

U.S. EFFORT TO AID PAKISTAN IS CITED

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Columnist Tells of Proposal During War to Shift Arms

—Aides Reported Angry

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 30—

An account of a White House strategy meeting, published today, asserts that during the recent war between India and Pakistan, Administration officials proposed to let Jordan or Saudi Arabia "quietly" transfer American-furnished arms to Pakistan.

The account, published in the internationally syndicated column of Jack Anderson, reportedly incensed White House officials, as have other recent Anderson columns that have quoted verbatim from intelligence digests, State Department and other Government cablegrams and even from minutes of secret White House meetings.

Rumors of the Administration's behind-the-scenes plan to help Pakistan—which in fact was abandoned—have been published previously. But Mr. Anderson is the first journalist to cite participants in the White House meetings of Dec. 6 and 8 and to quote from their policy proposals.

According to informants in the executive branch, White House officials have strongly

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criticized their colleagues in the State Department, accusing them of leaking information to Mr. Anderson. These informants said that the State Department had vigorously denied the imputations and charged instead that the source of the leaks was probably the National Security Council staff in the White House.

Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's assistant for national security affairs and director of the National Security Council staff, was reported ill and unavailable for comment at Key Biscayne, the winter White House. Ronald L. Ziegler, White House press spokesman, who is on his way to Peking to prepare for the President's visit, confined himself to a "no comment" before leaving.

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[Remainder of story not kept, except for final two paragraphs, below.]

Officials in the Administration conceded that Mr. Anderson's information appeared genuine. Several said privately that they learned more about top-level intragovernmental policy discussions from the column than they would normally learn in the course of their official duties.

"We come in every morning just wondering what's going to hit us next," said one official. "He's got onto something and no one seems to know how to stop him."

Notations of earlier stories on aid to Pakistan, this file 16 Dec 71.

* reviewing Anderson's material,