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LETTER DATED 16 DECEMBER 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF INDIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have been instructed by my Government to refer to the two letters dated 6 December 1965 (S/6997 and S/6998) from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan addressed to you and to say that they merely contain baseless allegations and are an afterthought for purposes of propoganda. It is well known that the Government of Pakistan totally failed to give a valid or convincing reply (S/6834) to the protest by the High Commission of India in Pakistan on 28 September 1965 and by the Government of India on 4 October 1965 (S/6775), concerning the shocking outrages against the Indian High Commission in Pakistan. In spite of the impermissible treatment meted out by the Pakistan authorities to the Indian diplomatic missions in Pakistan the Government of India ensured that the Pakistan diplomatic missions in India were not subjected to any restrictions which could impede their normal functioning. The Government of Pakistan, on their part, however carried on a campaign of systematic harassment of the Indian diplomatic missions in Pakistan, making it increasing difficult for those missions to function normally. I enclose copies of five of the notes dated 4, 5, 15, 16, and 29 November 1965 to the High Commission of Pakistan which will give some idea of the nature of harassment to which members of the Indian Missions in Pakistan are at present being subjected.

I shall be grateful if this letter with its enclosures is circulated as a Security Council document.

Please accept, Excellency, etc.

(Signed) G. PARTHASARATHI  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of India  
to the United Nations

Protest note dated 29 November 1965  
to the Pakistan High Commission

The Ministry of External Affairs presents its compliments to the High Commission of Pakistan in India and has the honour to draw the attention of the High Commission to a further instance of humiliating interrogation of a member of the Deputy High Commission of India in Dacca by the Pakistan Police.

On the evening of 23 November 1965, when Shri P.M. George, First Secretary of the Deputy High Commission, was out on a stroll, he was followed as usual by a plainclothes man. All of a sudden this man came up to Shri George and accosted him in Bengali. When Shri George regretted his inability to understand Bengali, he assumed a threatening posture and asked Shri George in Hindustani/Urdu about his identity and the nature of his business in the house from which he had been seen coming out. Thereupon, Shri George asked the stranger about the purpose of his inquiry. In reply, the plainclothes man shouted that he belonged to the Intelligence Bureau and his job was to keep a watch on the movements of residents and of visitors to the house from which Shri George had come out.

The Ministry condemns the continuance of such harassing and insulting treatment by Pakistan authorities of the members of the Indian Missions in Pakistan and protests against this impermissible interrogation of Shri P.M. George by a Pakistani plainclothes man, in violation of the norms of established diplomatic usage and human decencies. The Ministry would remind the High Commission that the High Commission has not cared to send any reply to the protests lodged by the Ministry on previous occasions against the humiliating treatment to which personnel of the Indian Deputy High Commission in Dacca are being subjected by the Pakistan authorities. The Government of India expects an immediate assurance from the Government of Pakistan that they will stop such vexatious practices and treat the members of the Indian Missions in Pakistan with all courtesies which members of a diplomatic mission are entitled to receive.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission of Pakistan the assurances of its highest consideration.

Protest note dated 16 November 1965  
to the High Commission of Pakistan

The Ministry of External Affairs presents its compliments to the High Commission of Pakistan in India and has the honour to state that cases of extraordinary harassment and humiliating interrogations of the members of the Deputy High Commission of India in Dacca by the Pakistan Police are on the increase in spite of representations and protests by the Deputy High Commissioner to the local authorities. Even visitors who come on official business to the Deputy High Commission are not being spared these vexatious and humiliating interrogations.

Recently, while returning from the residence of an officer of the Deputy High Commission, Shri Hingorani, an official of the Deputy High Commission, was detained by the Pakistan Police staff and subjected to interrogations. On another occasion, on 9 November, two officials of the Deputy High Commission returning in a staff car from the residence of one of the First Secretaries of the Deputy High Commission were stopped at a railway crossing by the Pakistan Police personnel, who had been tailing them and subjected to prolonged interrogation. After leaving the officials concerned at their residences, when the staff car driver was proceeding towards the Chancery, he was stopped on the way and detained for half an hour by Pakistan policemen for interrogation.

