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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE

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TAGS: PREL, PK, US, PTER
SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE'S MEETING WITH PAKISTAN
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(U) CLASSIFIED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY RICHARD ARMITAGE;
REASONS 1.5 (B AND D)

1. (U) 9/12/01, 11:00 AM, DEPUTY SECRETARY'S OFFICE
2. (U) PARTICIPANTS:

U.S.

DEPUTY SECRETARY
A/S CHRISTINA ROCCA
S/CT FRANK TAYLOR
SA DONALD CAMP

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: APPEALS REVIEW PANEL
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SA/PAB STEPHEN YOUNG
D STAFF TOM CYNKIN

PAKISTAN

GENERAL AHMED MAHMUD
AMBASSADOR MALEEHA LODHI

BRIGADIER MAZHAR UL HAQ
BRIGADIER MUJTABA, EMBASSY DATT
ZAMIR AKRAM, DCM
FIRST SECRETARY SOHAIL MAHMOOD

3. (S) SUMMARY: DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE CALLED IN VISITING PAKISTANI INTELLIGENCE CHIEF GENERAL MAHMUD ON SEPTEMBER 12 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WE WOULD BE APPROACHING PAKISTAN ONCE WE HAD DETERMINED HOW THE U.S. WAS GOING TO RESPOND TO YESTERDAY'S HEINOUS TERRORIST ATTACKS. AT THIS POINT THE INFORMATION POINTED STRONGLY TOWARD USAMA BIN LADEN'S ORGANIZATION AL QAIDA IN AFGHANISTAN. PRESIDENT BUSH HAD THE TALIBAN VERY MUCH IN MIND WHEN HE TOLD THE NATION SEPTEMBER 11 THAT THE U.S. WOULD GO AFTER THOSE WHO HARBORED TERRORISTS., [REDACTED]

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REQUEST: AMBASSADOR SHOULD SEEK EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO REINFORCE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF. END SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST.

4. (S) DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE MET PAKISTANI INTER-SERVICES INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (ISI-D) DIRECTOR MAHMUD AHMED ON SEPTEMBER 12 FOR 15 MINUTES [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ON PAKISTAN'S ROLE IN THE FOLLOW-UP TO SEPTEMBER 11'S TERRORIST ATTACKS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON.

5. (S) MAHMUD BEGAN BY OFFERING HIS AND HIS PRESIDENT'S DEEPEST CONDOLENCES FOR THIS TERRIBLE TRAGEDY. HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF TO STAY IN WASHINGTON [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ISLAMABAD WAS AWAITING
FURTHER WORD FROM THE UNITED STATES.

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6. (S) DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE EXPRESSED THANKS FOR
THESE WORDS, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE DEPUTY SECRETARY
HAD PLANNED TO GO TO CONGRESS THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS LIFTING
SANCTIONS ON BOTH INDIA AND PAKISTAN, BUT IT WAS NOW

UNCLEAR JUST WHEN WE WOULD BE ABLE TO GET BACK ON TRACK IN
VIEW OF YESTERDAY'S EVENTS.

7. (S) MR. ARMITAGE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IT IS
QUITE PROBABLE THAT AL QAIDA AND USAMA BIN LADEN WOULD BE
FINGERED AS OUR INVESTIGATION CONTINUES. THE NOOSE WAS
TIGHTENING AROUND THEIR NECKS. THERE MAY BE MORE ACTS OF
TERRORISM IN THIS COUNTRY. [REDACTED]

8. (S) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF THE
HEINOUS NATURE OF THIS CRIME, WE ARE RECEIVING VERY STRONG
SUPPORT ACROSS THE BOARD, WITH THE UN, WITHIN NATO, IN OUR
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RUSSIANS AND OTHERS. WE ARE
CURRENTLY PLANNING WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO. [REDACTED]

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9. (S) MAHMUD REPLIED THAT PAKISTAN HAS ALWAYS SEEN SUCH
MATTERS IN BLACK-AND-WHITE. IT HAS IN THE PAST BEEN
ACCUSED OF "BEING IN BED" WITH THOSE THREATENING U.S.

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INTERESTS. HE WANTED TO DISPEL THAT MISPERCEPTION. IN
HIS EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH HIGH LEVEL U.S. OFFICIALS
IN THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, MAHMUD FELT HE HAD MADE IT CLEAR
WHERE ITS SUPPORT LAY. THIS HAS BEEN UNDERSTOOD BY
PAKISTAN'S ALLIES, HE CONCLUDED.

