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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CEASE-FIRE IN EAST

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1. GOVERNOR MALIK HAS JUST TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT GENERAL NIAZI HAS STATED THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE IN ISLAMABAD BETWEEN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND AMBASSADOR FARLAND AND THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR ME TO CONVEY ANY PROPOSALS.

2. COMMENT: FROM FOREGOING, THERE STILL APPEARS TO BE STRONG DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN NIAZI AND FARMAN WITH GOVERNOR OSCILLATING FEEBLY BETWEEN. FARMAN OBVIOUSLY DESIRES TO INITIATE SOME KIND OF ACTION ON BASIS HIS APPRECIATION OF WHAT HE CONSIDERS DESPERATE LOCAL SITUATION. NIAZI, WHETHER ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM ISLAMABAD OR IN LINE WITH HIS OWN ROMANTIC VIEW OF HIMSELF AS DEDICATED SOLDIER, IS OPPOSED. IN EFFECT, QUESTION BOILS DOWN TO WHETHER PAK ARMY IN EAST IS TO BE SACRIFICED, TOGETHER WITH UNCOUNTED THOUSANDS OF CIVILIANS IN EAST PAKISTAN IN ORDER TO RETAIN SOME BARGAINING POSITION IN WEST.
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