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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN--AZIZ AHMED'S VIEWS

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AZIZ AHMED, WHO IN EFFECT IS PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER, GAVE HIS VIEWS ON "JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING" IN A LONG TALK WITH AMBASSADORS BYROADE AND HOYNEHAN. MOST OF WHAT HE SAID DEMONSTRATES JUST HOW LITTLE PAKISTANI VIEWS HAVE CHANGED DESPITE THE EVENTS OF RECENT YEARS, BUT HE DID SAY A FEW NEW THINGS.

AHMED STILL SEES THE SOVIETS AND THE INDIANS WORKING TOGETHER AGAINST PAKISTAN AND ITS FRIENDS--IRAN, CHINA AND THE US--BUT DETECTS SOME CHANGE IN THE RELATIONSHIP. HE BELIEVES THAT THE INDIANS HAVE BECOME WORRIED ABOUT SOVIET INTENTIONS. THEY MAY NOW SEE PAKISTAN AS SOME SORT OF BUFFER AGAINST THE USSR AND ARE BEGINNING TO REALIZE THAT THE DISINTEGRATION OF PAKISTAN COULD CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR NEW DELHI. AHMED ADMITTED THAT SOME

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PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DO NOT SHARE HIS VIEW THAT INDIA MAY BE BECOMING MORE REASONABLE.

AHMED ALSO DETECTS SOME CHANGE IN THE AFGHAN POSITION, BUT FOR THE WORSE. ACCORDING TO HIM, DAUOD HAS CHANGED FROM HIS TRADITIONAL DESIRE FOR INDEPENDENCE FOR PAKISTAN'S TWO FRONTIER PROVINCES TO WANTING TO ABSORB THEM INTO AFGHANISTAN. (IN OUR VIEW, ABSORPTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN DAUOD'S ULTIMATE GOAL, DESPITE HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO THE CONTRARY.) AHMED ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE US IS THE ONLY COUNTRY WHICH DOES NOT THINK THE SOVIETS WERE BEHIND THE COUP IN AFGHANISTAN LAST SUMMER, AND THAT MOSCOW MAY GET THE IDEA IT CAN DO SUCH THINGS IN SOUTH ASIA WITHOUT RISKING THE DETENTE. (THE SOVIETS MAY HAVE BENEFITED SLIGHTLY FROM THE COUP, BUT--AS WE REPORTED LAST SUMMER--WE THINK THERE IS CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT THEY DID NOT INSTIGATE IT.) E-2 IMPDET.4

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