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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Report of the March 10 SIG on Pakistan (U)

The SIG followed four separate IG meetings which succeeded in sharpening issues and achieving broad interagency consensus that a major effort be made to improve our security relationship with Pakistan. Under Secretary Stoessel chaired; Dr. Ikle attended for DoD. It was decided that the paper prepared for the SIG would be refined and form the basis for NSC consideration next week.

It was recognized that we are operating on a tight deadline, driven by the necessity to consult with Congress about a resource package for Pakistan in time for the requested amounts to be included in the overall Budget Resolution. Actual budget submission would occur later in April when an amendment to the FY 82 authorization bill would be submitted. The legislative package will also request authority for the President to waive the Symington Amendment prohibition on furnishing security or economic assistance to any country receiving nuclear enrichment equipment or technology.

The NSC will be requested to recommend that the President approve this new approach to Pakistan and that he make a determination to offer multi-year assistance. Once that is done, Ambassador Hummel will be authorized to discuss our proposed new relationship with President Zia, including the size and composition of our proposed resource package. He will try to secure Zia's acceptance of our offer, but if Zia remains reticent, he will invite Foreign Minister Agha Shahi to visit Washington for more detailed discussions.

The proposed security assistance package for FY 82 will total \$500.6 million and require an add-on to the current projected security assistance budget of \$350.6 million in budgetary authority. From our point of view, this represents a minimum security assistance package acceptable to the GOP. We will also offer a "best efforts commitment" to provide the same level of assistance annually through FY 1986.

NSC representatives suggested that an additional effort be made to improve upon the security assurances we would be willing to offer Pakistan. Other issues raised to the NSC will include how we handle the nuclear proliferation question with Congress and with Pakistan, and whether we seek specific quids such as military access from Pakistan early on, or hold them until a more solid relationship develops. General Pustay pointed out that the most important contribution

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Pakistan can make to the security of the region and to our security strategy is to continue strong resistance to the Soviet presence in Afghanistan and to strengthen its own capacity to deter the Soviets from attempting incursions into Pakistan. A final element of our policy would be approaches to the allies and to Saudi Arabia for increased assistance.

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