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~BEGIN SUMMARY~

1. (C) SUMMARY: OF THE STORIES IN THE NEW DELHI  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILIES ON FEBRUARY 20 ON THE  
TESTIMONY OF DAS PECK ON FEBRUARY 18, ONLY THE INDIAN  
EXPRESS LED WITH PECK'S SUGGESTION OF NEW DIPLOMATIC  
MOVES REGARDING THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION PROBLEM  
IN THE SUB-CONTINENT. THE TIMES OF INDIA LED WITH  
PECK'S STATEMENT THAT NEITHER INDIAN NOR PAKISTAN HAS  
TAKEN THE FINAL STEP TO ACQUIRE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE  
HINDUSTAN TIMES LEAD EMPHASIZED THAT PECK ACKNOWLEDGED  
THAT PAKISTAN HAD VIOLATED US LAW BUT THAT THE US  
WOULD NOT PENALIZE PAKISTAN FOR THESE VIOLATIONS. THE  
STATESMAN (CALCUTTA) SAW IN THE TESTIMONY AN EFFORT TO  
REVIVE THE PARITY ISSUE. IN GENERAL, THE DRAMA  
SURROUNDING PECK'S REVELATIONS ABOUT THE PAK NUCLEAR  
PROGRAM APPEARED TO OVERSHADOW THE MORE SUBTLE  
SUGGESTIONS OF A MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH TOWARDS  
NON-PROLIFERATION. END SUMMARY

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2. (U) THE FOLLOWING ARE HEADLINES AND SUMMARIES OF  
THE MAIN STORIES ON THE PECK TESTIMONY:

3. (U) THE EXPRESS: "US NEWS ON INDIA, PAK N-PLANS"  
"THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS BEGUN 'DIPLOMATIC  
NEGOTIATIONS' WITH CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION TO  
DISCUSS WAYS IN WHICH BOTH INDIA AND PAKISTAN CAN BE  
MADE TO ACCEPT INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS ON THEIR  
NUCLEAR FACILITIES. IT 'CANNOT BE SATISFIED' ANY  
LONGER WITH THE 'NUCLEAR REALITY' IN SOUTH ASIA.

"AS THE NUCLEAR PROGRAMMES OF BOTH COUNTRIES CONTINUE  
TO 'EVOLVE' (DAS ROBERT PECK SAID) . . . THE U.S. WILL  
NOT BE AN IDLE SPECTATOR TO A SITUATION IN WHICH  
NEITHER STATE IS BOUND BY ANY INTERNATIONAL  
COMMITMENT. . . . CHINA'S NUCLEAR ARSENAL RAISES DEEP  
CONCERNS IN INDIA AND PAKISTAN FACES A 'CURRENT'  
THREAT FROM THE SOVIET UNION. THE US CLAIMS TO BE IN  
'CLOSE CONSULTATION' WITH THE SOVIET UNION, CHINA AND  
THE UK ABOUT THIS 'LINKAGE' BETWEEN THE TWO PAK  
NUCLEAR PROGRAMMES AND COUNTRIES' NATIONAL SECURITY  
CONCERNS.

"YET, WHEN IT COMES TO DEALING DIRECTLY WITH PAKISTAN,  
THE US SINGS A DIFFERENT TUNE.

"PECK WAS TESTIFYING BEFORE (HFAC HEARINGS CALLED BY  
SOLARZ) TO DISCUSS THE PERVEZ CASE. . . . THE US

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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS ESTABLISHED BEYOND DOUBT THAT PERVEZ WAS SMUGGLING MARAGING STEEL FOR THE PAKISTANI NUCLEAR FACILITY IN KAHUTA.

"ACCORDING TO PECK, THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION KNOWS THAT PAKISTAN HAS NOT CEASED ALL ITS ILLEGAL ATTEMPTS TO SMUGGLE NUCLEAR MATERIALS INTO THE COUNTRY. BUT ASKED OF POSSIBLE US REACTION IF PAKISTAN WERE CAUGHT RED-HANDED, YET AGAIN TRYING TO SMUGGLE SUCH MATERIAL, MR. PECK REFUSED TO STATE WHETHER PAKISTAN WOULD BE INSTANTLY PENALIZED.

"IN WHAT WAS SO FAR THE MOST BLATANT EXPRESSION OF US DISREGARD FOR NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IN SOUTH ASIA, MR. PECK TESTIFIED THAT 'THERE EXIST A SUBSTANTIAL INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF NUCLEAR PROCUREMENT AGENTS WORKING ON PAKISTAN'S BEHALF THAT MUST BE CLOSELY MONITORED. . . NEW VIOLATIONS WOULD BE SEEN AS A NEW SITUATION.

