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SUBJ: TERRORISM: DEMARCHE ON THREAT BY AFGHAN-
BASED TERRORISTS

REF: (A) STATE 111711
(B) STATE 112067
(C) STATE 112058 (NOTAL)

(U) CLASSIFIED AMBASSADOR WILLIAM B. MILAM.
REASONS: 1.5 (B) (C) (D), 1.6 (X5).

1. (S) AMBASSADOR DELIVERED REF (A) DEMARCHE TO
TALIBAN "AMBASSADOR" ABDUL SALAM ZAEF AT 1100
LOCAL ON JUNE 29. EMPHASIZING THE SERIOUSNESS OF
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THE MESSAGE, THE AMBASSADOR WALKED ZAEF THROUGH
REF (A) POINTS, PAUSING AFTER EACH ONE TO ENSURE
THAT THE TALIBAN NOTETAKER UNDERSTOOD. ZAEF
LISTENED CAREFULLY AND PROMISED TO CONVEY THE
AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS THAT SAME DAY. HE EXPECTED
TO RECEIVE A RESPONSE WITHIN TWO OR THREE DAYS,
BUT ADDED THAT THE TALIBAN DO NOT SEE AMERICANS
AS THEIR ENEMIES AND THAT THERE ARE NO THREATS TO
AMERICANS COMING FROM THE TALIBAN. NONETHELESS,
SAID ZAEF, "WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO FOLLOW UP AND
STOP" ANY THREAT.

2. (C) THE AMBASSADOR ALSO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE
MEETING TO DELIVER THE DEPARTMENT'S REF (C)

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RESPONSE TO THE TALIBAN'S PROPOSAL TO SEND A HIGH-LEVEL NARCOTICS DELEGATION TO THE UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION, THE AMBASSADOR TOLD ZAEEF (AS PER DEPT INSTRUCTIONS) THAT THE TALIBAN'S REQUEST TO SEND TWO "DIPLOMATS" TO THEIR NEW YORK "OFFICE" REMAINS UNDER CONSIDERATION, BUT THAT ONE MAJOR PROBLEM IS THAT THAT OFFICE IS IN FACT CLOSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNSCR 1333. FINALLY, THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE ISSUE OF THE JULY 15 DEADLINE FOR UNSMA TO FIND A NEW OFFICE IN KABUL, NOTING THAT HE HOPED IT WAS NOT INDICATIVE OF A TALIBAN DESIRE TO KICK THE UN OUT OF AFGHANISTAN AND THAT HE HOPED THE PROPERTY DISPUTE COULD BE RESOLVED WITHOUT UNSMA'S HAVING TO LEAVE. ZAEEF IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED THAT THE TALIBAN DO NOT INTEND TO FORCE THE UN TO LEAVE AFGHANISTAN AND PROMISED TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE UNSMA OFFICE

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WITH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN KABUL.

3. (C) ON UBL, ZAEEF EMPHASIZED THAT THE TALIBAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH UBL AND OTHERS IS BASED NOT ON ENMITY AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, BUT ON "CULTURE." ON AID, ZAEEF PRAISED THE US ASSISTANCE BUT WORRIED THAT ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF THE AID ACTUALLY REACHES THE AFGHAN PEOPLE. THE AMBASSADOR REASSURED HIM THAT SUCH FEARS WERE ABSOLUTELY UNFOUNDED BUT STATED THAT, IF ZAEEF HAD ANY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO LOOK INTO IT. ZAEEF ALSO COMMENTED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF THE US WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF US AID, RATHER THAN GOING THROUGH A THIRD PARTY. THE AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT, ALTHOUGH WE DO PLAN FOR THE NARCOTICS-RELATED AID TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE FARMERS, THERE IS "NO WAY" AMERICANS COULD BE IN AFGHANISTAN TO DISBURSE THE AID AS LONG AS AFGHANISTAN CONTINUES TO BE A SAFEHAVEN FOR TERRORISTS AND OTHERS HOSTILE TO AMERICANS. "THERE IS NO DANGER TO A SINGLE AMERICAN IN AFGHANISTAN," SAID ZAEEF. "WE SHALL HOLD YOU TO YOUR WORD," CONCLUDED THE AMBASSADOR.

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