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 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE

REVIEW AUTHORITY: SHARON E AHMAD

CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL REASON: 1.4(B), 1.4(D)

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(U) CLASSIFIED BY POLITICAL MINISTER COUNSELOR JON ALOISI.
REASONS: 1.5 (B/D).

SUMMARY

1. (C) IN A MEETING WITH POLOFFS SEPTEMBER 17,
[REDACTED] AMBASSADOR TO CHINA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] PREDICTED THAT CHINA
WOULD SUPPORT THE U.S. IN A WAR ON TERRORISM. HE ALSO
ARGUED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS SUBSTANCE TO REPORTS OF
GROWING LINKS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE TALIBAN. [REDACTED]
URGED THE U.S. TO FACTOR RUSSIAN CONCERNS IN CENTRAL ASIA
INTO ANY RETALIATION PLAN, AND ADVOCATED THE U.S. PURSUE
DIALOGUE WITH THE TALIBAN. [REDACTED] HEDGED [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] POSITION ON ANY U.S. MILITARY ACTION, BUT,
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IN A CONDOLENCE LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR, SAID [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE URGED CAUTION IN DEALING WITH
PAKISTAN, SAYING PAKISTAN'S INFLUENCE ON THE TALIBAN WAS
"LIMITED."

[REDACTED]
END SUMMARY.

2. (C) POLOFFS MET SEPTEMBER 18 WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GAVE POLOFFS A ONE-HOUR BRIEF ON HIS TAKE
ON RECENT EVENTS.

CHINA, THE WAR ON TERRORISM, AND THE TALIBAN

3. (C) [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THAT CHINA'S
EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET OVER THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN NEW
YORK, WASHINGTON, D.C. AND PENNSYLVANIA WERE SINCERE. HE
PREDICTED THAT CHINA WOULD LIKELY JOIN THE UNITED STATES IN
FIGHTING TERRORISM, AND THUS BACK UP ITS WORDS WITH
CONCRETE ACTION.

4. (C) [REDACTED] SAID HE HAD SEEN RECENT REPORTS IN
THE U.S. PRESS ABOUT CHINA GETTING CLOSER TO THE TALIBAN.
THESE REPORTS WERE NOT GROUNDLESS. CHINA HAD PURSUED ITS
OWN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN AFGHANISTAN. IN

PARTICULAR, CHINA HAD A STRONG INTEREST IN CONVINCING THE
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TALIBAN NOT TO SUPPLY ARMS AND TRAINING TO SEPARATISTS IN
XINJIANG, AND CHINA BELIEVED PROVIDING DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION MIGHT BE ONE WAY TO
ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE.

5. (C) ASKED ABOUT PRESS REPORTS ABOUT CHINESE ARMS FROM
PAKISTAN NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE TALIBAN, [REDACTED] SAID
CHINA HAD EVERY REASON TO BE CONCERNED. HE HAD SEEN SUCH
ARMS (UNSPECIFIED) HIMSELF WHEN TRAVELING IN AFGHANISTAN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

RUSSIAN ROLE KEY IN CENTRAL ASIA

6. (C) [REDACTED] URGED THE U.S. PAY PARTICULAR
ATTENTION TO RUSSIA IN FORMULATING ITS MILITARY OPTIONS.
MOSCOW WAS IN LARGE PART TO BLAME FOR THE CURRENT MESS IN
AFGHANISTAN, AND RUSSIA SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO THE LONG-
SUFFERING AFGHAN PEOPLE FOR WHAT THE 1979 INVASION DID TO
THE COUNTRY. NEVERTHELESS, RUSSIA'S ROLE IN THE REGION
REMAINED PARAMOUNT. CENTRAL ASIAN STATES "STILL COULD NOT
MAKE A MOVE WITHOUT RUSSIA," HE STATED.

U.S. CENTRAL ASIAN POLICY NOT OBJECTIVE

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7. (C) [REDACTED] CRITICIZED U.S. POLICY IN CENTRAL ASIA,
STATING IT WAS NOT OBJECTIVE. HE URGED THAT THE U.S.
REVISIT ITS POLICY TOWARDS UZBEKISTAN, SAYING THAT THE
KARIMOV REGIME, IN ADDITION TO INFRINGING ON HUMAN RIGHTS,
ALSO PREVENTED HIS PEOPLE FROM LIVING A "NORMAL LIFE."
REFUGEES CONTINUED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

U.S. SHOULD ENGAGE TALIBAN; BE WARY OF PAKISTAN

8. (C) IF THE U.S. WAS WILLING TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WITH
KARIMOV, WHY NOT ENGAGE THE TALIBAN AS WELL, [REDACTED]
ASKED. DIALOGUE WITH THE TALIBAN WAS ALL THE MORE
IMPORTANT, GIVEN THAT THE TALIBAN WERE GENERALLY HONEST IN
NEGOTIATIONS. THE TALIBAN DID NOT SUPPORT TERRORISM, AND
99 PERCENT OF THE AFGHAN POPULATION DID NOT KNOW WHO OSAMA
BIN LADEN WAS, HE ARGUED. THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT,
HOWEVER, WAS DUPLICITOUS AND COULD NOT BE TRUSTED.

