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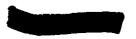
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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

1. IF QUERIED BY AFGHANS, YOU MAY INFORM THEM THAT NO RPT NO FINAL DECISION MADE ON ARMS SUPPLY DURING BHUTTO VISIT, BUT THAT IT IS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION. SEPTEL PROVIDES VISIT HIGHLIGHTS. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO NOTIFY YOU BEFORE ANY DECISION IS MADE, BUT YOU SHOULD NOT PROMISE GOA SUCH ADVANCE NOTIFICATION.

2. SUBJECT OF PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS SURFACED BRIEFLY DURING DISCUSSIONS. BHUTTO FELT RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN IM-PROVING SOMEWHAT AND EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ABOUT FUTURE MEET-ING WITH DAOUD, ALTHOUGH HE GAVE NO SPECIFICS ON DATE OR VENUE. KISSINGER





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