



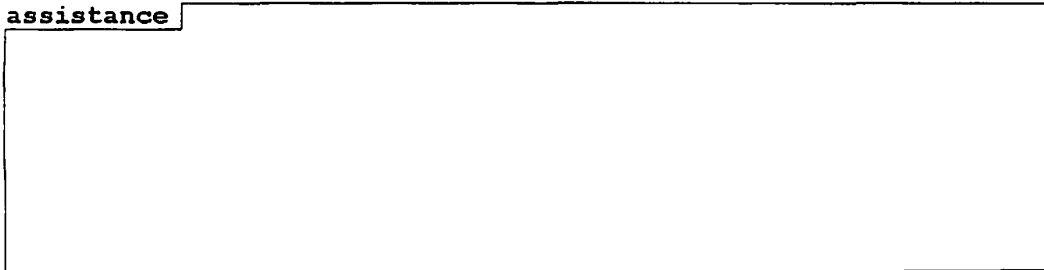
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in the formation of the North West Frontier Province interim government and the loopholes in the National Reconciliation Ordinance. Regarding the upcoming general elections, Bhutto made it clear that she did not trust the voter,s list or the independence of the Election Commission. Ambassador told her the international community, and particularly the U.S., had robust observation and education measures planned. End Summary.

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BHUTTO FRUSTRATED WITH INVESTIGATION  
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2. (C) On October 23, Ambassador called on Pakistan People,s Party Chairman Benazir Bhutto at her home in Karachi to convey condolences. Bhutto opened the meeting by expressing her dissatisfaction with the government,s investigation of the October 19 bombing that targeted her homecoming procession in Karachi. Bhutto insisted that government officials were responsible for the attack and could not be trusted to conduct an independent investigation. Bhutto complained that the government had not shared any of the details of the investigation with her.

3. (C) Bhutto reiterated her public request for U.S. assistance

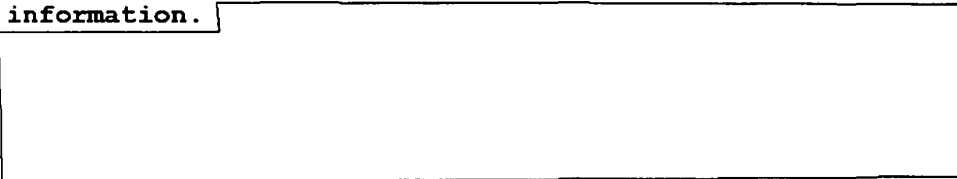


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Bhutto added that she would like rapprochement with the government, but does not see how it would be possible, as she believes that some government officials were involved in the bombing.

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BHUTTO,S SECURITY  
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5. (C) Bhutto said that she was still receiving threat information.



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Bhutto said, the government should relax the law to allow her own guards, & her boys, to be armed, especially as some of them had died in the October 19 attack.

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UPCOMING ELECTION CAMPAIGN  
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8. (C) Bhutto complained that the government did not want any political rallies in the upcoming election campaign. The government was doing this, she said, to deny or hide the fact that she had support.

9. (C) In Bhutto's opinion, the Election Commission was not independent and the voter list was not accurate. She was thankful for the National Democratic Institute pre-election assessment delegation suggestions regarding election reforms. The Ambassador informed Bhutto that the international community would provide election observers and the USG had already identified 47 districts likely to be hotly contested. Bhutto expressed concern that the observers could become targets of attacks.

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10. (C) Bhutto complained that she was not consulted on the North West Frontier Province caretaker government. She insisted that she should be consulted on the composition of the federal caretaker government and said that her party should occupy 1/3 of the positions.

11. (C) Bhutto also lamented that the recently promulgated National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO) has loopholes.

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Bhutto noted that the corruption cases outside Pakistan (such as in Switzerland) had not been withdrawn because the government had not written letters to stop them.

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BHUTTO,S INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL  
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12. (C) When asked if she would stay in Pakistan, Bhutto responded that she would stay for a while but then would start to travel and give lectures. Some of the countries to which she would travel included the UAE (Dubai), the United Kingdom, and the U.S. However, she would be based in Pakistan.

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