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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
(Report #20 - As of 1100 A.M. EDT)

1. [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] Indian troops attempting to push toward Lahore have run into difficulties. [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] Indian forces have bogged down only a mile or two beyond the Pakistani frontier. The attack is said to be stalled, with Indian forces digging in and being subjected to increasing and heavy Pakistani counter attacks. An

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2. As regards the Kashmir sector, the Indian defense minister has told parliament, according to Delhi radio, that Indian troops have crossed the Jammu-West Pakistan border "under the overall plan to check attacks at the bases in Pakistan from which they are mounted and sustained." This is not confirmed. If true, it would represent yet another thrust into Pakistani territory probably aimed in the direction of the Pakistani base at Sialkot, towards which another prong was mounted several days ago farther south. [redacted]

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3. There is little information from the military front where Indian troops were reported to have crossed the Pakistani boundary in the direction of Hyderabad and Karachi. Indian announcements claim that Indian troops have captured the town of Gadra, about six miles inside the border.

State Department review(s) completed.

[redacted]

4. Pakistan continues its approaches to various nations for aid or other support.

News despatches from Djakarta state that Indonesia has agreed to help Pakistan against India and that President Sukarno has arranged a meeting of the Supreme Operation Command for tonight to discuss what kind of help Indonesia will give Pakistan.

5. Prime Minister Pearson of Canada has announced that both India and Pakistan have rejected his offer to mediate the Kashmir dispute. In Ceylon, a Ministry of External Affairs official told a US Embassy official that Ceylon might consider offering itself as mediator if U Thant's efforts are not successful.

6. Peking is pressing ahead with its campaign aimed at deterring India from major escalation of the Kashmir war by renewed threats of possible Chinese intervention. The Chinese have followed up their menacing government statement broadcast yesterday with an open diplomatic note to New Delhi delivered on 8 September which restates in harsh terms the main points already made by Peking.

7. The note protests alleged "successive serious violations of Chinese territory by Indian troops." It demands that India dismantle military structures built "beyond or on" the Sikkim border, and asserts that India must withdraw its armed forces and stop all acts of "aggression" or bear responsibility for the consequences.

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