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1. (S) BEGIN SUMMARY: PAKISTAN'S ARMY IS TOTALLY COMMITTED

TO OUR SHARED GOAL OF ELIMINATING TERRORISM,

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HAASS ON OCTOBER 31, BUT HAS A DIFFERENT VIEW OF THE BEST MEANS TO ACHIEVE IT. THE US TENDED TO PURSUE SHORT-TERM TACTICAL OBJECTIVES AT THE EXPENSE OF LONG-TERM STRATEGIC GOALS, WHILE THE PAKISTAN ARMY'S PREFERRED APPROACH WAS TO BUILD ACCESS AND LONG-TERM TIES TO LOCAL PEOPLE AND LEADERS. ASSERTED THAT THERE WERE NO AL QAEDA SAFE HAVENS IN PAKISTAN AND COMPLAINED THAT OPERATIONS BASED ON BAD INFORMATION HAD PRODUCED NEGLIGIBLE RESULTS AND ALIENATED THE NWFP,S PASHTUNS. ON KASHMIR, HAASS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ENDING INFILTRATION, BUT WARNED THE US NOT TO PUSH PAKISTAN TOO FAR ON KASHMIR. END SUMMARY END SUMMARY
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2. (C) ADVISED AMBASSADOR HAASS THAT ARMY HQ HAD "GONE THE WHOLE HOG" TO SUPPORT THE US-LED WAR ON TERRORISM. THE ARMY HAD NO SYMPATHY FOR AL QAEDA
UNDERLINED THAT PAKISTAN, S MILITARY WAS IN TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE US ON "ENDS," BUT DIFFERED WITH US IN THE "MEANS OR METHODS" TO ACHIEVE THEM. WE NEEDED TO RECONCILE THIS DIFFERENCE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE OUR SHARED GOALS, HE SAID, SPECIFYING THAT THE PAKISTAN ARMY APPROACH WAS TO ADDRESS LONG-TERM CONCERNS. 3. (S) CLAIMED THAT PAKISTAN ARMY HAD RESPONDED TO ALL US REQUIREMENTS,
ALTHOUGH THE
ARMY HAD FACED CONSTRAINTS, IT HAD REMAINED COMMITTED TO
CT OPERATIONS.
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4. (C) US MILITARY OPERATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN CREATED A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PAKISTAN ARMY TO ENTER "NO-GO SECRET
PAGE 04 ISLAMA 09489 01 OF 04 131405Z AREAS" IN THE FEDERALLY ADMINISTERED TRIBAL AREAS (FATA) WHERE IT COULD NOT PREVIOUSLY OPERATE. THE ARMY HAD PROACTIVELY BEGUN TO OPERATE IN THE FATA, USING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND ROAD BUILDING AS LEVERS TO GAIN ACCESS AND WIN OVER THE INHABITANTS. DURING THE TORA BORA OPERATION, THE ARMY HAD DEPLOYED ALONG THE BORDER OPPOSITE TORA BORA WITH LOCAL LEADERS' COOPERATION. AT THAT TIME THE

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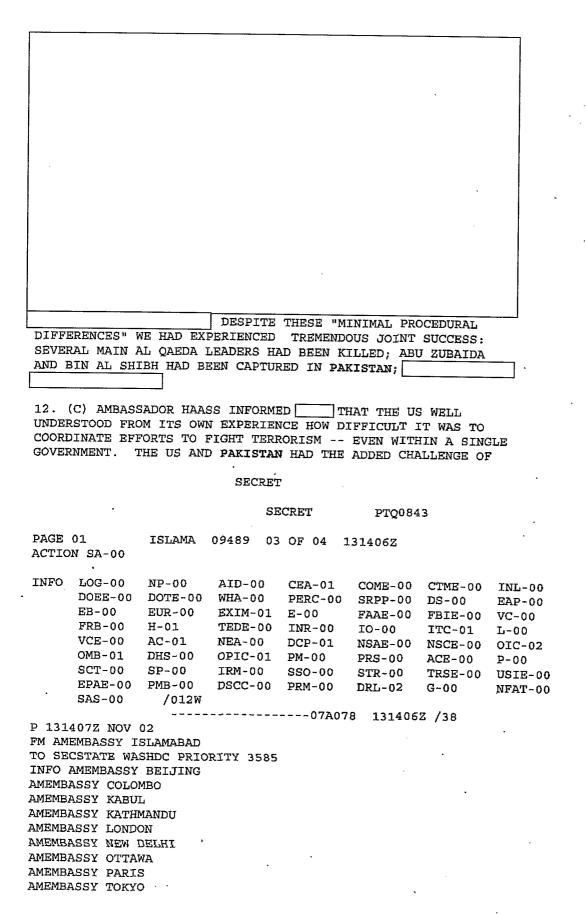
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NOT SHELTER AL QAEDA FOR MORE THAN A DAY OR TWO. AL QAEDA PRESENCE IN THE AREA WAS LIMITED TO TRANSIT; IT CONTROLLED NO PART OF THE FATA. IF AL QAEDA MOVED INTO PAKISTAN, HE ASSERTED, THE NWFP'S PEOPLE WOULD REPORT THEM. AL SHIBH HAD BEEN CAUGHT BASED UPON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY LOCALS,
INTEL AND DOCTRINAL DIFFERENCES
7. (C) SAID THAT PAKISTAN HAD NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT AL QAEDA PRESENCE IN NWFP OR FATA. IF THE US HAD OTHER INFORMATION, IT SHOULD PROVIDE "SPECIFIC INFORMATION" SO THAT THE ARMY WOULD QUICKLY ACT ON IT: GENERAL INFORMATION WAS NOT USEFUL. ONE OF THE CORPS COMMANDERS IN THE BORDER AREA, WAS A NATIVE OF THE FATA AND HAD GONE THERE TO CHECK ON US-PROVIDED INTELLIGENCE AND MEDIA REPORTS SUGGESTING THAT THERE WAS AL QAEDA IN PARTS OF THE FATA. HE HAD FOUND NONE. WHO HAD TOURED AREAS FROM MALAKAND TO CHITRAL SECRET
PAGE 03 ISLAMA 09489 02 OF 04 131405Z DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN HAD ALSO FOUND NO TRACE OF AL QAEDA. NOTED THAT US PERSONNEL WERE NOT WELCOMED IN FATA AND THE MMA WOULD EXPLOIT ANY US PRESENCE.
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14. (C) HAASS TOLD THAT HE WAS PLEASED ABOUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF TROOP PULLBACKS FROM THE BORDER AS DE-ESCALATION WOULD FREE RESOURCES TO BE DEVOTED TO SEALING THE AFGHAN BORDER AND COUNTER-TERRORISM. IT APPEARED THAT INDIA WANTED TO RENEW CONTACTS BUT CONTINUING INFILTRATION

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WOULD REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF MISCONSTRUING WHAT THE OTHER
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POSSIBILITIES ON SURVEILLANCE WITH OSD.
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