

would be willing to sign an agreement that Pakistan will go to the aid of India should that country be attacked.

The GG expressed the desire for liberty ships and tankers, the number of 20 being mentioned, which I presume would be total for both. In this connection, he expressed his concern about having little over 1 Division of troops in East Pakistan without logistical means of transporting elsewhere in the event of an emergency, India not permitting their passage through that country.

Regarding the settlement of the Kashmir dispute, the GG emphasized that we should display a continued and strong interest in the settlement in this question vis-à-vis Nehru; that such a display of interest on our part which, to date has not been in evidence would, in his opinion, spur Nehru toward arbitration. As the situation now stands it is to India's advantage to delay a settlement, as it is only Pakistan which is suffering from the situation.

He again expressed his desire to visit the United States in August for a period of one week or ten days in Boston for a medical checkup followed by an "informal visit to Washington to visit some friends". (This I reported during my visit to Karachi in April.) He said that all he needed was some sort of an invitation from us. (I have taken this up with Mr. Byroade, and mentioned it to General Smith, who instructed me to tell the GG that he would be delighted to see him and have a small informal luncheon for him in Washington when he comes.)

He reiterated his firm stand against any form of Islamic Constitution and his desire to curb the Mullahs and their fanatical activities. He realizes that this is a thing of the past and that the country must turn toward the West, particularly the United States, with greater moderation regarding religion in Pakistan.

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