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SUBJECT: U/S PICKERING DISCUSSES AFGHANISTAN,

DEMOCRATIZATION AND KASHMIR IN NY WITH [REDACTED]

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REF: USUN 02533

(U) CLASSIFIED BY UNDER-SECRETARY THOMAS R. PICKERING;
REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).

1. (C) SUMMARY: U/S PICKERING PRESSED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ON AFGHANISTAN, DEMOCRATIZATION IN PAKISTAN AND PAKISTAN'S UNHELPFUL ROLE IN KASHMIR DURING A MEETING IN NEW YORK NOVEMBER 14. ON AFGHANISTAN, PICKERING STATED IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THAT THERE WAS MOUNTING EVIDENCE OF DIRECT PAKISTANI INVOLVEMENT IN THE FIGHTING IN AFGHANISTAN AND THAT THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT USAMA BIN LADIN (UBL) HAD BEEN AT LEAST PERIPHERALLY INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK ON THE USS COLE. IF THAT WERE THE CASE, THE U.S. WOULD HAVE TO MAKE SOME HARD DECISIONS ABOUT PAKISTAN,

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WHOM THE U.S. HAD ALWAYS CONSIDERED A FRIEND. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
END SUMMARY.

PAKISTANI SUPPORT TO THE TALIBAN

2. (C) [REDACTED]

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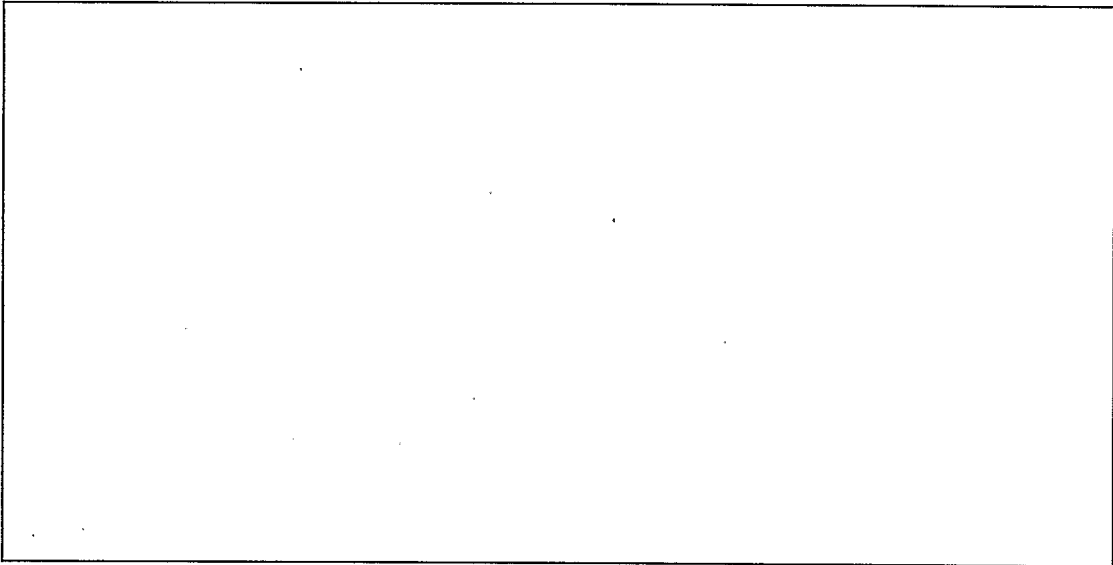
[REDACTED] USUN SENIOR AREA ADVISOR AND USUN POLOFF ALSO ACCOMPANIED. U/S PICKERING OPENED THE MEETING BY EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT THAT PAKISTAN, WHOM HE CALLED A GOOD FRIEND OF THE U.S., WAS NOT TAKING STEPS TO HELP WITH USAMA BIN LADIN (UBL). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHILE PICKERING SAID THAT THE BOMBERS OF THE USS COLE WERE NOT YET KNOWN, THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT THERE WAS A CONNECTION TO UBL - DESPITE TALIBAN ASSURANCES THAT UBL WAS COMPLETELY CUT OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND INCAPABLE OF CAUSING HARM. IF THE CONNECTION TO THE BOMBING OF THE USS COLE WAS MADE,

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THE U.S. WOULD HAVE SOME DIFFICULT DECISIONS TO MAKE.
U.S. WAS ALREADY CONSIDERING SOME TOUGH NEW MEASURES, IN
PARTICULAR AN ARMS EMBARGO ON THE TALIBAN. THE U.S. WOULD
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ALWAYS ACT TO PROTECT U.S. INTERESTS AT A TIME AND PLACE
OF ITS OWN CHOICE, PICKERING WARNED, AND ASKED FOR
PAKISTAN'S HELP.



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4. (SBU) IN RESPONSE TO [REDACTED] REPEATED ASSERTIONS THAT
ENGAGEMENT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO CHANGE THE TALIBAN'S
BEHAVIOR, PICKERING SAID THAT WE HAVE HAD NUMEROUS EFFORTS
OF DIALOGUE WITH THE TALIBAN, BUT THE TALIBAN PERSISTED IN
THEIR MISGUIDED BELIEF THAT THEY COULD BEHAVE AS THEY
LIKED AND TELL THE WORLD WHAT THEY WISHED - THERE DID NOT
HAVE TO BE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THESE TWO COURSES. THE
U.S. HAD CONCLUDED THAT THE TALIBAN RESPONDED ONLY WHEN
PRESSURED AND THUS THE U.S., WITH RUSSIA, WAS PURSUING NEW
SANCTIONS.

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5. (SBU) PICKERING STATED THAT FARMERS IN AFGHANISTAN WERE
ACTUALLY SWITCHING FROM PRODUCING WHEAT TO OPIUM POPPIES
BECAUSE OF THE HIGH PROFITS AND TALIBAN ENCOURAGEMENT.
AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, [REDACTED] THOUGHT THAT, IF IT COULD BE
EXPLAINED TO THE AFGHAN PEOPLE THAT THE PESTICIDES WERE
NOT HARMFUL TO HUMANS OR LIVESTOCK, THERE SHOULD BE NO

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10. (U) COMMENT: [REDACTED] HAD FEW FACTS TO OFFER TO COUNTER
U.S. CLAIMS AND RELIED CHIEFLY ON THE "PAKISTAN AS VICTIM"
ARGUMENT TO DEFLECT U/S PICKERING'S CRITICISM.
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