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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation (Report #78 - As of 4:00 P.M. EDT)

- 1. There have been no reports of significant clashes along the Indian-West Pakistan cease fire line in recent hours. Members of the UN observer force continue to arrive in New Delhi and Rawalpindi.
- 2. Press reports from New York state that Security Council members have agreed in principle that a new cease fire appeal be sent to India and Pakistan in light of the flare-ups along the truce line in recent days.
- 3. Pakistani Foreign Minister Bhutto, following a morning conversation with Secretary Rusk in New York, told reporters that President Ayub wants to come to the United States for conversations with President Johnson. He did not mention any specific date for the proposed visit, however.
- 4. USIS Karachi reports that hostility towards the US is at an all time high at all levels of Pakistani society. The last stronghold of pro-US sentiment, the Army Officer Corps, "disintegrated" when MAP was suspended and no US aid was forthcoming following the Indian attack in the Punjab. A USIS official warns that a complete reassessment of US psychological objectives in Pakistan is required with consequent realignment of all USIS programs.
- 5. Despite public hostility in Pakistan toward the US, the Embassy office in Rawalpindi reports the situation is sufficiently stable in that city to permit the return of some US dependents from Iran. Life in Rawalpindi has largely returned to normal with no indications that civil disorder is likely.

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Pathan tribesmen, reportedly brought to the front from tribal areas in northern Pakistan during the hostilities, are being returned to their homes without being permitted to stop in Rawalpindi.

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7. The Indian Works and Housing Minister has openly recommended that India construct nuclear weapons. While the suggestion was recently made by a Parliamentary group, this is the first time that a cabinet member has come out publicly in favor of such a program.