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MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General Alexander M. Haig  
Deputy Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs

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The following message [redacted] for Dr. Kissinger  
from Ambassador Farland was received this morning, 22 November:

"Foll for Dr. Henry Kissinger from Ambassador Farland:

"1. My ODRP has received from SecDef (161456Z Nov 1971)  
communication to effect that DSAA will make a definitive decision  
by 24 Dec. on 300 armored personnel carriers which Pakistan  
had purchased under one-time exception to military supply agree-  
ment. Copy of message went to State.

"2. Have just received [redacted] which reflects  
New Delhi has suddenly become aware of APC contract and that  
qte first items may now be coming off the production line unqte.  
It is my guess SecDef's message was qte bootlegged unqte to  
New Delhi. New Delhi's message strongly prophesies that infor-  
mation will come to public attention qte in one form or another  
unqte. This is to be assumed since Embassy New Delhi has  
notoriously leaked classified information.

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"3. On Nov. 2 Yahya alluded to APC purchase and said  
that, while he understood no delivery could be made at this time  
and none was expected, he most certainly wanted qte his APC's  
unqte at some later date when circumstances more propitious.

"4. I strongly urge that a negative decision not rpt not be  
made at this time, but rather that the decision be held in

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continuing abeyance. I press this stance in order to maintain what leverage we have in Islamabad. And I affirm that it is considerable, given the circumstances extant."

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