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The Department of External Affairs categorically denied that there is any connection between arrangements made for the Prime Minister's forthcoming visit to India and the current question of United States military aid to Pakistan.

"These arrangements for Mr. St. Laurent's visit to India, Pakistan and other countries in Asia were worked out long before the question of United States military aid to Pakistan arose. There is no basis whatsoever for ^athe news agency report that 'Mr. St. Laurent may try to mediate . . . between India and Pakistan over possible U.S. military aid to the latter country during his forthcoming world tour'".