND. HE IS ALSO CONCERNED FOR SAFETY OF RED CROSS NEUTRALIZED ZONES (INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL WHERE SOME 500 FOREIGN NATIONALS AWAITING EVACUATION AND HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL) SINCE HE CONCEIVES THAT PAF MAY ENGAGE IN FURTHER STUNTS THIS NATURE IN ATTEMPT SOLIDIFY CASE AGAINST INDIAN AIR FORCE. MEMBERS OF UN STAFF HAVE ADVISED PAUL MARC HENRY AGAINST ATTEMPT CONFRONT ANY DACCA OFFICIALS WITH EVIDENCE FOR FEAR THAT WHOEVER DOES THIS MIGHT IMMEDIATELY BE IMPRISONED OR DISAPPEAR. UN HAS PHOTOGRAPHED BOMB RACK AND IS CON-

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SIDERING DISPOSING OF IT IN OBVIOUS AND DISINGENUOUS FASHING BY SIMPLY PLACING IN IN THE STREET.

4. I STRONGLY URGE THAT AMBASSADOR FARLAND AND AMBASSADOR BUSH (POSSIELY IN CONSULTATION WITH SYG) MAKE IMMEDIATE DEMARCHE TO PRESIDENT YAHYA AND PAK UN REP SHAHI TO CONFRONT THEM WITH EVIDENCE AND WARN THEM THAT ANY FUTURE ATTEMPT OF THIS KIND WILL BRING ABOUT FULL PUBLICITY. ALREADY RUMOR CIRCULATING WIDELY AMONG BENGALIS AND FOREIGNERS IN INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL THAT BOMBINGS WERE WORK OF PAKISTANIS. HOWEVER, THERE IS AGREEMENT BETWEEN HENRY AND ME THAT NEITHER ONE OF WILL MAKE ANY COMMENT OF ANY KIND ON THESE RUMORS.

5. I AM FULLY CONCIIOUS, AS IS PAUL MARK HENRY, OF GRAVITY OF CHARGES WE ARE MAKING. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT DEMARCHE I HAVE OUTLINED IS ONLY TO PUT AN END TO THIS KIND OF UNSCRUPULOUS BARBARITY WHICH HAS ALREADY COST THE LIVES OF SEVERAL HUNDRED ORPHANS IN DACCA.

6. I WOULD APPRECIATE FLASH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE. GP-1.
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