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- President Reagan has asked me to deliver to you a letter raising several issues of great importance to the relations between our two countries.
- As you will observe in the letter, the President is deeply concerned about the increasing pressure on Pakistan from the Soviets and their clients in Afghanistan.
- The air and artillery attacks on Pakistani territory, and the strong note transmitted by the Soviets in July are the most recent examples of threatening Soviet tactics, aimed at undercutting Pakistan's courageous support for the people of Afghanistan.
- The President wanted me to underscore to you his profound respect and admiration for Pakistan's willingness to stand up to this type of intimidation and to uphold the cause of freedom and independence for Afghanistan.
- He has asked me to reaffirm to you that the United States remains fully committed to supporting you in our common effort to deter Soviet aggression and ensure Pakistan's security and territorial integrity.
- Our recent statement made public our concerns about the actions of the Soviets and their Afghan proxies. We have made clear to the Soviet government in a fresh demarche our strong support for Pakistan and our condemnation of their actions on your western border.
- Should it be necessary, we are prepared to reiterate this message, and to consult closely with you about what further measures we could take to support you, including expedited delivery of military equipment.
- Should circumstances warrant, we would be prepared to consider other forms of U.S. support for Pakistan's defensive efforts, among other things the temporary deployment of U.S. early warning aircraft, and if necessary, supporting aerial tankers.
- In view of the recent incidents on the Afghan border, we are prepared to expedite delivery of some military equipment already on order, such as 35 of the 100 M48A5 tanks and 500 I-TOW missiles.

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- In addition, we are prepared to discuss near-term air defense enhancements in the context of the air surveillance survey team's recommendations, including the possibility of an evaluation of the E-2C aircraft in Pakistan's operational environment.
- We are also prepared to approach the new Congress on the sale of the AIM-9L missile after it convenes in January.
- We intend to continue and strengthen a close and cooperative security relationship between the U.S. and Pakistan that serves both our interests, and helps preserve peace and stability.
- There is, however, one troubling area in our relationship: the nuclear issue.
- President Reagan has therefore asked me to convey his personal concern that Pakistan's ongoing nuclear activities could undermine the U.S.-Pakistani relationship which is of such importance to both our countries.
- We were disappointed that your recent non-paper on the nuclear issue did not reiterate the oral assurance you had given me that Pakistan would not enrich uranium above the five percent level. Such a written assurance would help our efforts.
- The President remains concerned that unless we can find a way to fully resolve this matter, in a frank and cooperative effort between friends, it would jeopardize our relationship and severely damage the common interests of both our countries.
- Moreover, as you are aware, growing Congressional concerns about Pakistan's nuclear program could have an adverse impact on Pakistan's security assistance program.
- The President's letter candidly addresses his concerns and their implications.
- As you can see, it states that future Pakistani production of uranium enriched above the five percent level would be of the same significance as those nuclear activities I personally discussed with you in December 1982, and would have the same implications for our security program and relationship.

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- Our concerns about nuclear proliferation are not directed solely at Pakistan. We believe the spread of nuclear explosives capability would pose a threat to peace and stability anywhere in the world. As you are aware, we have raised non-proliferation concerns in discussions with the Indians, Chinese, and others.
- The situation initiated by India's nuclear explosion in 1974 is a potential source of tension and increasing instability on the subcontinent.
- A nuclear arms race between India and Pakistan would ultimately only increase the threat to your country's security.
- Suspicions by both parties of the nuclear intentions of the other can only add to the strain on Indian-Pakistani relations, and work against the interests of peace and stability.
- In our judgment, it is likely that at some point India will take military action to pre-empt your nuclear program.
- We believe it would be helpful, both in terms of Pakistan's relations with the U.S. and in terms of the situation on the subcontinent, if Pakistan would voluntarily take certain steps to demonstrate the good faith of its assurances on nuclear matters.
- These steps might include such measures as safeguards on your uranium enrichment plant and small reprocessing facility.
- Within a more general political dialogue we hope that India and Pakistan can address the potential for tension and misunderstanding created by nuclear activities on both sides, as well as seek the resolution of other problems.
- To avoid such an outcome, we encourage the resumption of Indian-Pakistani political dialogue in the near future. We have also made this point to the Indians, who bear the responsibility for suspending the talks.
- In this context, we recognize and appreciate Pakistan's willingness to enter into a nuclear weapons free zone, to accept international safeguards on all of its nuclear facilities, or to agree to other non-proliferation measures, provided India does likewise.

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- ~~It might be possible to raise with India such ideas as a mutual moratorium on nuclear testing or manufacture of nuclear explosive devices, as well as the opening of nuclear facilities to visits by each other of third countries.~~
- We also recognize that India has been unresponsive.
- We would be prepared to assist in promoting a dialogue of this type.
- This issue is clearly one that is difficult for both of us. In raising it with you again, we are asking for your cooperation in finding a solution that will enable us to go forward with a strong U.S.-Pakistani security relationship that serves the fundamental interests of both our countries.
- Recognizing the severity of the threats which confront Pakistan, and the fact that a commitment toward progress in safeguarding your enrichment facilities will not eliminate the risks, we would be prepared to act promptly to discourage or help deter such action as you move toward safeguards.

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