"INDIA AND PAKISTAN, HE SAID, 'DO NOT HAVE NUCLEAR BOMBS BECAUSE THE LEADERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES WISH TO AVOID AN OPEN ARMS RACE.'

"MR. JOHN KEENEY (JUSTICE DEPT) TESTIFIED THE ONLY REALISTIC CASE FOR THE MATERIALS (IN THE PERVEZ CASE) WAS IN THE MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS."

3. (U) THE TIMES OF INDIA: "INDIA PAK NOT MAKING BOMB," BY J. N. PARIMOO:

"MR. ROBERT PECK . . . HAS SAID THAT NEITHER INDIA NOR PAKISTAN HAS ACTUALLY TAKEN THE FINAL STEP TO ACQUIRE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. . . .

"ACCORDING TO UNI AND PTI, THE U.S. IS TRYING TO LINK THE INDIAN ACQUISITION OF A LEASED SOVIET NUCLEAR SUBMARINE WITH MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR MILITARY

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"(MR. PECK JUSTIFIED THE PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER OF U.S. NON-PROLIFERATION AMENDMENTS . . . BUT HE CONDEMNED INDIA'S ACQUISITION OF THE SOVIET SUBMARINE SAYING 'THE U.S. FEELS THAT IT UNDERMINES THE INTERNATIONAL NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME' . . .

"MR. PECK ADVOCATED . . . INCREASED POLITICAL PRESSURE SHOULD BE BROUGHT ON BOTH COUNTIES TO REMOVE THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS THREAT POSED BY THE CAPABILITIES THAT THE TWO NATIONS HAD ACQUIRED."

(REST OF STORY COVERS STATEMENTS BY CONGRESSMEN MARKEY AND SOLARZ.)

4. (U) THE HINDUSTAN TIMES: "US NOT TO PENALIZE PAK" (IANS)

"A SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL YESTERDAY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PAKISTAN HAD CLEARLY VIOLATED THE LEGAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING CONTINUING AMERICAN AID BY ILLEGAL PROCUREMENT OF RESTRICTED NUCLEAR MATERIAL BUT DECLARED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PENALIZED FOR IT.

"(PECK) REFUSED TO PROVIDE CONGRESS WITH THE OFFICIAL ASSURANCE THAT ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN WOULD BE CUT OFF IF ISLAMABAD ENGAGED IN ANY FUTURE CLANDESTINE EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE RESTRICTED NUCLEAR MATERIAL.

