

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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23 January 1980

The Honorable W. Graham Claytor, Jr.
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Graham:

We have begun work on the SNIE that you requested in your memorandum of 15 January. I cannot yet give you a completion date, but we would hope to complete it within a week. (U)

Our tentative terms of reference are enclosed. As you will see, they are built around the question of renewed US aid to Pakistan. A discussion of various national reactions to such a US program will bring in most of the elements mentioned in your memorandum, to the extent that these are appropriate for an intelligence estimate. (S)

I do not anticipate that our assessment with regard to Iran will be very precise. The political uncertainties in Tehran are too great to permit any firm estimates. (C)

Yours,

STANSFIELD TURNER

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Suggested TORs for SNIE 32-1-80:

Consequences in South Asia of Various
Levels of US Assistance to Pakistan

- I. The Pak Perspective
 - A. Nature of the Threat
 1. How do the Paks view the scope, and duration of the threat from Sovs
 2. What do they believe their options are
 - B. Attitudes toward US
 1. The military leadership
 2. Domestic political considerations
 - C. Reaction to Aid Levels
- II. Impact on Afghan Embroglio
 - A. Pak Defenses
 1. Current status; ability to absorb
 2. Strengths at various levels
 - B. Protection of Refugees
 1. Current provisions
 2. Capability and willingness to defend border areas
 - C. Assistance to Insurgents
- III. India and the Regional Balance
 1. Factors affecting Indian attitudes
 2. The US as a factor
 3. The regional balance

IV. Wider Impact.

A. Iran

B. Arab-Muslims

C. China