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(08/02)

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"VAJPAYEE IS A RESPECTED SENIOR; I WILL MEET HIM  
WHENEVER HE ORDERS: JAMALI," "KHABRAIN" (08/04)

"USAID OFFERS TO HELP RAIN VICTIMS," "UMMAT" (08/04)

"U.S. TO CONDUCT YEAR-LONG MILITARY EXERCISES WITH  
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"U.S. GETS PAK-AFGHAN BORDER SEALED," "JASARAT"  
(08/04)

"U.S. WOULD HAVE TO VACATE PAKISTANI BASES IF LEGAL  
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"MOVE TO STOP U.S. AID WILL FAIL, HOPES PAKISTAN"  
"DAWN" (08/02)

QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT IS HOPEFUL THAT THE ATTEMPTS OF  
PRO-INDIAN LOBBIES IN THE U.S. CONGRESS TO BLOCK THE  
\$3 BILLION AID PACKAGE FOR PAKISTAN WILL BE DEFEATED.  
THE GOVERNMENT'S OPTIMISM STEMS FROM THE FEEDBACK IT  
RECEIVED FROM PAKISTAN'S DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN  
WASHINGTON AND ASSURANCES BY U.S. POLICYMAKERS THAT  
THE MOVE IS NOT ADMINISTRATION DRIVEN AND IS LIKELY TO  
FIZZLE OUT, RELIABLE SOURCES TOLD "DAWN" ON FRIDAY....  
END QUOTE.

3. "U.S. WANTS ONE DIVISION OF PAK ARMY FOR IRAQ,"  
"THE NEWS" (08/04)

QUOTE: THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION, IN ITS LATEST  
REQUEST, HAS ASKED PAKISTAN TO SEND ONE DIVISION OF  
PAKISTAN ARMY TO IRAQ, FOREIGN MINISTER KHURSHID  
MEHMOOD KASURI SAID ON SUNDAY. "BUT PRESIDENT  
MUSHARRAF, PAKISTAN ARMY AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT  
TAKE ANY DECISION ON SENDING OUR TROOPS TO IRAQ  
CONTRARY TO THE POPULAR OPINION OF THE MASSES," KASURI  
TOLD A GROUP OF REPORTERS AT THE PAKISTAN MUSLIM  
LEAGUE HOUSE WHERE THE RULING PARTY HAD INVITED  
JOURNALISTS TO LUNCH.... END QUOTE.

4. "PAKISTAN LINKED TO 9/11 FUNDS" "DAILY TIMES"  
(08/02)

QUOTE: AN FBI OFFICIAL HAS TOLD A SENATE HEARING HERE  
THAT INVESTIGATORS HAD "TRACED THE ORIGIN OF THE  
FUNDING OF 9/11 BACK TO FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS IN

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PAKISTAN, WHERE HIGH-RANKING AND WELL-KNOWN AL-QAEDA OPERATIVES PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN MOVING THE MONEY FORWARD, EVENTUALLY INTO THE HANDS OF THE HIJACKERS LOCATED IN THE U.S."... END QUOTE.

5. "LET'S FIGHT TERROR TOGETHER, KARZAI ASKS PAKISTAN," "THE NEWS" (08/03)

QUOTE: AFGHAN PRESIDENT HAMID KARZAI ON SATURDAY SAID A RENEWED WAVE OF TALIBAN ATTACKS AND THE REPORTED REGROUPING OF MILITANTS WERE "NOT A SERIOUS CONCERN" AS HE CALLED FOR AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN TO FIGHT TERRORISM TOGETHER.... END QUOTE.

6. "U.S. FOR EARLY SETTLEMENT OF DURAND LINE ISSUE" "THE NATION" (08/04)

QUOTE: EXPRESSING ITS DISPLEASURE OVER THE PROLONGATION OF BORDER DISPUTE THE UNITED STATES HAS ASKED PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN TO SPEED UP THE SETTLEMENT PROCESS OF DURAND LINE ISSUE AS DELAY IN THIS REGARD WILL PROVE HIGHLY HARMFUL TO ANTI-TERROR CAMPAIGN. "THE VERY IDEA OF FORMATION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF U.S., PAKISTANI AND AFGHAN OFFICIALS TO RESOLVE THE BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN IS AIMED AT FINDING QUICK-FIX SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM BUT NO CONCRETE MOVEMENT HAS BEEN

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"TALIBAN CLAIM SHOOTING DOWN U.S. PLANE," "THE NEWS" (08/03)

QUOTE: THE TALIBAN CLAIMED ON SATURDAY TO HAVE SHOT DOWN A U.S. AIRCRAFT DURING FIGHTING IN THE SHAH WALI KOT DISTRICT IN SOUTHWESTERN KANDAHAR PROVINCE. A TALIBAN SPOKESMAN TOLD "THE NEWS" THAT A ROCKET BROUGHT DOWN THE PLANE WHILE IT WAS BOMBING TALIBAN POSITIONS IN A VALLEY NEAR SHAH WALI KOT TOWN. HE WAS UNABLE TO TELL WHETHER IT WAS JET FIGHTER OR HELICOPTER AND IF THE PILOT HAD BEEN KILLED OR CAPTURED.... END QUOTE.

8. "NEW PROCEDURES FOR U.S. NON-IMMIGRANT VISA TAKE EFFECT," "THE NEWS" (08/02)

QUOTE: THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY ANNOUNCED NEW PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR A NON- IMMIGRANT VISA FOR TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES TOOK EFFECT FROM FRIDAY, AUGUST 1.... END QUOTE.

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9. "NO CLUE TO PAK ENGINEER ARRESTED BY FBI"  
"PAKISTAN OBSERVER" (08/03)

QUOTE: THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCY FBI IN  
COLLABORATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT ARRESTED PAKISTANI  
ENGINEER AHSAN AZIZ SOME TWO MONTHS AGO AND SO FAR HE  
WAS NOT PRODUCED BEFORE ANY COURT AND WAS BEING  
TORTURED IN THE CUSTODY OF AMERICANS.... END QUOTE.

