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KEY POINTS

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[Redacted] These are the highest six-month totals recorded by either country in the last 10 years.

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--The USSR remained India's major supplier [Redacted] and has signed new agreements in the last six months that will maintain this role. India's imports were highlighted by receipt of a Nanuchka-class guided-missile patrol boat, the first of its class exported by Moscow.

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--France continues to be Pakistan's largest current supplier of sophisticated military equipment. Paris not only completed delivery of Pakistan's first surface-to-air missile system ([Redacted]) but signed [Redacted] new arms agreements.

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* This memorandum is the last of a series that have been produced in response [Redacted] to Pakistan and India.

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[Redacted] but the Secretary of Defense and Director of Central Intelligence have been asked to continue to monitor closely arms shipments and the relative military capabilities of Pakistan and India so that reports similar to this IIM can be prepared on short notice, if required. NI IIM 77-017C was prepared by [Redacted] CIA/OER, and coordinated at the working level by representatives of CIA, DIA, NSA, State (INR), and the Armed Services.

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--India's Prime Minister Desai, newly in office, has denounced a nuclear weapons program for India and has stated that if a second peaceful nuclear explosion is necessary, it will be open for international observation.

-- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The completion of construction of the plant will enable Pakistan to separate plutonium from the irradiated Karachi fuel.

--New deliveries have further increased India's already overwhelming military superiority vis-a-vis Pakistan. The addition of new MIG aircraft and two guided-missile boats enhanced India's military capabilities in the last six months, while Pakistan's defensive capabilities were only marginally increased by the receipt of Crotale SAMs. [REDACTED]

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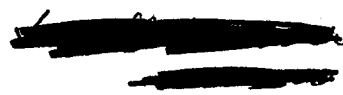
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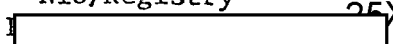
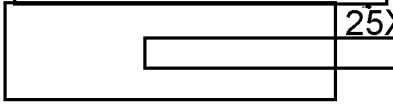
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