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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications

FROM:

[Redacted]

Director, FBIS

SUBJECT:

Request for Assistance in Establishing a Remote Monitoring System in Pakistan

1. In response to NSC tasking of the Agency to improve its coverage of the Muslim world, the DDCI has received from Congress authorization to expend additional funds in FY-1980 to effect such improvement. FBIS' role in responding to this tasking includes the necessity to establish a monitoring site in Islamabad.

2. In view of the present political situation in Islamabad and the difficulty of finding linguists with the requisite skills there, the establishment of a full-fledged FBIS bureau there is not feasible. Rather, what is needed is the ability to transmit broadcasts monitored in Islamabad to existing FBIS bureaus in the United Kingdom and the Persian Gulf--i.e. a remote monitoring system. FBIS plans for such a system have postulated the need for [Redacted] communications, using appropriately modified terminal equipment, to relay the monitored signals to the processing sites. It is essential, therefore, that we obtain such communications capabilities from Pakistan in FY-1980, or that we at least obligate in FY-1980 the funding for such a system to be completed later. All funds necessary to modify the [Redacted] terminal for remote monitoring use will be provided by FBIS.

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3. Your assistance is therefore requested in providing FBIS with the technical support to establish a four-receiver remote operation in Islamabad with [ ] communications to transmit the material out of Pakistan.

4. The FBIS focal point for discussion of technical specifications is [ ] Chief of our Engineering Design and Support Staff. He can be reached on black extension [ ] or green [ ] extension 1. Your designated contact for the requested support should feel free to contact [ ] directly.

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