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-- U.S.-PAK RELATIONS

10. "CONTINUATION OF U.S. ALLEGATIONS," AN EDITORIAL  
IN THE KARACHI-BASED, RIGHT-WING, PRO-ISLAMIC UNITY  
URDU DAILY, "JASARAT" (08/04)

QUOTE: EVER SINCE 9/11, THE UNITED STATES HAS KEPT  
PAKISTAN ON ITS TARGET OF LEVELING ALLEGATIONS ONE  
AFTER THE OTHER. SOMETIMES IT IS SAID THAT USAMA BIN  
LADEN IS IN PAKISTAN AND AT OTHER TIMES IT IS SAID  
THAT THERE IS A LIKELIHOOD OF PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS BEING STOLEN. THERE HAVE BEEN UNCOUNTABLE  
ACCUSATIONS BY THE U.S. AGAINST PAKISTAN AND THIS IS  
STILL CONTINUING. THE U.S. HAS CONTINUOUSLY BEEN  
INCREASING PRESSURE ON PAKISTAN. PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF  
HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE U.S. WITH AN  
"UNCONDITIONAL" PACKAGE OF THREE BILLION DOLLARS. BUT  
NOW THE U.S. HAS STARTED POPPING UP ITS CONDITIONS AND  
A BILL TO THIS EFFECT IS PENDING IN THE U.S. CONGRESS.  
THE NEED OF THE HOUR IS TO REVIEW PAKISTAN'S RELATIONS  
WITH THE UNITED STATES AND WITHDRAW OURSELVES FROM  
THIS POTHOLE OF IGNOBILITY. END QUOTE.

11. "THE ODD COUPLE," AN OP-ED BY EHSAN AHRARI IN THE  
PESHAWAR-BASED INDEPENDENT ENGLISH DAILY, "THE  
STATESMAN" (08/02)

QUOTE: AMBIVALENCE MAY BE THE PHRASE THAT BEST

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OF OFFICIAL

SUPPORT FOR THE TALIBAN IN PAKISTAN. THE ONLY POINT  
OF CONTENTION IS WHETHER MUSHARRAF'S REGIME IS DOING  
ENOUGH TO TRACK DOWN THE AL-QAEDA ELEMENTS.... FROM  
THE PAKISTANI SIDE, THE ISSUE OF DEVELOPING A

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SUSTAINABLE FRIENDSHIP TOWARDS THE U.S. MAY BE A MYTH AT BEST, OR EVEN A FICTION, UNDER THE PRESENT ENVIRONMENT OF ANTI-AMERICANISM.... SHORT OF A MIRACLE, THE ONLY FEASIBLE WAY OF LOWERING THE INTENSITY OF ANTI-AMERICANISM IS THROUGH A TWO-PRONGED STRATEGY OF PROGRAMS OF MASSIVE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

AND THE RADICAL REFURBISHING OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. MEANWHILE, THE PROCESS OF NURTURING YOUNG JIHADIS MUST STOP IMMEDIATELY IF PAKISTAN IS TO HAVE A FUTURE AS A STABLE AND MODERN MUSLIM STATE.... THE UNITED STATES KNOWS THE INTRICACY, OBDURACY, AND DURABILITY OF THE PROCESS INVOLVED IN THE CREATION OF A MODERATE DEMOCRACY IN PAKISTAN. BUT IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH A TASK OF THIS NATURE, BUSH'S GLOBAL "WAR ON TERROR" MUST BE RADICALLY ALTERED WITH A VIEW TO ASSIGNING PRIMACY TO ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND NATION-BUILDING EVERYWHERE, ESPECIALLY IN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN. WHILE THE UNITED STATES HAS OFFERED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN, NO OTHER ELABORATE MEASURES RELATED TO NATION BUILDING HAVE BEEN TAKEN YET. END QUOTE.

12. "FAITH AND RACE," AN OP-ED BY IRFAN HUSAIN IN THE KARACHI-BASED INDEPENDENT NATIONAL DAILY, "DAWN" (08/02)

QUOTE: ... HAVING GOT THIS OUT OF THE WAY, LET ME SAY BLUNTLY THAT THERE IS NO WAY THE AMERICANS WOULD HAVE TREATED THE INMATES OF CAMPS X-RAY AND CROPPER IN WAY THEY ARE BEING TREATED HAD THEY BEEN WHITE AND CHRISTIAN.... A PROBLEM FEW AMERICANS ARE WILLING TO RECOGNIZE IS THAT 9/11 AND THE SUBSEQUENT PATRIOT ACT HAVE GIVEN PEOPLE A LICENSE TO RELEASE THEIR INNATE RACISM. AMERICAN GIS, SWELTERING IN THE IRAQI SUMMER AND FRUSTRATED AT BEING STUCK IN A HOSTILE LAND, TAKE IT OUT ON THE 'RAG-HEADS' BY CUTTING LOOSE WITH THEIR AR-15S WHENEVER THEY FEEL EVEN SLIGHTLY THREATENED.

THEY DON'T BEHAVE THIS WAY IN SERBIA. IN AMERICA ITSELF, IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS AVENGE THEMSELVES FOR 9/11 BY PUSHING MUSLIM TRAVELERS AROUND.... IN TRUTH, NO SOCIETY IS WITHOUT ITS PROBLEMS OF RACE OR CASTE. THE PROBLEM ARISES WHEN A COUNTRY LEGISLATES TO LEGALIZE THESE PREJUDICES.... IN SHORT, AMERICA'S OPENNESS AND FAIRNESS HAS BEEN A BEACON TO THE WORLD. IT WOULD BE A PITY IF ALL THESE ENORMOUS GAINS WERE SQUANDERED BECAUSE OF 9/11. IF THIS DOES HAPPEN, USAMA BIN LADEN WILL SURELY HAVE WON. END QUOTE.

13. "FOREIGN POLICY," AN EDITORIAL IN THE CENTER-RIGHT NATIONAL DAILY, "THE NATION" (08/02)

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QUOTE: ... THEREFORE, IT IS NECESSARY TO LOOK BEHIND THE FACADE OF GOOD RELATIONS THE PRESIDENT BELIEVES PAKISTAN ENJOYS WITH THE U.S., EUROPE AND ISLAMIC COUNTRIES. HOW THE WESTERN NATIONS HAD BEEN TREATING ISLAMABAD TILL THE FATEFUL EVENTS OF 9/11 SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO JOLT US OUT OF OUR COMPLACENCY. SINCE WE HAVE UNHESITATINGLY JOINED THEM, AND ARE PLAYING A VITAL ROLE, IN THEIR WAR ON TERRORISM, WE ARE BEING

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## AMERICAN WAR

WITH THE GUNS ALMOST ENTIRELY TRAINED ON MUSLIMS. ITS FIRST CASUALTY HAS BEEN THE KASHMIR CAUSE SINCE IN THE HEAT OF REVENGEFULNESS, SO CLEARLY EVIDENT IN WASHINGTON'S EVERY MOVE, THE SACRED DUTY OF FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM FROM BRUTAL, ILLEGAL FOREIGN OCCUPATION HAS BEEN CONFUSED WITH TERRORISM.... END QUOTE.