The Ministry had on numerous earlier occasions advised the High Commission of the harassing treatment which is being meted out to the personnel of the Indian Missions in Pakistan. The Ministry regrets to note that the High Commission has given no indication of the action taken or proposed to be taken to put an end to such harassment and maltreatment by Pakistan police of the personnel of the Indian Missions in Pakistan.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

Protest note dated 15 November 1965  
to the High Commission of Pakistan

The Ministry of External Affairs presents its compliments to the High Commission of Pakistan in India and with reference to the Ministry's note No. PI/114/22/65, dated 4 November 1965, has the honour to state that the Ministry continues to receive reports of harassments of members of the Deputy High Commission of India in Dacca by the Pakistan Police and C.I.D. officials.

Even Pakistani nationals, recruited locally by the Indian Deputy High Commission, are not being spared the highhanded treatment which seems to have been reserved by the police authorities for the personnel of the Mission. Pakistan C.I.D. officials have started visiting the residences of the locally recruited staff and interrogating them about their antecedents, the nature of their duties in the Deputy High Commission etc. In one case, the police forced one of the local employees to quit his residence in an area where he had been always residing.

The Ministry lodges a strong protest against such highhanded acts of harassment of the members of the Indian Deputy Commission in violation of international conventions. The High Commission can well appreciate that such harassments and forcible police measures against the members of a diplomatic mission render it extremely difficult for the mission to function. The Ministry, therefore, requests that immediate steps be taken to put an end to this systematic campaign of intimidation and harassment of the locally recruited personnel of the Deputy High Commission of India by Pakistan Police and C.I.D. officials. The Ministry emphatically protests against the continued deliberate harassment of the members of the Deputy High Commission of India by the Pakistan Police and urges the High Commission to arrange for an immediate end to this state of affairs.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission of Pakistan the assurances of its highest consideration.

Protest note dated 5 November 1965  
to the High Commission of Pakistan

The Ministry of External Affairs presents its compliments to the High Commission of Pakistan in India and has the honour to state that the Ministry has just now received with serious concern the report that the Pakistani authorities at the Karachi airport searched the baggage of Mr. Madan Gopal, a diplomatic courier from this Ministry, on his arrival with diplomatic bags at the Karachi airport on 12 October by B.O.A.C. Flight No. BA 915. Mr. Madan Gopal held a diplomatic passport.

The Ministry takes an extremely serious view of this breach of diplomatic immunity and lodges a strong protest against it. The High Commission should realize that such actions gravely jeopardize the smooth running of the diplomatic courier service which is functioning to serve the Pakistani Missions in India as well as the Indian Missions in Pakistan. The Ministry urges the High Commission to immediately obtain from its Government an assurance that full diplomatic immunity and safe conduct will be assured to Indian diplomatic couriers in future. The Government of Pakistan should realize that no diplomatic mission can possibly function if the immunity of the diplomatic courier is not respected. An early reply is requested.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

Protest note dated 4 November 1965  
to the High Commission of Pakistan

The Ministry of External Affairs presents its compliments to the High Commission of Pakistan and has the honour to state that the Ministry has been receiving reports of continued harassment of members of the Indian Missions in Pakistan even after the cease-fire.

In one such incident in Dacca, on 19 October 1965, when Shri O.P. Batra, a member of the Indian Deputy High Commission, was sitting under the Portico of the Indian Visa office building, a stranger sneaked inside the compound, approached Shri Batra unnoticed and administered to him a few kicks and ran away. Shri Batra could not apprehend the miscreant owing to the suddenness of the attack. Shri Batra has described his assailant as a well dressed young man.

The Ministry of External Affairs strongly protests against this deliberate assault on Shri Batra within the premises of the Indian Visa Office. The Ministry urges the High Commission to move the Government of Pakistan to apprehend the culprit and award him deterrent punishment. The Government of Pakistan will appreciate that such persistent acts of harassment render it difficult, if not impossible, for any diplomatic mission to function.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

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