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Dear Friend,

In view of reports that the U.S. is planning to give military aid to Pakistan at this time, the enclosed memorandum may be of interest to you. I hope very much that you will read it promptly, and that, if you agree with its conclusions, you will use your influence and urge a different course of action, as suggested.

Surely Nehru, who consistently has opposed and acted effectively against the use of violence by Communists at home, and is a long-standing foe of imperialism and totalitarianism in all forms, can be counted on to resist aggression and threats of new enslavement, whether by Communist dominated nations, or from any other source. Thus if a direct threat to the independence of Pakistan and India should develop, he doubtless would agree that, militarily, a new situation had been created for the sub-continent, and then joint defensive measures, for the protection of the area as a whole, would be a natural consequence. At this stage the important thing would be to create the best possible atmosphere in which such measures could be taken if necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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