## -- TERRORISM

14. "NEW U.S. CAMPAIGN TO PRESSURIZE FRIENDLY ISLAMIC STATES," AN EDITORIAL IN THE LEADING MASS CIRCULATION URDU DAILY, "JANG" (08/04)

QUOTE: PRESIDENT BUSH AND HIS ADMINISTRATION HAS STARTED IMPLEMENTING A NEW PLAN TO PRESSURE AND BLACKMAIL THEIR MOST DEAR AND TRUSTED MUSLIM COUNTRIES. THE U.S. DOES NOT SEEM TO BE SATISFIED AND CONTENT WITH THE PARTIAL SUCCESS OF OCCUPYING AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ. IT HAD USED METAPHOR "AXIS OF EVIL" AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION AND WITH A STRATEGY IN MIND. THE CAMPAIGN TO PRESSURIZE IRAN BEGAN SOON AFTER THE OCCUPATION OF AFGHANISTAN ON THE PRETEXT OF THE PERCEIVED THREAT OF ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAM AND THE PRESSURE HAS BEEN FURTHER ENHANCED NOW THAT THE OCCUPATION ON IRAQ HAS BEEN COMPLETED. HOWEVER, NOW THAT THE ENSUING DEVELOPMENTS HAVE TURNED THE TABLE AGAINST BUSH AND BLAIR, COURTESY THEIR OWN MEDIA, THEY HAVE CHANGED THEIR STANCE AND HAVE STARTED ACCUSING THEIR MOST TRUSTED MUSLIM COUNTRY, SAUDI ARABIA OF FANNING AND FINANCIALLY ABETTING TERRORISM. ALSO, THE FBI ONCE AGAIN HAS STARTED WEAVING A NEW PLAN AGAINST AMERICA'S BIGGEST AND TRUSTED ALLY IN ITS WAR AGAINST TERRORISM; PAKISTAN. WHY ALL THIS IS HAPPENING? THE MUSLIM WORLD SHOULD SERIOUSLY PONDER AND SHOULD NOT DELAY ESTIMATING THE NEGATIVE FALLOUT OF THIS NEW U.S. PLAN. END QUOTE.

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15. "THE JOURNEY OF DISGRACE AND DEFEAT FOR AMERICA," AN EDITORIAL IN THE KARACHI-BASED PRO-TALIBAN/JIHAD URDU DAILY, "ISLAM" (08/04)

QUOTE: THE PACE OF JOURNEY OF DISGRACE AND DEFEAT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD STARTED AFTER THE 9/11 JOLT IS INCREASING WITH THE EACH PASSING DAY. INTERNATIONAL ANALYSTS ARE BEWILDERED HOW SWIFTLY THE SITUATION IS GETTING OUT OF CONTROL OF THE UNITED STATES. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME INDICATIONS THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS THINKING OF PULLING OUT ITS TROOPS FROM AFGHANISTAN AND IS THINKING OF SOME ALTERNATIVES IN THIS REGARD. AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND OTHER STAFF HAS ALREADY BEEN RECALLED FROM KABUL. IF THE U.S. SUCCEEDS IN PULLING OUT ITS TROOPS SAFELY FROM AFGHANISTAN THEN IT WOULD BE A SIGN OF ITS WISDOM. THE GAME OF OPPRESSION AND TYRANNY THAT THE U.S. HAD WAGED IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE. END QUOTE.

16. "SEEDS OF CONFLICT," AN OP-ED BY AMANAT ALI CHAUDHRY IN THE CENTER-RIGHT NATIONAL DAILY, "THE NATION" (08/03)

QUOTE: ... DESPITE EFFORTS IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON TO PORTRAY THEIR ADVENTURES AS A WAR ON TERROR, THERE IS INCREASING REALIZATION WITHIN THE MUSLIM WORLD THAT

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PAIGN IN

THE WESTERN MEDIA GIVES A CLUE TO THE NEOCONS' INTENTIONS. THE WAY MUSLIMS HAVE BEEN MALTREATED AFTER 9/11 UNDER VARIOUS PRETEXTS REINFORCES THE PERCEPTION THAT ONLY THEY HAVE BEEN SINGLED OUT ON THE BASIS OF RELIGION AND ETHNICITY. NOT JUST POLITICAL ISLAM IS UNDERGOING A RIGOROUS MEDIA TRIAL, BUT ISLAM'S VERY FUNDAMENTALS ARE BEING PRESENTED IN SUCH A WAY OUT OF CONTEXT TO MAKE IT SEEN AS AN ENEMY OF CIVILIZATION, HUMANITY AND THE WESTERN WAY OF LIFE. THE IDEA BEING INDOCTRINATED TO THE WEST'S HOME

CONSTITUENCY IS THAT ISLAM IS A BASICALLY A PRIMITIVE AND ETHNO-TRIBAL RELIGION WITH A RETROGRESSIVE OUTLOOK.... MOST OMINOUS IN THE PRESENT AMERICAN APPROACH IS ITS SEEKING TO FAN SECTARIAN FIRES IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD.... LITTLE ATTENTION IS PAID TO THE FACT THAT THOSE ACCUSED OF SUPPORTING THE TERRORISTS ARE FAST AMERICAN FRIENDS WHO KEEP THEIR SOCIETIES SHACKLED WITH COVERT AMERICAN SUPPORT.... THERE IS A CONSENSUS AMONG RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN QUARTERS AND THINK TANKS THAT THE MIDDLE EAST IS THE HOTBED OF