"MR. PECK MERELY HEMMED AND HAWED AND DIPLOMATICALLY AVOIDED BEING CORNERED BY SAYING . . . 'THIS WOULD BE

A NEW SITUATION' . . . .  
"LAST MONTH. . . PRESIDENT REAGAN INVOKED A PROVISION  
REQUIRING CONGRESS TO WAIVE A REQUIRED CUT-OFF OF AID  
TO PAKISTAN."  
(ARTICLE CONTINUES WITH DISCUSSION OF THE WAIVERS, THE  
PERVEZ CASE, AND REPORTING ON MARKEY AND SOLARZ  
QUESTIONING.)  
5. (U) THE STATESMAN: "US EFFORT TO REVIVE PARITY  
ISSUE", BY WARREN UNNA  
"THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION YESTERDAY ONCE AGAIN  
DECLARED ITS REGRETS THAT PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR  
ACTIVITIES HAD TO BE SUBORDINATED TO THE U.S. NEED FOR  
PAKISTAN AS ITS SURROGATE AGAINST SOVIET EXPANSION IN  
SOUTH ASIA --AND ONCE AGAIN TRIED TO EQUATE ANY  
PAKISTANI EFFORTS AT DEVELOPING A MILITARY NUCLEAR  
CAPABILITY WITH THOSE OF INDIA. . . .  
"BUT THIS TIME, MR. PECK QUIETLY INCLUDED THREE  
DISQUIETING REFERENCES TO PAKISTAN:  
(1) SHE NOW 'HAS ACQUIRED THE TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES  
NEEDED TO POSSESS A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE (UNTIL  
NOW THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAD CONCEDED ONLY THAT  
PAKISTAN HAD ENRICHED URANIUM BEYOND THE 5 NEEDED FOR  
PEACEFUL NUCLEAR PURPOSES); (2) PAKISTAN'S  
DETERMINATION TO SMUGGLE IN EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR A  
MILITARY APPLICATION OF THE ATOM (PRESUMABLY FOR A  
SECOND NUCLEAR FUEL FACILITY) "GIVES US CAUSE FOR  
CONCERN; AND (3) RETIRED PAKISTANI BRIGADIER  
INAM-UL-HAQW, THE HEAD OF LAHORE'S MYSTERIOUS  
"MULTINATIONAL, INC." WHO IS UNDER INDICTMENT . . .IS  
BELIEVED TO BE STILL IN PAKISTAN.  
"THE DAS INCLUDED THESE NUGGETS ONLY IN THE BODY OF  
HIS PREPARED TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESS. HE BEGAN BY  
CONTINUING TO STRESS THE ADMINISTRATION'S RATIONALE  
THAT PAKISTAN FEELS FORCED TO GO NUCLEAR TO KEEP UP  
WITH INDIA: 'WHILE IT IS UNLIKELY THAT EITHER INDIA OR  
PAKISTAN WOULD ABANDON CAPABILITIES IT HAS ALREADY  
ACHIEVED, WE MUST CONTINUE TO SEEK ACTIONS THAT REMOVE  
THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS THREAT . . . .'  
"AND LEST CONGRESS WORRY THAT THE REAGAN  
ADMINISTRATION WAS BECOMING TOO CRITICAL OF PAKISTAN,  
MR. PECK INCLUDED THIS PASSING SHOT: 'WE BELIEVE THE  
SOVIET LEASE OF A NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINE TO INDIA  
IS AN UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT, ENCOURAGING INDIA,  
WHICH HAS BEEN A LEADING OPPONENT OF THE NUCLEAR  
NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, IN THE MILITARY USES OF  
NUCLEAR ENERGY AND PROVISION OF CLOSELY HELD NAVAL  
REACTOR TECHNOLOGY TO THAT COUNTRY WOULD, IN OUR VIEW,  
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UNDERMINE THE INTERNATIONAL NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME.'  
(THE ARTICLE THEN DISCUSSES AT LENGTH THE TESTIMONY OF  
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND REMARKS BY  
CONGRESSMAN MARKEY.)  
UNNA QUOTES A "SOUTH ASIAN ANALYST" AS ~~THE~~ THAT  
ALTHOUGH NUCLEAR PARITY WAS DROPPED AFTER TREMENDOUS  
PRESSURE, THE ADMINISTRATION COULD BE WILLING TO  
REIMPOSE THE SAME IF IT CAME ONCE AGAIN TO SALVAGING  
ISLAMABAD."

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1. (U) NEA DAS ROBERT PECK TESTIFIED BEFORE THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS IN CLOSED AND OPEN SESSION ON FEBRUARY 18. ALSO APPEARING IN THE OPEN SESSION WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPT OF JUSTICE, INCLUDING AMY KURLAND, THE PROSECUTOR IN THE PERVEZ CASE, AND PRIVATE WITNESSES LEONARD SPECTOR AND RODNEY JONES.

2. (U) IN HIS PREPARED REMARKS TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE (NOT DELIVERED ORALLY), PECK NOTED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO FACE THE REALITY OF SOUTH ASIAN NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES AND TO CONCENTRATE ON BUILDING POLITICAL BARRIERS TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS ACQUISITION. HE LAID OUT THREE AREAS FOR U.S. POLICY INITIATIVES: REINFORCING THE SUBSTANTIAL MEASURE OF EXISTING NUCLEAR RESTRAINT AMONG REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS, UNDERTAKING A BROADENED SEARCH FOR DIPLOMATIC SOLUTIONS, AND ADDRESSING THE SECURITY PROBLEMS WHICH DRIVE NUCLEAR AMBITIONS. THE TEXT OF PECK'S PREPARED STATEMENT IS BEING TRANSMITTED IN THE WIRELESS FILE.

3. (U) IN BOTH PUBLIC AND CLOSED SESSION, REP. SOLARZ FOCUSED ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S JUSTIFICATION FOR WAIVER OF THE SOLARZ AMENDMENT, ASSERTING THAT HIS INTENTION IN DRAFTING THE LEGISLATION WAS TO ALLOW A WAIVER ONLY UNDER MORE STRINGENT CONDITIONS THAN WERE PRESENT IN PAKISTAN'S CASE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD MEANT THE NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER TO BE INVOKED ONLY IN A CASE WHERE, FOR EXAMPLE, U.S. TROOPS WERE FIGHTING ALONGSIDE THE COUNTRY ACCUSED OF VIOLATING THE LAW; SIMILARLY, THE NON-PROLIFERATION WAIVER SHOULD BE INVOKED ONLY IF THE U.S. HAD SUCCEEDED IN GETTING THE COUNTRY IN QUESTION TO ABANDON ITS UNSAFEGUARDED NUCLEAR PROGRAM ALTOGETHER. SOLARZ SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT THIS INTENTION WAS NOT REFLECTED IN EITHER THE LANGUAGE OF THE AMENDMENT AS DRAFTED OR THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY, AND HE DID NOT FAULT THE ADMINISTRATION FOR ISSUING THE WAIVER ON THE BASIS THAT IT HAD. HE INDICATED HE WAS CONSIDERING POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF THE WAIVER CONDITIONS TO TOUGHEN UP THE STANDARD. NO OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THIS IDEA.

