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THE PRESIDENT, AFTER LOOKING HARD AT THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A BREAKDOWN OF COMMUNICATIONS AND APPARENTLY SOME QTE GENERAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS UNQTE. HE ADDED THAT THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WAS RECTIFYING THIS SITUATION. (THIS MATTER HAD OBVIOUSLY FLAPPED AND FURTHER INQUIRES SEEMED INAPPROPRIATE.)

4. ALSO ON THE MATTER OF A CEASEFIRE, I ASKED YAHYA IF HE WOULD CARE TO GIVE ME HIS VIEW THEREON. YAHYA SAID THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO DO QTE ANYTHING REASONABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNQTE. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT TODAY'S PAKISTAN TIMES CARRIED A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT QTE THAT PAKISTAN HAD ACCEPTED THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION IN ITS TOTALITY UNQTE. HE ADDED THAT, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT 104 NATIONS HAD SUPPORTED THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION, PRESUMABLY THIS POSITION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A REASONABLE ONE.

5. CONVERSATION CONCLUDED WITH MY STATEMENTS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL VIS-A-VIS THE UN WITH COMMUNICATIONS, AND OTHERWISE TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO BRING ABOUT AN END TO THE CONFLICT AND TO PRESERVE PAKISTAN TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND ARMED FORCES IN THE WEST.

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