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## SUBJECT:

Provisional Government of Bangla Desh

1. Pakistan Ambassador Hilaly told Van Hollen on instructions April 16 that Government of Pakistan wished to bring to USG's attention possible approach by representatives alleging to represent QUOTE Provisional Government of Bangla Desh UNQUOTE.

2. Hilaly said India had permitted establishment provisional government on its territory and was providing financial support. In GOP view, such provisional government exists only in GOI's imagination, is designed to justify Indian intervention, and to aggravate already serious situation.

3. Hilaly said GOP understands that several representatives of so-called Provisional Government already have gone

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abroad to seek support. One such representative, Zakaria Choudhury, ~~apparently~~ has already arrived in London.

According ~~to same news reports~~ Reuter news report London, April 15, ~~According to same news reports~~ he has held press conference and has been interviewed on BBC, claiming that Bengali

separatists control three fourths of East Pakistan. ~~According to same news reports~~

~~to same news reports~~ Same news report states that ~~XXXXXX~~ FCO has refused receive Choudhury.

4. Hilaly concluded by saying that it was probable that another representative of Bangla Desh would come to Washington in effort see USG officials. In anticipation of this possibility, he had been asked formally to advise USG that ~~XXXXXX~~ GOP considered establishment of Provisional Government as essentially Indian-sponsored action.

Representatives of Bangla Desh, who have been charged with treason, have no right to speak regarding Pakistan.

5. FOR LONDON: Would appreciate any information re activities Zakaria Choudhury, including any efforts he may have made to approach FCO.

6. FOR DACCA: Do you have any data on Choudhury?

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