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MOREOVER, ISLAMABAD'S INFLUENCE ON THE TALIBAN WAS LIMITED.

[REDACTED] AND THE WAR ON TERRORISM

9. (C) [REDACTED] SAID THE NOT RECEIVED ANY INSTRUCTIONS
ON [REDACTED] POSITION IN THE EVENT OF MILITARY ACTION
IN THE REGION.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

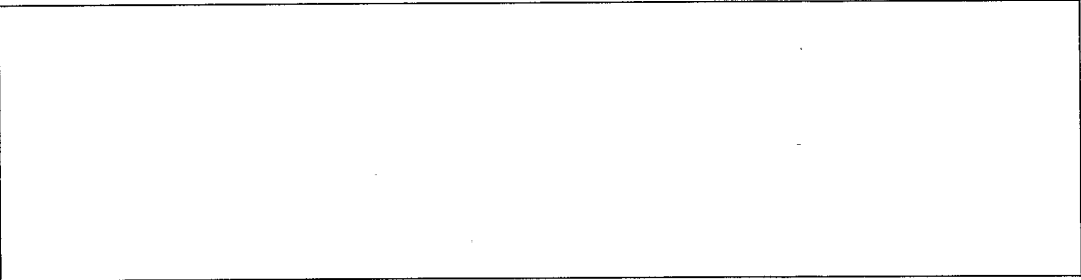
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11. (U) [REDACTED]

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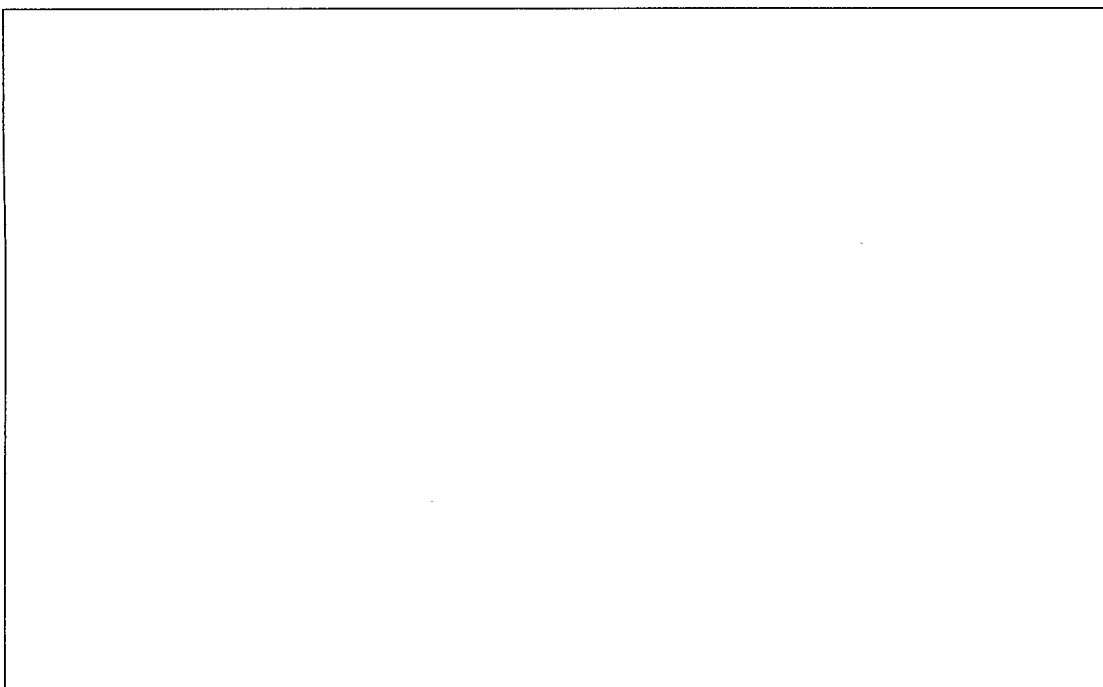
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