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THINGS WENT INTO DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP. HE SAID THAT INDIA WOULD NEVER SUPPLY LEADERSHIP FOR PAKISTAN. ON THE CONTRARY, THE LEADERSHIP FOR INDIA HAS ALWAYS COME FROM WHAT IS NOW PAKISTAN OR KASHMIR, NEVER FROM WHAT IS NOW INDIA.

2. I SAID I HAD HEARD HE HAD ORGANIZED TWO NEW DIVISIONS SINCE THE END OF THE WAR. HE SAID THAT WAS RIGHT--HE HAD. HE SAID THAT INDIA WAS HOLDING FOUR DIVISIONS OF PAKISTANIS NOW. THE IDEA PAKISTAN COULD CONTINUE TO BE VULNERABLE TO THE INDIANS WAS UNTHINKABLE. THE INDIANS HAD TAKEN AND WERE TAKING LAND FROM PAKISTAN AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO UNLESS THERE WAS RESTRAINT ON THEM.

3. BHUTTO WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE INDIANS HAVE TRIED TO PLAY ONE NATION AGAINST ANOTHER. THEY THINK THEY CAN ESTABLISH RAPPROCHEMENT WITH CHINA BUT THAT WILL BE LONG COMING. THERE WILL BE MANY YEARS BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, BECAUSE THE CHINESE KNEW THE INDIANS AS THE PAKISTANIS DID. THEY HAVE DEALT WITH THEM. THE INDIANS PROPOSE TO USE THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND ALLIANCE WITH RUSSIANS UNTIL THEY NO LONGER NEED THEM. THEY ARE INTRODUCING THE RUSSIAN INFLUENCE INTO BANGLADESH. BHUTTO WAS NOT AT ALL SURE EITHER KNEW WHAT THEY WERE DOING, BECAUSE THE RUSSIANS ARE NOT LIKE AMERICANS OR CHINESE. THE AMERICANS ARE AT TIMES VERY MAGNANIMOUS, THE CHINESE FREQUENTLY RELY ON TIME AND THEIR WISDOM AND TAKE THE POSITION THAT IF A MATTER WILL NOT BE SETTLED IMMEDIATELY IT WILL BE SETTLED IN NEXT 100 YEARS TO THEIR INTEREST. THE RUSSIANS ON THE OTHER HAND WANT THEIR POUND OF FLESH AND LAST DROP OF BLOOD NOW. BOTH BANGLADESH AND INDIA WILL FIND IT MORE DIFFICULT TO EXTRICATE THEMSELVES FROM THE TALONS OF THE BEAR THAN THEY NOW REALIZE.

4. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT OBVIOUSLY PAKISTANIS DID NOT KNOW HOW TO PUT THEIR BEST FOOT FORWARD. THEY WERE NOT EXPERTS IN PUBLIC RELATIONS AS THE INDIANS WERE. FOR INSTANCE, EVERY AMERICAN AMBASSADOR--AMBASSADOR GALBRAITH AND OTHER (HE NAMED NO OTHER)-- WERE ONLY IN INDIA A SHORT TIME BEFORE THEY BECOME COMPLETELY MESERIZED. THIS WAS TRUE OF EVERY AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. THEY BEGIN SELLING THE INDIAN PHILOSOPHY AROUND THE WORLD.

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