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SUBJECT: REACTION IN PAKISTAN TO DEPUTY SECRETARY'S DELHI VISIT

REF: NEW DELHI 10425

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S VISIT TO NEW DELHI
GENERATED A LOW-KEY BUT NEGATIVE REACTION IN PAKISTAN.

2. ALTHOUGH THE GOP HAS NOT EXPRESSED AN OFFICIAL VIEW,
DR. KHURSHID HYDER, MFA DIRECTOR-GENERAL (AMERICAS), TOLD
THE DCM PRIVATELY THAT THE GOP WAS UPSET THAT CHRISTOPHER
HAD VISITED INDIA WITHOUT ALSO STOPPING IN PAKISTAN. THIS,
COUPLED WITH AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S FAILURE TO VISIT
ISLAMABAD AS WELL AS NEW DELHI EARLIER THIS YEAR, LEFT
A STRONG SUSPICION THAT THE US WAS "TILTING" TOWARD INDIA.
HYDER ALSO SAID THAT THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S COMMENT THAT
WE EXPECT TO SEE INDIA "TAKE A POSITION OF LEADERSHIP
IN SOUTH ASIA" WAS UNFORTUNATE IN THAT IT ENCOURAGED
INDIAN HEGEMONISTIC ASPIRATIONS.

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3. THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY,
PAKISTAN TIMES, CARRIED A BACK PAGE FACTUAL REPORT ON
CHRISTOPHER'S VISIT TO NEW DELHI. NAWA-I-WAQT, AN
INDEPENDENT NATIONALISTIC URDU DAILY, PUBLISHED AN
EDITORIAL JULY 25 COMMENTING ON THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S
REMARKS SAYING THAT THE US POLICY OF APPEASEMENT IS NEITHER

NEW NOR UNEXPECTED FOR THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN AND THAT
THE US HAS ALWAYS ENCOURAGED INDIAN HEGEMONY IN THE REGION.
NAWA-I-WAQT EXPLAINS THE CHANGE IN INDIA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD
THE UNITED STATES AS A RESULT OF THE JANA SANGH'S WELL
KNOWN OPPOSITION TO COMMUNISM. THE INCREASING COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS THEREFORE NOT UNEXPECTED.

4. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES BY NOTING THAT ISLAMABAD
CANNOT AFFORD TO BE OBLIVIOUS TO CHANGES IN DELHI-WASHINGTON
AND DELHI-MOSCOW RELATIONSHIPS AND THAT THE PEOPLE OF
PAKISTAN MUST BE PREPARED TO FOIL THE "NEFARIOUS DESIGNS"
OF THE INDIANS, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION
AGAINST PAKISTAN.
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