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SUBJ: US-UK Discussions on South Asia

1. We suggest you pass British following informal elaboration of working agenda indicating lines we plan take during discussions:

I.(A) Review of South Asia, incorporating analyses of Soviet and Chinese views. (a) possibility - likelihood of Sino-Indian detente - implications of such detente for Indo-Pak, Indo-Soviet, Pak-China relations; (b) implications of Soviet-China detente; (c) degree of Indian economic-military dependence on USSR and Pak dependence on China - steps which might be taken to diminish dependence; (d) extent - implications of South Asian xenophobia, what sorts of programs will be possible in future.?

I.(B) Review of India Situation. (a) prospects for stability after 1972 election; (b) implications for our policies of a left coalition government at center; (c) extent of the Naxalite threat and of tribal insurgency in Eastern India; (d) Indian

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interest in Southeast Asia - Can they play a constructive role?;

(e) India's great power aspirations - nuclear weapons and space -

Should we support and, if so, how?

I.(C.) Review of Pakistan Situation. (a) prospects for stability

after 1970 elections; (b) implications for our policies of

coalition government; (c) likely future role of military in

Pakistan; (d) prospects for Pakistan's national unity.

I.(D.) Indo-Pak Relations Including Political, Economic, and

Military Aspects. (a) the problem of peaceful nuclear explosions -

Pakistani concerns and how to deal with them; (b) Farraka and

Eastern Waters - assessment of possible international role -

economic consortium for flood control; (c) Kashmir - Does our
established position need to be reviewed?
(d) arms for India

and Pakistan - implications of continued U.S. embargo policy -

possibility of a greater British role.

II.(A.) Economic Developments in India and Pakistan. (a) what

are the problem areas for the future - population, follow-on to

the Green Revolution, urban migration - What can we do about them?

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(b) aid climate - bilateral or multilateral; (c) investment climate - prospects for nationalization.

II. (B.) Current Developments in Ceylon and Maldives. (a) Bandaranaike Government's policies - implications for U.S. and UK in terms of economic and political relations; (b) Ceylon and the Maldives in Indian Ocean context - ~~XXX~~ Gan and Diego Garcia - possibilities for future US-UK cooperation.

II. (C.) Review of Nepal Situation. (a) the problem of balance in Nepal's external relations - role of U.S. and UK in maintaining that balance; (b) ~~implications of apparent abrogation~~ status/of tripartite Indo-US-UK agreement on arms for Nepal; (c) Bhutan and our attitude towards its future - membership in UN.

II. (D.) Review of Afghan Developments.

II. (E.) Assessment of Importance of Area to West.

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and recognise we may not be able to cover all subtopics during informal exchanges. However, believe might be helpful for British to have some advance idea of points which are of particular interest to us.

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