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TERRORISM DIRECTED AT US INTERESTS BECAUSE PEOPLE LIVING THERE HATE AMERICANS FOR THEIR WAY OF LIFE, THEIR DEMOCRACY AND THEIR VALUES. . . . CONSPICUOUS BY ITS VERY ABSENCE IS THE IDEA THAT DEMOCRACY CANNOT BE IMPOSED UPON UNWILLING PEOPLE THROUGH THE BARREL OF A GUN. THE IRAQ WAR CONSTITUTES A SEMINAL POINT. AMERICA IS COMMITTING A GRAVE BLUNDER BY INTERFERING IN MUSLIM DOCTRINAL AFFAIRS. THE IDEOLOGICAL BASIS PROVIDED TO A PURELY IMPERIALIST AGENDA HAS THE POTENTIAL OF AGGRAVATING THE CONFLICT BETWEEN ISLAM AND THE WEST TO NEW DANGER LEVELS. THE AMERICAN APPROACH IS SOWING THE SEEDS OF LONG-TERM CONFLICT. . . . THE AMERICAN INTEREST LIES IN SHEDDING ALL IDEOLOGICAL CLOTHING IN ITS APPROACH TO TERRORISM. INTER-FAITH DIALOGUE IS THE BEST AVAILABLE RECIPE TO PUT THINGS BACK ON TRACK. END QUOTE.

17. "GAZA ARRESTS," AN EDITORIAL IN THE CENTER-RIGHT NATIONAL DAILY, "THE NATION" (08/04)

QUOTE: . . . THE U.S. MUST UNDERSTAND THAT ITS CREDIBILITY IS ZERO (LESS, IF POSSIBLE, AFTER THE UNRAVELING OF THE DISGUSTING STRUCTURE OF LIES BUILT BY THE BUSH AND BLAIR ADMINISTRATIONS OVER IRAQ'S WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION). ITS CALLING FREEDOM FIGHTERS TERRORISTS, WHETHER IN PALESTINE OR KASHMIR, WILL NOT WASH MUCH LONGER, AND THE PUNISHMENTS HANDED DOWN BY DUBIOUS TRIBUNALS WILL CARRY NO MORAL AUTHORITY. END QUOTE.

18. "NEO-CONS' SINISTER AGENDA," AN OP-ED BY FAUZIA QURESHI IN THE PESHAWAR-BASED INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ENGLISH DAILY "THE FRONTIER POST" (08/04)

QUOTE: . . . AMERICA'S DOUBLE STANDARDS AND AN ISRAELI BIAS IS THE ROOT CAUSE FOR THE RISE OF TERRORISM AND EXTREMISM AMONG MUSLIMS. HOW ELSE WOULD YOU EXPLAIN YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS BLOWING THEMSELVES UP EVERYDAY? ARE WE EXPECTED TO BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE YOUTHS WHO ADOPT 'TERRORISM' AS A PROFESSION? WHO DOESN'T WANT TO ENJOY LIFE AND ESPECIALLY IN THEIR YOUTH. THE ONLY EXPLANATION MR. BUSH COULD GIVE FOR 'TERRORISM' IS, "THEY ARE JEALOUS OF OUR FREEDOMS OR THEY HATE

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DEMOCRACY.

USE OF TERRORISM TO ACHIEVE POLITICAL MOTIVES IS NOTHING NEW. TERROR IS A STATE OF MIND. IT IS BORN FROM THE SOIL OF INEQUALITY. AGGRESSION, SUPPRESSION,

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WAR, INEQUALITY AND LACK OF HOPE CAN PROVOKE HATRED,  
WHICH CAN LEAD TO TERRORISM.... END QUOTE.

19. "STILL A LONG WAY TO GO," AN EDITORIAL IN THE  
KARACHI-BASED INDEPENDENT NATIONAL DAILY, "DAWN"  
(08/03)

QUOTE: ... THE OVERALL INTERNATIONAL IMAGE OF  
PAKISTAN IS THAT OF A MILITARY-DOMINATED, CRIME AND  
TERRORISM-RIDDEN COUNTRY ENGAGED IN 'INCOMPREHENSIBLE'  
CONFLICTS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS. IT IS THIS IMAGE THAT  
NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED BY TAKING MEANINGFUL POLICY  
DECISIONS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.... AND WHILE WE ARE  
DOING THIS, WE MUST SEND AMBASSADORS WITH A COMMERCIAL  
BENT OF MIND TO THE U.S., EUROPE AND JAPAN. BECAUSE OF  
OUR ROLE IN THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM WE ARE VERY MUCH  
IN THE GOOD BOOKS OF THE DECISION MAKERS IN THESE  
COUNTRIES. THIS ADVANTAGE SHOULD BE MADE TO WORK FOR  
OUR ECONOMIC INTEREST.... END QUOTE.

-- AFGHANISTAN

20. "FIGHTING TERRORISM," AN EDITORIAL IN THE  
CENTRIST NATIONAL DAILY, "THE NEWS" (08/04)

QUOTE: AFGHAN PRESIDENT HAMID KARZAI'S OFFER TO  
PAKISTAN TO "FIGHT TERRORISM TOGETHER AND TO FIGHT IT  
IN RIGHT EARNEST" SUGGESTS A PROPER JOINT APPROACH TO  
THE THREAT POSED BY THE REMNANTS OF TALIBAN AND AL-  
QAEDA.... HOWEVER, FIGHTING TERRORISM INSIDE AFGHAN  
TERRITORY MUST BE SOLELY CONDUCTED BY THAT COUNTRY  
ITSELF WITHOUT SEEKING ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER STATES.  
AMERICAN TROOPS ARE ALREADY INVOLVED IN THIS TASK  
ALONG WITH SOLDIERS OF THE AFGHAN ARMY, BUT FOR THE  
MOST PART THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT MUST UNDERTAKE THIS  
TASK. THE COLLATERAL KILLING OF AFGHAN CITIZENS BY  
U.S. FORCES SHOWS THE DANGER EXTANT IN LETTING  
FOREIGNERS TO UNDERTAKE A TASK THAT CALLS FOR

CONSIDERABLE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ETHOS AND CULTURE OF  
THE AFGHAN PEOPLE. WHILE AMERICANS MIGHT TEND TO SEE  
EVERY PERSON WHO IS NOT WITH THEM, AS BEING AGAINST  
THEM, THE AFGHANS WILL BE MORE DISCRIMINATING.... END  
QUOTE.

