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SUBJ: SPACE FRAGMENTS; NEPALI

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1. I INFORMED FONSEC BHANDARY TODAY THAT WE HAD DETERMINED IT FEASIBLE REMOVE STRIP FROM FRAGMENT AND STILL RETURN IT IN CONDITION SUITABLE FOR DISPLAY AND ESSENTIALLY INTACT. FONSEC INITIALLY DEMURRED, STATING HE CONCERNED REPAIR JOB WOULD NOT BE NOTICED AND WOULD CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT. SUGGESTED INSTEAD THAT PIECE BE TAKEN OFF TOP OR BOTTOM AND REMOVAL MADE TO LOOK AS THOUGH IT OCCURRED DURING FRAGMENT'S RE-ENTRY. I SAID I DOUBTED THIS WOULD MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS. AFTER SOME FURTHER CONVERSATION I ASKED HIM POINT BLANK WHETHER HE WOULD TRUST ME TO GO AHEAD AS I SAW FIT UPON MY PERSONAL UNDERTAKING THAT THE FRAGMENT WOULD BE RETURNED "ESSENTIALLY INTACT". AFTER SOME THOUGHT, FONSEC AGREED.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IF OUR REQUIREMENT CAN BE MET BY REMOVAL OF MODERATE SIZED PIECE FROM TOP OR BOTTOM, I WOULD PREFER THIS. OTHERWISE, BELIEVE YOU CAN PROCEED WITH SURGERY AS INDICATED REFTEL, PROVIDED YOU ARE SATISFIED THAT REPAIR JOB WILL BE GOOD ENOUGH TO PASS MUSTER UNDER ANYTHING SHORT OF DETAILED AND EXPERT VISUAL INSPECTION. TRUST YOU WILL BEAR IN MIND THAT WHILE THIS IS A MATTER INVOLVING VALUE JUDGMENTS RATHER THAN PRECISELY QUANTIFIABLE CRITERIA, QUESTION OF USG GOOD FAITH IS INVOLVED.

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