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MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE AND UN SECRETARY-GENERAL:

AFGHANISTAN.

1. LORD CARRINGTON AND DR WALDHEIM AGREED THAT THE PAKISTANIS WERE FEELING ISOLATED AND UNSURE OF THEIR SUPPORT, HENCE THEIR DESIRE TO NEGOTIATE. THE PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE ON AFGHANISTAN HAD BEEN DESIGNED TO AVOID DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BABRAK KARMAL REGIME. WALDHEIM SAID THAT GROMYKO HAD CONFIRMED TO HIM THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT'S REJECTION OF A CONFERENCE, AND HAD ARGUED THAT A CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE BEEN EXPLOITED BY THE AMERICANS AND THE CHINESE AS A MEANS OF ATTACKING THE SOVIET UNION. LORD CARRINGTON RECOGNISED THE DIFFICULTY OF MAINTAINING THE PREVIOUS WIDE SUPPORT FOR A UN RESOLUTION ON AFGHANISTAN, AND SAID THAT IT WAS THEREFORE IMPORTANT TO INCORPORATE POSITIVE ELEMENTS IN ANY GA RESOLUTION.

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