21. "AFGHAN APOLOGY," AN EDITORIAL IN THE ISLAMABAD  
RIGHTIST ENGLISH DAILY, "PAKISTAN OBSERVER" (08/04)

QUOTE: ... THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT PROVOCATIONS  
AGAINST PAKISTAN ARE TAKING PLACE FROM THE AFGHAN SIDE  
ON A REGULAR BASIS. ATTACK ON PAKISTAN EMBASSY IN

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KABUL AND FIRING ON PAKISTANI POSTS IN MOHMAND AGENCY AND CHAMAN AMPLY SPEAK OF THE AFGHAN MINDSET.... WHILE PAKISTAN RESPECTS AFGHANISTAN'S SOVEREIGNTY, IT EXPECTS THE AFGHAN RULERS NOT TO BE INSTRUMENTAL IN FACILITATING MISCHIEF MONGERING BY FORCES INIMICAL TO ISLAMABAD. WE OBVIOUSLY WELCOME PRESIDENT KARZAI'S CALL TO UNITEDLY FIGHT TERRORISM, BUT HE SHOULD BETTER RESTRAIN HIS OWN PEOPLE FROM RESORTING TO TERRORISM AGAINST PAKISTAN.... END QUOTE.

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LY, "NAWA-E-  
WAQT" (08/04)

QUOTE: IN THE FLAG MEETING BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN THE FORMER PROTESTED OVER FIRING ON PAKISTANI POSTS. RESPONDING, AFGHAN AUTHORITIES APOLOGIZED.. IF WELL-KNOWN PRO-INDIA U.S. AMBASSADOR BLACKWILL WERE APPOINTED SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN AFGHANISTAN AND ZALMAY KHALILZAD WAS GIVEN AFGHANISTAN RESPONSIBILITIES IN DOS THEN THERE WOULD BE A DANGER OF FURTHER DETERIORATION IN PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS. IN SUCH AN EVENTUALITY, THE AGGRESSIVE AFGHAN POLICIES AGAINST PAKISTAN WOULD BE BACKED BY NOT ONLY INDIA, BUT ALSO AMERICA. AMERICA ALREADY ACCEPTS AFGHAN STAND OF BLAMING PAKISTAN FOR THE TALIBAN ACTIVITIES IN AFGHANISTAN.... AMERICA IS SIMULTANEOUSLY USING INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN TO MAKE PAKISTAN AGREE ON WHATEVER IT DEMANDS.... PAKISTAN SHOULD NOW RECONSIDER ITS AFGHAN POLICY; THE POLICY OF TYING UP PAKISTAN'S INTERESTS WITH THAT OF AMERICA AND IGNORING PAKISTAN FRIENDLY PASHTOONS OF AFGHANISTAN WAS ABSOLUTELY WRONG. END QUOTE.

-- IRAQ

23. "MOAMMER QADDAFI'S WARNING," AN EDITORIAL IN THE LAHORE-BASED INDEPENDENT URDU DAILY "DIN" (08/04)

QUOTE: IN AN INTERVIEW WITH AN AMERICAN TV NETWORK, LIBYAN PRESIDENT MOAMMER QADDAFI HAS WARNED THAT "IRAQ WILL PROVE TO BE ANOTHER VIETNAM FOR THE U.S.," BECAUSE THE IRAQI NATION IS RESISTING THE OCCUPATION REGARDLESS OF SADDAM'S FATE.... THE POPULACE OF THE ISLAMIC STATES HAS COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE U.S. OCCUPATION OF IRAQ IS ILLEGAL, IMMORAL AND ILLOGICAL. IN THIS PERSPECTIVE, INTERNATIONAL OBSERVER AND ANALYSTS ARE TERMING THE IRAQI GUERRILLA WAR AS BEING EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. WHAT'S MORE, EVEN

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GEN MYERS HAS ADMITTED "WE MIGHT FACE GUERILLA WAR FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS." IGNORING MOAMMER QADDAFI'S WARNING AS A MADMAN'S OUTBURST WOULD BE DANGEROUS. END QUOTE.

24. "POTENTIAL FOR CHAOS IN IRAQ," AN OP-ED BY RAFI RAZA IN THE KARACHI-BASED INDEPENDENT NATIONAL DAILY, "DAWN" (08/03)

QUOTE: ... BOTH PRESIDENT BUSH AND PRIME MINISTER BLAIR APPEAR TO BE LOSING THE TRUST OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE. BEFORE THE WORSE FOLLOWS, THEY WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO ALLOW THE UN UNDER A FRESH MANDATE TO TAKE CHARGE OF ALL PEACEKEEPING FUNCTIONS IN IRAQ. ONLY THEN WOULD SECURITY RETURN, AND THE AMERICANS CEASE TO BE A TARGET OF ATTACKS IN IRAQ. ONLY THEN COULD FUNDS FROM IRAQI OIL BE FULLY GENERATED AND USED FOR RECONSTRUCTION. ONLY THEN WOULD LIFE IN IRAQ BEGIN TO RETURN TO NORMAL, WITH HOPE FOR JUDICIAL, POLITICAL, CONSTITUTIONAL AND ELECTORAL REFORMS. END QUOTE.

25. "JUDGMENT AT MOSUL," AN OP-ED BY F.S. AIJAZUDDIN IN THE KARACHI-BASED INDEPENDENT NATIONAL DAILY, "DAWN" (08/04)

QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES, UNLIKE OTHER CIVILIZATIONS,

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OLD SPAN OF ITS EXISTENCE AS A POLITICAL ENTITY (IT IS BY FAR THE YOUNGEST COUNTRY IN THE FIRST WORLD), IT HAS GONE DIRECTLY FROM A REBELLIOUS CHILDHOOD TO AN IMPERIOUS, SUPERPOWER ADULTHOOD.... TO SOME WHO HAVE WATCHED THE GRUESOME IMAGES DISPLAYED BY THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES RECENTLY OF THE BODIES OF UDAY AND QUSAY HUSSEIN (THE SONS OF AMERICA'S FORMER ALLY SADDAM HUSSEIN), FIRST BULLET-RIDDEN AND UNTOUCHED AND THEN SHAVED, SHAMPOOED AND SUTURED LIKE CANVAS BODY-BAGS, IT WOULD SEEM AS IF AMERICA IS MAKING A DELIBERATE, BELATED ATTEMPT TO COMPENSATE FOR THAT DEFICIENCY IN ITS UPBRINGING.... REVENGE, IT IS SAID, IS A DISH BEST EATEN COLD. THE AMERICANS REMEMBERED THIS MAXIM AT NUREMBERG. THEY CHOSE TO DISREGARD IT AT MOSUL. TODAY, THERE IS NO ONE STRONG ENOUGH TO QUESTION THE ARBITRARY ACTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, NO MORE THAN THERE WAS ANYONE POWERFUL ENOUGH THEN TO PREVENT HITLER FROM INVADING POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE AND MOST OF EUROPE UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE.... END QUOTE.

