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PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN-IRAN: UN Mediator's Trip

UN Special Representative Cordovez today begins another series of visits to Islamabad, Kabul, and Tehran for discussions of the Afghanistan problem. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Cordovez will seek Pakistani concessions on aid to the insurgents and on direct negotiations with the Afghans. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the representative may for the first time establish contacts with "refugee" leaders in Pakistan. In Kabul, Cordovez will sound out Soviet and Afghan officials on an eventual timetable for the withdrawal of Soviet troops. He also will try to develop further dialogue with Iran, which is becoming more interested in UN support for its Afghan refugees. [REDACTED]

Comment: Cordovez presumably does not expect to secure major Pakistani and Soviet concessions on this trip. He probably hopes nevertheless that the tour will give new momentum to the UN mediation effort, particularly if he does meet with Afghan insurgent leaders in Pakistan. Cordovez had been reluctant to contact them there before because of the USSR's opposition to including them in the negotiations. [REDACTED]

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