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CLASSIFIED BY RICHARD L. ARMITAGE, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, FOR REASONS 1.5(B) AND (D).

- 1. (C) PAKISTAN ISI DIRECTOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL MAMOUD AND THE DEPUTY SECRETARY SPOKE BY TELEPHONE FOR 5 MINUTES ON 18 SEPTEMBER AT 1120.
2. (C) GENERAL MAMOUD EXPLAINED THAT HE IS STAYING IN VERY CLOSE CONTACT WITH US AMBASSADOR CHAMBERLIN, BUT HADN'T HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH HER THE LAST TWO DAYS DUE TO HIS TRAVELS TO AFGHANISTAN.
3. (C) GENERAL MAMOUD STATED THAT WHILE IN AFGHANISTAN HE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH ISLAMIC LEADER MULLAH OMAR, AS WELL AS OTHER GOVERNMENT AND JUDICIARY MINISTRY OFFICIALS. GENERAL MAMOUD SAID HE WAS ABLE TO LAY OUT CLEARLY TO THE AFGHANS THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE AND GENERAL MAMOUD HAD DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON THE PREVIOUS WEEK. THIS INCLUDED THE "DEMANDS, EXPECTATIONS, AND CONSEQUENCES" ASSOCIATED WITH THE DECISIONS FACING THE AFGHANS. GENERAL MAMOUD NOTED THAT HE EXPLAINED TO HIS INTERLOCUTORS THAT THE "WORLD IS UNITED AGAINST TERRORISM." SINCE THE AFGHAN ISLAMIC LEADERS HAVE ALSO RENOUNCED TERRORISM, GENERAL MAMOUD CONVEYED THAT IT IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE THAT THEY FOLLOW-UP WITH CONCRETE ACTIONS.
4. (C) GENERAL MAMOUD INFORMED DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE THAT HE EXPLAINED TO THE AFGHANS THAT THEY MUST MEET THREE CONDITIONS. ONE, THEY MUST HAND-OVER UBL TO THE



INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, OR EXTRADITE HIM. TWO, THEY MUST HAND-OVER OR EXTRADITE THE 13 TOP LIEUTENANTS/ ASSOCIATES OF UBL. HE ADDED THAT SOME OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS HAVE ALREADY BEEN INDICTED. AND THREE, THEY MUST CLOSE ALL TERRORIST TRAINING CAMPS.

5. (C) GENERAL MAMOUD STATED TO DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE THAT HE ALSO ADDED A FOURTH CONDITION ON HIS OWN. GENERAL MAMOUD ADVISED THE AFGHANS THAT THEY MUST OPEN TERRORIST TRAINING SITES FOR INSPECTION BY NEUTRAL INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS FROM THE WEST, "INCLUDING EVEN THE UNITED STATES." DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE THANKED THE GENERAL FOR ADDING THIS FOURTH CONDITION.

6. (C) WITH RESPECT TO THE RESPONSE HE RECEIVED FROM THE AFGHANS, GENERAL MAMOUD SAID THE "RESPONSE WAS NOT NEGATIVE ON ALL THESE POINTS". HE STATED THAT THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ELDERS WOULD MEET SOON TO MAKE DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THE AFGHAN ISLAMIC LEADERSHIP. HE NOTED THAT THE PRESS HAD REPORTED THAT THE MEETING OF ELDERS WAS TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE EARLIER, BUT THAT THE PARTICIPANTS WERE STILL TRAVELING FROM ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY. HE OPINED THAT THE MEETING OF THE ELDERS LIKELY WOULD TAKE PLACE TOMORROW.

7. (C) GENERAL MAMOUD TOLD DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE THAT HE FRAMED THE DECISION TO MULLAH OMAR AND THE OTHER AFGHANS AS ESSENTIALLY CHOOSING BETWEEN ONE MAN AND HIS SAFE HAVEN VERSUS THE WELL-BEING OF 25 MILLION CITIZENS OF AFGHANISTAN. GENERAL MAMOUD SAID THAT THE ISLAMIC LEADERS OF AFGHANISTAN ARE NOW ENGAGED IN "DEEP INTROSPECTION" ABOUT THEIR DECISIONS.

8. (C) GENERAL MAMOUD CONCLUDED BY THANKING THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MADE FOR HIS RETURN TO PAKISTAN. HE SAID THAT HE AND HIS WIFE WERE BOTH GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE SAFE AND COMFORTABLE TRAVEL

AFFORDED THEM THROUGH THE USE OF A U.S. GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT.

9. (C) DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE THANKED GENERAL MAMOUD AND ADDED THAT HE HOPED THE AFGHAN LEADERS HAD THE WISDOM TO LISTEN TO HIS (MAMOUD'S) REASONING. HE AGREED THAT THIS IS A TIME FOR DEEP THOUGHT AND INTROSPECTION AS THEY HAD NOTED DURING GENERAL MAMOUD'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE ASKED THAT GENERAL MAMOUD REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR CHAMBERLIN. HE ALSO ADDED THAT HE HOPED TO MEET WITH GENERAL MAMOUD AGAIN, AND HOPEFULLY BE IN A POSITION TO SPEAK ON OTHER MATTERS. POWELL

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