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-- NON-PROLIFERATION

26. "NUCLEAR DETERRENCE," AN EDITORIAL IN THE ISLAMABAD RIGHTIST ENGLISH DAILY, "PAKISTAN OBSERVER" (08/02)

QUOTE: IN HIS WIDE-RANGING ADDRESS TO THE CONCLUDING SESSION OF THE ENVOYS CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF, ON THURSDAY, MADE IT CLEAR ONCE AGAIN THAT PAKISTAN WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE MINIMUM NUCLEAR DETERRENCE.... THE UNEQUIVOCAL POLICY STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT ON NUCLEAR DETERRENCE IS REASSURING BECAUSE OPPOSITION CIRCLES WERE APPREHENSIVE OF SOME RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. IT WAS BEING ALLEGED THAT PAKISTAN WAS SUCCUMBING TO THE PRESSURE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE WEST ON THE COUNTRY'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM AND SOME POLITICIANS EVEN WENT TO THE EXTENT OF SAYING THAT THE COUNTRY HAS ALREADY FROZEN ITS ACTIVITIES. IN FACT, PAKISTAN HAS ADOPTED A PRINCIPLED POLICY ON THE ISSUE OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION IN SOUTH ASIA....

OUR EXPERIENCE TOO SHOWS THAT THE WESTERN WORLD THAT POSSESSES MODERN MILITARY TECHNOLOGY AND WEAPONS HAS ALWAYS ADOPTED A DISCRIMINATORY APPROACH TOWARDS PAKISTAN VIS-A-VIS INDIA.... PAKISTAN SHOULD, THEREFORE, MUST STICK TO THE POLICY OF MAINTAINING MINIMUM NUCLEAR DETERRENCE. THERE CANNOT BE ANY COMPROMISE ON THE ISSUE BECAUSE OF UNAMBIGUOUS NATIONAL CONSENSUS. END QUOTE.

27. "GENERAL BEG'S HALFWAY HOUSE," AN EDITORIAL IN THE LAHORE-BASED DAILY, "DAILY TIMES" (08/03)

QUOTE: ... AMERICANS AND EUROPEANS ARE ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED OF PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR FOOTPRINTS IN NORTH KOREA. WHETHER THEIR INTELLIGENCE IS ACCURATE IS IMMATERIAL. THE FACT IS THAT PAKISTAN HAS DEALT WITH THE NORTH. THAT PAKISTAN GOT THE NODONG MISSILE FROM THE NORTH AND REVERSE-ENGINEERED IT IS WELL KNOWN.... END QUOTE.

-- INDO-PAK TENSIONS

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ISH DAILY,  
"PAKISTAN OBSERVER" (08/04)

QUOTE: ... THE FACT IS THAT PAKISTAN HAS ALL ALONG STRIVEN TO SEEK SETTLEMENT OF THE KASHMIR DISPUTE IN

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KEEPING WITH THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND  
IN DEFERENCE TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE KASHMIRI  
PEOPLE.... ALTHOUGH NEW DELHI HAS NOW OFFERED  
DIALOGUE TO PAKISTAN UNDER INTENSE INTERNATIONAL  
PRESSURE, YET IT IS DELIBERATELY RESORTING TO DELAYING  
TACTICS ON ONE PRETEXT OR THE OTHER SIMPLY TO SEEK

TIME TO DEFLATE THE PRESSURE. CROSS-BORDER  
INFILTRATION IS ITS FAVORITE BUT LAME EXCUSE TO AVOID  
DIALOGUE WITH ISLAMABAD.... INDIA MUST COME OUT OF  
ITS SHELL OF 'KASHMIR IS ITS INTEGRAL PART' AND  
RECOGNIZE THE TRUTH THAT IT IS THE FLASHPOINT AND  
NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE FOR THE  
SAKE OF SOUTH ASIA'S SECURITY AND STABILITY. END  
QUOTE. POWELL

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## RELATIONS

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News:

Opinion:

-- News Stories/U.S.-Pak Relations

1. "U.S. Okays Funds To Waive Pak Debt" "The News" (11/05)

Quote: The U.S. Senate agreed on Tuesday on \$87.5 billion bill for reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan, including new funds for Pakistan.... Pakistan hopes to get about \$395 million from the U.S. during fiscal year 2004 (beginning October 1), including \$200 million Economic Support Fund (ESF) for paying down about \$500 million U.S. debt... End quote.

-- Pakistan Political Situation

2. "U.S. Diplomats Meet Maimoona Hashmi; Ask Details about Javed Hashmi's Arrest; Meeting Continued for 45 Minutes," "Nawa-e-Waqt" (11/05)

Quote: Two senior officers of the U.S. Embassy, Richard M. Mills and Richard W. Snelsire, called on Ms. Maimoona Hashmi, daughter of the ARD President Javed Hashmi yesterday at 4:00 p.m. The meeting lasted for 45 minutes, during which they asked details about the situation.... When the American diplomats asked the reason for the non-issuance of an order (by the National Assembly Speaker) that Mr. Hashmi be produced by the government, Maimoona Hashmi replied that the Speaker was avoiding it under government pressure. According to sources, the diplomats expressed concern at the arrest and possible violations of the legal requirements pertaining to (Hashmi's) meeting with his lawyer. They termed it a violation of human rights. End quote.

-- India-Pakistan Tension

3. "New Delhi Interested In Jamali's Offer: Report" "Dawn" (11/05)

Quote: In a policy paper distributed on Tuesday among Washington's policy planners and think-tanks, Pakistan notes with satisfaction that India appears willing to

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hold talks on some of the issues raised earlier by Prime Minister Zafarullah Khan Jamali... End quote.

