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Subject: Pakistan

Participants:

*United States**Pakistan*

Secretary of State Dulles

Sir Zafrulla Khan, Foreign

Mr. Harold E. Stassen

Minister

Ambassador Horace A. Hildreth

Mr. Henry A. Byroade

Mr. Douglas MacArthur II

Mr. John K. Emmerson

Lt. Col. Stephen J. Meade

There was some brief preliminary discussion of the Egyptian situation and of the forthcoming Commonwealth conference in London. The Foreign Minister referred to the Secretary's trip to the Middle East and to the good psychological effect it was having on the peoples and governments of the area. The Secretary said there was a danger that expectations might be raised too high because of his trip.

The Secretary then referred to the Kashmir situation and expressed the hope that the forthcoming talks between the two Prime Ministers would be fruitful. Sir Zafrulla said he hoped this would be the case. However, Pakistan's experience in the past was not too encouraging. Nevertheless one would never take the attitude that one should not try again. Preliminary talks would take place in London after which a series of meetings would presumably be held in Karachi and Delhi. These would probably begin toward the end of June or not later than the beginning of July.

The Foreign Minister stated that if there could be a settlement of the Kashmir question every other problem could be settled. Not only would a settlement of the Kashmir dispute produce a good atmosphere but Kashmir itself was half the canal water problem. Furthermore, after a settlement of Kashmir, the evacuee property problem could be solved automatically. Kashmir was 90% of the issues between India and Pakistan.

<sup>1</sup> This conversation took place at the Ambassador's residence.