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**State Department Cable 299499 to US Embassy
Islamabad, 'Pakistan Nuclear Issue: Meeting with
General Zia'**

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Summary:

In a follow-up message after his trip to Islamabad, Ambassador General Vernon Walters noted that at the end of the conversation with Zia the Pakistani President had given his "word of honor" that Pakistan "will not develop a nuclear device or a weapon."

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FROM AMBASSADOR WALTERS

E.O. 12356: DECLAS: OADR
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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN NUCLEAR ISSUE: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
ZIA
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2. NOT CLEARLY EXPRESSED IN REFTEL COVERING MY MEETING
WITH PAKISTANI PRESIDENT ZIA UL HAQ WAS THE PRESIDENT'S
FINAL STATEMENT MADE TO ME IN PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR
SPIERS. HE SAID:
"GENERAL WALTERS, I AM AN HONORABLE MAN. WE ARE AN HONOR-
ABLE PEOPLE. I ASK YOU TO TELL YOUR PRESIDENT THAT I GIVE
HIM MY WORD OF HONOR AS PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN AND AS A
SOLDIER THAT I AM NOT AND WILL NOT DEVELOP A NUCLEAR
DEVICE OR WEAPON."

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THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD REJECT THIS ASSURANCE BUT I
CONCLUDED THE CONVERSATION BY SAYING THAT I HOPED NO
FURTHER "BLIPS WOULD SHOW ON OUR RADARS." DAM