10. (S) MR. ARMITAGE INDICATED IT WAS STILL NOT CLEAR
WHAT MIGHT BE ASKED OF PAKISTAN BY THE U.S. BUT HE
SUSPECTED IT WOULD CAUSE "DEEP INTROSPECTION." MAHMUD'S

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COLLEAGUES IN THE CIA WOULD LIKELY BE TALKING MORE WITH HIM IN THE NEAR FUTURE ON THIS. MAHMUD CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH LANGLEY AFTER YESTERDAY'S ATTACKS, AND EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THESE CONTACTS.

11. (S) DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE CHARACTERIZED YESTERDAY'S ATTACK AS A TRAGEDY FOR ALL PEOPLE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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IN THAT CONTEXT, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY WANTED TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT PRESIDENT BUSH, IN SPEAKING OF THOSE WHO HARBORED TERRORISTS IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE NATION LAST NIGHT, WAS SPECIFICALLY THINKING OF THE TALIBAN.

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[REDACTED] WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE HORRIFIC
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SCALE OF YESTERDAY'S ATTACK, MAHMUD REMINDED US THAT PAKISTAN HAS BEEN STRUCK MANY TIMES IN THE PAST BY SMALLER SCALE TERRORIST ATTACKS. SO HE UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORT OF MR. ARMITAGE'S MESSAGE TO HIS COUNTRY. THESE CRIMES HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ETHNICITY OR RELIGION. THEY WERE CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND AS SUCH COULD NOT BE CONDONED. THESE WERE ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST ALL BELIEFS.

13. (S) DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE EXPRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF MAHMUD'S POINT, RECALLING THAT WHEN PAKISTAN LOST ITS PRESIDENT, HE HAD LOST A FRIEND, AS WELL AS OUR AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND GENERAL WASSOM, ALSO OUR FRIENDS. [REDACTED]

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14. (S) DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE SAID THE TWO SIDES

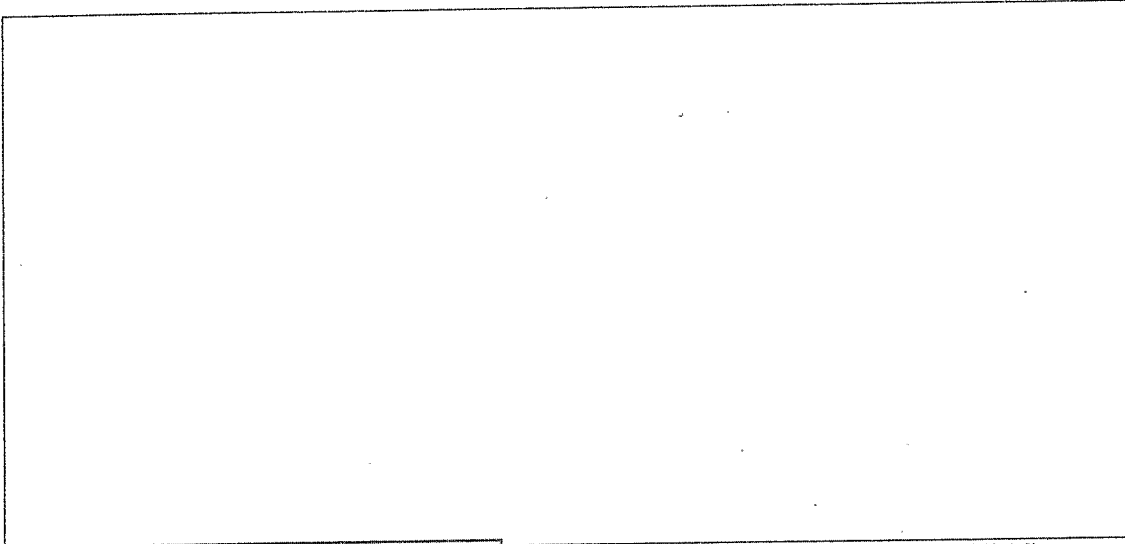
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MAHMUD CONCLUDED BY PROMISING

TO REPORT THIS CONVERSATION PROMPTLY TO HIS PRESIDENT, AND
REITERATING PAKISTAN'S CONDOLENCES OVER AMERICA'S TRAGEDY.
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