-- U.S. Military Activities on Pakistan Border

4. "U.S. Jets Bomb Paktika; 4 Bombs Land in Pakistani Areas," "Nawa-e-Waqt" (11/05)

Quote: Kabul - U.S. jets bombed Afghan province Paktika yesterday, during which 4 bombs landed in Pakistan's tribal area, North Waziristan. However, no loss of life was reported. End quote.

5. "U.S. Jet Fires At Pakistan Territory" "The Nation" (11/05)

Quote: (PPI) - An American fighter jet fired at Pakistani territory with machinegun fire, but there were no reports of damage or injuries. Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan, Director General Inter Service Public Relations (ISPR) told journalists the bullets hit 500 to 1,000 meters inside Pakistani territory, and that the incident appeared to be an accident. It was not clear who or what the jet was targeting when it opened fire... End quote.

-- Campaign Against Terrorism: Guantanamo Detainees

6. "Ex-Guantanamo Prisoner Moves Court Against U.S." "The News" (11/05)

Quote: Muhammad Sagheer, 53, a Pakistani freed from the US military camp at Guantanamo has filed a case in a local court seeking \$10.4 million in damages from the United States for his "illegal detention, torture and humiliation"... The U.S. Secretary of State, U.S. Secretary of Defense and Justice Department of the U.S. as well as Interior Ministry of Pakistan, have been nominated as respondents... End quote.

-- Pakistan Offensive Against Al-Qaeda

7. "Pak Troops Kill Two Foreign Militants" "The News" (11/05)

Quote: Two foreign nationals, believed to be Uzbeks, were killed in a clash with Pakistani troops in Angoor Adda area of South Waziristan Agency on Monday night, while two of the suspected terrorists managed to escape... End quote.

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-- Afghan-Pakistan Tension

8. "Mullah Omar's Aide Wants Regime Change In Pakistan"  
"Daily Times" (11/05)

Quote: A close aide to Taliban leader Mullah Muhammad Omar has said he hopes the Pakistani government will change soon and Islamabad's help to Islamic militias resumes with President Musharraf's exit from power. In an interview with "Daily Times" at an undisclosed location in southern Afghanistan, Maulvi Akhter Muhammad, an economic advisor to Mullah Omar, said President Musharraf and a few other generals "betrayed" the Taliban and they would not stay for long in power...  
End quote.

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Editorials/Opinions: Watch list Items  
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-- Pakistan Offensive Against Al-Qaeda

9. "Handing Over Foreign Members of Al-Qaeda to04 ISLAMABAD 008285

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Pakistan: Why?" an editorial in the second largest Urdu daily "Nawa-e-Waqt" (11/05)

Quote: According to a news item, Iran has handed over 59 persons belonging to Al-Qaeda and the Taliban to Pakistan. Out of these, 35 are Pakistanis, while the nationalities of the remaining could not be ascertained. On the other hand, the list Iran has handed over to the UN includes 29 Saudis, 12 Jordanians, 13 Yemenis, 6 Moroccans and 7 Somalis. This shows that the 24 persons whose nationalities could not be ascertained might belong to these countries. It is strange that Pakistan even considered taking in persons who are not Pakistanis. In the first place Iran should have dealt with these people on its own. And if it did not want to hand them over to the U.S., it could have handed them over to the UN. Pakistan must extradite these persons to the countries to which they belong. End quote.

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-- Afghanistan: Internal Stability

10. "Afghanistan: An Islamic Republic," an editorial in the Islamabad rightist English daily, "Pakistan Observer" (11/05)

Quote: A draft constitution was presented to President Hamid Karzai and ex-King Zahir Shah in Kabul on Monday envisaging Afghanistan as an Islamic Republic, presidential form of government and bicameral legislature. The President will have the power to nominate 50 per cent of the Members in the Upper House (House of Elders). The constitution will be approved by the Loya Jirga, which will be held on December 10.... A viable constitution acceptable to all segments of society is urgently needed to restore normalcy in the country so that the process of reconstruction and rehabilitation may be taken in hand... End quote.

11. "Afghan Constitution, Alas!," an editorial in the Lahore-based liberal English daily, "Daily Times" (11/05)

Quote: ... It is difficult to imagine how another Taliban-like constitution will be enforced without another civil war.... If the Loya Jirga somehow accepts the present draft there will be no dearth of people in Afghanistan - and in Pakistan too - abominating it as an American imposition. End quote.

-- Iraq: Terrorism and Armed Opposition to CPA

12. "Moving Beyond The U.S. Quagmire," an op-ed by Shireen M. Mazari in the centrist national English daily, "The News" (11/05)

Quote: ... Attacks against U.S. forces continue to become more deadly and the U.S. continues to insist that it is only either Saddam loyalists or "foreign fighters" who are responsible. Somehow, the U.S. is not prepared to accept that perhaps many ordinary Iraqis find the occupation of their country unacceptable. With its own04 ISLAMABAD 008285

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array of the few allies that have sent their limited military contingents to help the U.S., it is also ironic that the U.S. is condemning "foreign fighters" fighting against its forces! After all, the U.S. is itself a foreign invader as are the allies brought in by it.... The tragedy is that the whole international community has become caught up in the crossfire. It is time for the rest of the international community to move beyond the U.S. quagmire. End quote.

-- Middle East: Proposed Ceasefire

13. "Another Middle East Peace Bid," an editorial in the centrist national English daily, "The News" (11/05)

Quote: Yet another move has been initiated to impose a workable ceasefire in Israel-Palestine territory after the Arab resistance Hamas movement offered to halt attacks on Israeli civilians.... The problem remains the unwillingness of United States as the patron of Israel to keep its protege on a tight leash. This gives grounds to believe that Israeli violence is not without American approval. It is wrong to believe that Israel will dare to go against world opinion without being certain of the protection of United States.... Palestinian Prime Minister Qorei will do well to heed this point. While peace is a much-desired objective, it is also necessary that peace must ensure that the Palestinians are not denied their claim to their traditional land. End quote.

