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To: Rolland Bushner
From: Ken Wise
Re: Indian Ambassador and Pakistani Ambassador

- 1) At this moment I have no commitment from the Indian Embassy; I am waiting for the Public Information Officer to return my call.
- 2) Report on Omaha's meeting with Ambassador Khan of Pakistan: Attendance was 36 persons (including the speaker and two guests).

Ambassador Khan's approach to his subject--Pakistan's foreign policy--was historical; he began 800 years ago and in about 40 minutes brought us to the 1947 separation and beyond, concluding with general observations of Pakistan's relations with the U.S., USSR, and PRC. His attitude toward relations with the U.S. since independence was "If we got U.S. help, we paid for it" by alienating the USSR, pushing the USSR into supporting India, by frustrating relations with PRC, though he felt the latter had "understood" and "tolerated" Pakistan's position over the years.

As for relations directly with India, he mentioned in his remarks and returned in the discussion period repeatedly to the Simla agreement with India last summer and India's refusal to fulfill its share of the agreement. He came down hard on the Pakistani prisoners issue and the displaced peoples in West Pakistan--because of unfulfilled agreements.

Questions included his reaction to Ted Kennedy's speech: "We had wanted him to come but when he made that speech, it showed he had already made up his mind and his visiting us would have been of no use." One asked, "Isn't 10 months too soon after such a bloody conflict to expect full settlement?" To this he said, "If there's grievance, it is we in Pakistan who entertain it." Asked to explain the chaos in East Pakistan prior to the war and the (New York Times reported) current chaos in Bangla Desh, he said: "Administering East Pakistan ahas always been a problem; poverty generates corruption, a situation not new to the region. They will find scapegoats, in the following order--West Pakistan, India, USSR, then the U.S." He commented also on development activities in Pakistan and on Ayub Khan's and Yahyah Khan's images in the West.

As I said in our phone conversation, the Ambassador did not seem a big hit the evening of the meeting; the kind observation of one of the University deans, a former foreign service officer, was: "You spoke less for Pakistan and more for the subcontinent" probably is a fair description of the members' reactions. The next day (when the Ambassador was scheduled for a farm tour, at his request, but had to fly back to D.C. in an emergency) four members called to express their feelings of having gained insight