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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Meeting with Chief Executive General Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan (U)

PARTICIPANTS: U.S.

The President
Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State
John Podesta, Chief of Staff
Samuel Berger, Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
William Milam, U.S. Ambassador to
Pakistan

Pakistan
Chief Executive General Pervez Musharraf Abdul Satter, Foreign
Minister
Inamul Haque, Foreign Secretary
Maleeha Lodhi, Ambassador to the United

States

Bruce Riedel, NSC Notetaker

DATE, TIME AND PLACE:

March 25, 2000, 1:35 - 2:55 p.m.

Islamabad, Pakistan

General Musharraf: I welcome you to Pakistan. I only wish you could stay with us

longer so that we could show you our traditional hospitality and our culture.

Perhaps we could even have a game of golf together. I understand you are very good at golf. (U)

May I say a few words to start even though you are the guest? I am extremely

grateful to you for deciding to come to Pakistan

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Thank you again for coming. (U)

The President: Thank you for your welcome. I came to Pakistan for several reasons. First, because I want to honor our long relationship. We were together during the Cold War, and in fighting the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Since then we have been together in fighting to preserve peace in Somalia and other peacekeeping operations and in the fight against terror and narcotics. (C)

Second, my people -- General Zinni and Ambassador Milam -- have told me that you are a man to deal with. (C)

Third, I did not want to reward those who have threatened me. I thank you for working so closely with my security people to make this a safe visit for me and those who came with me. (C)

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(b)(1) I have only one year left as President but I think I have learned a great deal in seven years and I want to give you my view as a friend of your nation. (C)

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I said in New

Delhi and

I repeat it here that we want strong ties with both India and Pakistan.

Not one

at the expense of another. (C)

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(C)

The nuclear and democracy issues are very important to me. So is Kashmir. (C)

I have studied the history of Kashmir. Mrs. Albright's father wrote a book on it

I have read. I am familiar with the UN resolutions and documents. (U)

We are where we are. Lahore was the last joint statement you both agreed to.

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Some say America can do anything, can pressure anyone. Well, look at what happened in Seattle. (C)

I am the first President to be here in thirty years. The first in India in 22 years. (U)

The nuclear issue is a huge issue for me. I want to leave office having done all

I can to control these terrible weapons.

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I am grateful for your past cooperation on terrorism

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E.O. 12958 1.4(d) But you need to know that the Taliban and bin Ladin are very important issues for me and my country. (\$)

I want to raise two other issues. First, in 1995 an American, Donald Hutchings, was kidnapped in Kashmir. Mr. Azhar, who was released to you by India in the hijacking, could have valuable information on his fate. Please make him available to his widow for questions.

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The President: Finally, let me try to be positive.

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I
want to see

us try to build a partnership together that is better. I want to try to find a way to help with the IFIs, to restore a military-to-military relationship, to drop the sanctions -- (b)(1), E.O. 12958 1.4(d)

(b)(1), E.O. 12958 1.4(d) I cannot predict our election next year, but I'll do what I can to help in the time left to me.

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General Musharraf: All your issues are key ones. I will be equally frank with you as a friend. (C)

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On nuclear issues, we stand for non-proliferation. I guarantee this.

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My

people
want a resolution of the Kashmir problem. (C)

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Can we not forget Kargil? Let's look forward not back. We are
suffering in
Pakistan. We have wars to the east and to the west, Kashmir and
Afghanistan.
How can we hope for peace with wars on both sides? (C)

As for Afghanistan (b)(1), E.O. 12958 1.4(b), E.O. 12958 1.4(d)

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Kashmir is disputed land since 1947. Not Indian. Let the people of Kashmir decide their future. (C)

The President: Let's join the others in the expanded meeting. (C)

(There was a short one-on-one between the two meetings. Musharraf raised the outstanding debt owed on the F-16 issue with the President.) (C)

-- End of Conversation --

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