4. (S/NF) IN CLOSED SESSION PRECEEDING OPEN TESTIMONY, PECK OUTLINED TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE THE GROUNDS FOR CONCLUDING THAT PERVEZ HAD ACTED ON BEHALF OF THE GOP AND OUR CONCLUSION THAT PAKISTAN HAS TAKEN STEPS TO PREVENT ILLEGAL PROCUREMENT OF U.S.-ORIGIN GOODS. HE SAID THAT SINCE THE VISIT OF A PAKISTANI TEAM IN AUGUST WE HAD LEARNED THAT THE GOP HAD TAKEN CONCRETE STEPS TO PRECLUDE PROCUREMENT OF U.S.-ORIGIN GOODS FOR THE NUCLEAR PROGRAM, AND WE HAVE SINCE SEEN A REDUCTION IN PAKISTANI EFFORTS

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TO ACQUIRE SUCH GOODS, ALTHOUGH SOME TROUBLING INDICATORS REMAINED. IN AN EXCHANGE THAT PIQUED THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S INTEREST, HE INDICATED THAT THE PRELIMINARY FINDING OF AN ASSESSMENT OF INDIA'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM NOW IN PROGRESS WAS THAT INDIA HAD MOST PROBABLY UNDERTAKEN SOME SMALL-SCALE COVERT PREPARATIONS TO BE IN A POSITION TO PRODUCE A NUCLEAR DETONATION ON SHORT NOTICE, BUT THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT INDIA HAD ACTUALLY ACQUIRED NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

5. (U) IN THE OPEN SESSION, PECK'S TESTIMONY WAS PRECEDED BY SHORT STATEMENTS BY REP. MARKEY, WHO DENOUNCED PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES, AND CALLED FOR A MORE STRINGENT U.S. NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY, AND BY REP. WILSON, WHO SAID IT WAS INDEFENSIBLE TO APPLY SELECTIVE NON-PROLIFERATION STANDARDS TO PAKISTAN. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, PECK STATED THAT THE EVIDENCE OF A CLEAR CHANGE IN PAKISTANI PROCUREMENT OF U.S. GOODS WAS AN IMPORTANT MATERIAL FACTOR IN THE PRESIDENT'S EXERCISE OF HIS WAIVER AUTHORITY. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE WAIVER WOULD NOT PRECLUDE THE APPLICATION OF SOLARZ AMENDMENT SANCTIONS IN THE EVENT OF A NEW ILLEGAL PROCUREMENT. REP. LEACH ARGUED STRONGLY FOR ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AS A WAY TO SECURE ACCESSION BY INDIA AND PAKISTAN TO A MEANINGFUL NON-PROLIFERATION MEASURE.

6. (U) ASST U.S. ATTORNEY KURLAND WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT THE CASE AGAINST PERVEZ. SHE DESCRIBED EVIDENCE GIVEN BY OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY TECHNICAL EXPERTS THAT THERE WAS NO USE FOR MARAGING STEEL OF THE TYPE SOUGHT BY PERVEZ OTHER THAN IN A NUCLEAR FACILITY. THE QUESTION OF WHETHER PERVEZ WAS A GOP AGENT WAS NOT AN ISSUE ADDRESSED AT HIS TRIAL; THERE WAS, HOWEVER, EVIDENCE TO SHOW HE WAS AWARE THAT THE END USE STATEMENTS HE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPT OF COMMERCE WERE FALSE. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT PERVEZ HAD ACTED AS AN INDIAN AGENT PROVOCATEUR. KURLAND DESCRIBED THE FALSE END USE STATEMENTS FROM MULTINATIONAL, INC. AND FROM THE PAKISTAN COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH, QUOTED FROM A NOTEBOOK BELONGING TO PERVEZ WHICH CONTAINED CRYPTIC REFERENCES TO THE MARAGING STEEL AND ATOMIC/NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES, AND NOTED THAT PERVEZ HAD ACKNOWLEDGED TO THE UNDERCOVER U.S. CUSTOMS AGENT THAT HE KNEW THE END USE FOR THE STEEL WAS NUCLEAR.

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