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I emphatically endorse the hard-line ISA position for PRC on Pakistan Nuclear Problem and disagree with JCS position:

1. The non-proliferation issue is far larger than Pakistan alone, however regrettable that we must single out Pakistan pour decourager les autres.
2. The US military's romantic attachment to the stalwart Pakistani remains unshakable, despite the fact that they always used us more than we used them. The only real help we ever got from them was Peshawar and U-2, and when they finally kicked us out in '66 we should have reciprocated in kind. Ergo, if we ever want to get something more from the Paks (other than the few things going now) a hard-line will in my experienced judgment produce more than a soft one.
3. In any case a cool calculation of our strategic interest in the subcontinent shows that a billion Indians are far more important to our overall interest than 150 million Paks. Our consistent tilt toward Pakistan 1950-65 was a major factor driving India to reinsure with Soviets. Why do we want to keep pushing Delhi toward Moscow (especially when Beijing seems warming up toward Delhi), unless there is some larger gain in prospect than I can see now?
4. In fact I'd even argue for economic pressure on Pakistan through the Western aid consortium as the most powerful non-proliferation lever available. Why should DOD always have to carry the can?

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