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The Honorable
Phillips Talbot
Assistant Secretary of State
Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs
Department of State
Room 6242 New State
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Phil:

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During the last of a series of conversations

 he said that he wanted me to convey a message to the "highest level" of the U.S. Government from the same level of his government.

The Government of Pakistan can, he said, understand the U.S. support of India through economic and social programs with the long-range aim of ensuring that Sino-Soviet Communism does not take over South Asia. On the other hand, the GOP cannot accept the fact that U.S. officials make statements in India undermining the Pakistan position and supporting the Indian position on what are purely regional disputes between the two countries.

The foregoing paragraph appeared to be the extent of the message which he wished me to convey. However, this was the basic theme which ran through my conversations with him and most other Pakistan officials

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 negotiations to license an Indian firm to manufacture F104 aircraft. I told him that I had no information on this and personally thought it unlikely. The

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existing Pak 104 Squadron seems to be regarded by them as the main element which gives them any parity with India's Armed Force arranged on the Kashmir Border -- seven of India's nine divisions according to the Pak OB estimates.

I briefed [REDACTED] in detail on these conversations. He asked that I report them to you and Deputy Under Secretary Alexis Johnson. I would appreciate it if you would pass a copy of this letter to the latter. If either you or Secretary Johnson desire a more detailed report [REDACTED] I am at your disposition.

Yours truly,

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