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1. BLITZ, THE SENSATIONALIST LEFTIST BOMBAY BASED WEEKLY, IN ITS MARCH 8 EDITION (DISTRIBUTED MARCH 5) FRONT PAGES AN INTERVIEW WITH AFGHAN PRIME MINISTER BABRAK KARMAL. THE STORY BYLINED BY A. RAGHAVAN, WHO WRITES THAT THE INTERVIEW WAS GRANTED QUOTE BEFORE KABUL WAS PLUNGED INTO THE WORSE CRISIS WHICH HIS GOVERNMENT HAS TIDED OVER...UNQUOTE THE TEXT TAKES THE FORM OF A SERIES OF Q AND A'S, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF WHICH ARE AS

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FOLLOWS:

-- IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION WHETHER THE SOVIET MILITARY PRESENCE WOULD BE WITHDRAWN IF A QUOTE CREDIBLE GUARANTEE UNQUOTE WERE AVAILABLE, BABRAK KARMAL STATED THAT THE US HAS MADE PAKISTAN A SPRINGBOARD TO DESTROY THE SAUR REVOLUTION AND THE AFGHAN PROBLEM IS ONLY A FACET OF THE GLOBAL PROBLEM. QUOTE MY COUNTRY IS ONLY A SCAPEGOAT, A PRETEXT FOR THE US AND CHINA TO PLAY UP THE SOVIET TROOPS (WHICH CAME TO DEFEND OUR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY)...AGAINST THE ONSLAUGHTS FROM PAKISTANI BASES. ONCE THESE STOP, THE SOVIETS WILL WITHDRAW. UNQUOTE.

--ASKED TO QUOTE SPELL OUT CONCRETELY UNQUOTE WHAT HE MEANT BY QUOTE CREDIBLE GUARANTEE UNQUOTE THE AFGHAN PRIME MINISTER STATED: QUOTE THERE IS NO OTHER RELIABLE GUARANTEE EXCEPT THE ABSOLUTE AND COMPLETE CESSATION OF INTERVENTIONIST POLICIES, AND UNLESS ALL THE BASES AND TRAINING CAMPS IN WHICH THE CIA, CHINESE, BRITISH, EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELIS ARE INVOLVED JJE WOUND UPN AND THE FLOW OF MILITARY HARDWARE AND RESOURCES CEASES, THERE CAN BE NO PEACE. AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, PAKISTAN SHOULD TAKE ITS HANDS OFF AFGHAN AFFAIRS, OTHERWISE, NO GUARANTEE WILL BE WORTH THE PAPER IT IS WRITTEN ON. UNQUOTE

--IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION WAS TO WHETHER AFGHANISTAN WAS INTERESTED IN A CONFERENCE OF CONCERNED PARTIES TO DECIDE ON AN AGREED BORDER FORCE TO POLICE THE AFGHANISTAN FRONTIER, BABRAK KARMAL IS QUOTED AS STATING: QUOTE WE SAY 'YES' TO ANY NOBLE INITIATIVE. UNQUOTE HOWEVER, SUCH AN INITIATIVE SHOULD BE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE UN CHARTER AND QUOTE THERE SHOULD NOT BE THE SLIGHTEST MEDDLING IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. UNQUOTE

-- THE PRIME MINISTER STATED THAT CURRENTLY THERE ARE SOME 30 REBEL BASES AND TRAINING CAMPS IN PAKISTAN. FURTHER, QUOTE THERE IS EVIDENCE OF PAK OFFICERS DISGUISED AS AFGHANS, AS WELL AS THE US, CHINESE, EGYPTIANS AND ISRALI OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE DIABOLIC PROJECT. UNQUOTE

-- IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION INVOLVING THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ATTACK BY AFGHAN REBELS FROM PAKISTAN, THE PRIME MINISTER

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SAID THAT INCURSIONS HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THE START OF THE SAUR REVOLUTION AND HAD INCREASED IN RECENT MONTHS. THESE ATTACKS QUOTE HAVE BEEN REBUFFED WITH SOVIET SUPPORT. LIMITED CONTINGENTS OF SOVIET TROOPS ARE IN AFGHANISTAN ONLY AS A RESERVE FORCE TO PREVENT A LIKELY AGRESSION FROM THE PAKISTANI SIDE OF THE BORDER. UNQUOTE

-- THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO CLAIMED, ACCORDING TO THE INTERVIEW, QUOTE THE CIA HAD A BLWCK SCHEME UP ITS SLEEVE, THE DISMEMBERMENT OF AFGHANISTAN, UNQUOTE WHICH WOULD HAVE DIVIDED THE COUNTRY BETWEEN PAKISTAN, CMINA AND OTHERS. FURTHER, HAFIZULLAH AMIN A CIA AGENT, WAS TO RULE OVER KABUL AND AFGHANISTAN WAS TO BE TURNED INTO AN ANTI-SOVIET BASE, AS PART OF THE CARTER DOCTRINE. QUOTE BUT THE NEW PHASE OF THE SAUR REVOLUTION HAS CHECKMATED THE CONSPIRACY. THAT EXPLAINS THE AMERICAN FURY AGAINST US. UNQUOTE.  
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