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FOR AMBASSADOR KEATING 

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Reference [REDACTED] the President is very grateful for your assessment contained in reference b and earlier messages.

Concerning Pakistan arms issue, as you know, the President has decided to make a one-time exception on this issue and we are now considering timing and modalities for proceeding. I understand your views have been sought by State 112500 of July 14.

The President has just dispatched letter to you outlining reasons for this action. Timing for Congressional consultations and notifications will depend upon number of factors. President has, however, asked me to bring to your attention that recognition of Hanoi by Indian Government will unquestionably result in Congressional furor here which could further complicate U.S. relations with India. The imminence of recognition will, of course, also be considered in assessing the timing on Pakistan arms package.

Again, thank you for your prompt and helpful responses. I too shall consider this channel closed barring no notable significant new developments.

Best regards.

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