-- Europe: Transatlantic Relations

14. "The Europe Barometer" an editorial "The Nation" (11/05)

Quote: The findings of a EU opinion poll on how Europeans view various countries as hazards to world peace should cost Tel Aviv and its blind supporter, the U.S. administration a few sleepless nights.... It is a wake-up call for Washington that Europeans consider the US a bigger threat to world peace than Syria and Iraq though Washington and its most loyal European ally, Britain have been crying hoarse about their dangerous disposition. Another finding that shows that European thinking is closer to that of the Muslim world is that it considers the U.S.-led war on Iraq unnecessary. However there is no consolation for Pakistan here either. The opinion poll notes that 48 percent

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Europeans consider Pakistan a threat to world peace while only 22 percent feel the same about India. One can conclude from these statistics that Kashmir as a nuclear flashpoint may account for half the apprehensions about Pakistan; the rest is linked to perceptions about our association with terrorism in Afghanistan and reports that Pakistan remains a haven for Al-Qaeda operatives. Food for introspection here. End quote. Powell

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 PARIS - MONDAY, AUGUST 02, 2004

(A) SUBJECTS COVERED IN TODAY'S REPORT:

1. WTO TALKS

(B) SUMMARY OF COVERAGE:

THE TOP INTERNATIONAL STORY TODAY IS THE AGREEMENT REACHED AT

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THE WTO SUNDAY. RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO HEADLINES:  
"INTERNATIONAL TRADE: A NEW DEAL," ECONOMIC RIGHT-OF-CENTER  
LES ECHOS: "TRADE LIBERALIZATION ON TRACK ONCE AGAIN" AND  
CENTRIST BUSINESS-ORIENTED LA TRIBUNE: "A LAST MINUTE TRADE  
AGREEMENT." (SEE PART C)

IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE ECONOMIC SUPPLEMENT OF RIGHT-OF-CENTER  
LE FIGARO, THE FRENCH AGRICULTURE MINISTER, HERVE GAYMARD,  
COMMENTS THE OUTCOME OF THE GENEVA TALKS: "HATS OFF TO THE  
U.S. FOR AGREEING TO REFORM ITS AGRICULTURAL POLICY."

LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION, FOR ITS PART, IS MORE CRITICAL OF  
THE WTO AGREEMENT THAT IT QUALIFIES AS "VAGUELY BINDING"  
DESPITE THE FACT THAT "FOR THE FIRST TIME THE U.S. HAS MADE A  
REAL GESTURE BY AGREEING TO CUT BACK ON EXPORT SUBSIDIES."

THE ATTACKS TARGETING CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ ON SUNDAY ARE ALSO ON  
TODAY'S FRONT-PAGES, FOR RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO: "THE  
INFLUENCE OF RELIGION IS INCREASINGLY TANGIBLE WITHIN THE  
GUERRILLA MOVEMENT AGAINST THE COALITION AND THE INTERIM  
GOVERNMENT. IT IS THE ISLAMIST FUNDAMENTALISTS THAT ARE THE  
BACK-BONE OF THE TERRORIST GROUPS."

CATHOLIC LA CROIX'S HEADLINE: "HOSTAGES AND ATTACKS, THE  
FUNDAMENTALISTS' WEAPONS." THE REPORT FROM FALUDJA BY LA  
CROIX'S CORRESPONDENT PUTS FORWARD THAT: "THE TOWN HAS BEEN  
ABANDONED BY THE AMERICANS AND LEFT AT THE HANDS OF AN  
ISLAMIST MILITIA."

FRONT PAGE REGIONAL DAILY NORD ECLAIR FEATURES AN EDITORIAL BY  
JULES CLAUWAERT ENTITLED "BUSH VS. KERRY: BUT FIRST, IRAQ"  
WHICH SUMMARIZES FRENCH MEDIA COMMENTARIES ON THE FOREIGN  
POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF THE UPCOMING NOVEMBER ELECTION: "SELDOM  
HAS OUR FUTURE, OF THE FRENCH AND OF EUROPEANS, DEPENDED SO  
HEAVILY UPON THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. THERE IS NO DOUBT  
THAT IRAQ, THE U.S.'S ROLE IN THE WORLD, AND THE SECURITY OF  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FACED WITH THE THREAT OF TERRORISM ARE  
CENTRAL ISSUES. BUT SHOULD AMERICA CONTINUE TO PLAY THE ROLE  
OF THE WORLD'S POLICEMAN AND ARBITRATOR? OR WILL IT HAVE TO  
RENEW ITS HISTORIC TIES WITH ITS ALLIES? WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK  
THE FOLLOWING RHETORICAL QUESTION TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE: 'WHO  
COULD BE AGAINST A REVIVAL OF GENUINE TRANSATLANTIC  
COOPERATION?'"

OVER THE WEEKEND THE FOUR FRENCHMEN WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM  
OVER TWO YEARS DETENTION AT GUANTANAMO WERE ORDERED BY A PARIS  
JUDGE TO BE PROVISIONALLY JAILED IN THE PARIS AREA. POPULAR  
RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE PARISIEN CARRIES AN INTERVIEW WITH THE  
LAWYER, JACQUES DEBRAY, DEFENDING TWO OF THE DETAINEES. "WE  
BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. AND FRANCE AGREED TO THE CONDITIONS FOR

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THE REPATRIATION OF THESE MEN AHEAD OF TIME. WE ARE PLANNING ON SUING THE U.S. FOR DAMAGES."

LEFT-OF-CENTER LIBERATION REPORTS THE "PSYCHOLOGICAL TORTURE INFLECTED ON THESE EX-DETAINEES AT CAMP X-RAY. COMPARABLE TO WHAT THE PRISONERS WERE SUBJECTED TO AT THE ABU GHRAIB PRISON IN IRAQ."

(C) SUPPORTING TEXT/BLOCK QUOTES:

WTO TALKS

"WORLD TRADE RE-LAUNCHED

RENAUD GIRARD IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER LE FIGARO (08/02): "A NEW MAP OF WORLD TRADE IS BEING DRAWN AROUND FOUR POLES: THE U.S., THE EU, THE G20 AND THE G90. THE U.S. AND THE EU WERE BLAMED BY THE OTHERS FOR PROTECTIONISM IN TERMS OF THEIR FARMING INDUSTRIES. THE AMERICANS HAVE FINALLY ACCEPTED TO DO AWAY WITH ALL EXPORT SUBSIDIES THAT HINDER GLOBAL TRADE. AND THE EU HAS CONFIRMED BEFORE THE WTO THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO REFORM THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY. THE GENEVA TALKS HAVE EFFECTIVELY RE-LAUNCHED THE DOHA ROUND. HISTORICALLY, PROTECTIONISM HAS NEVER BEEN A POLICY THAT PAYS OFF IN THE LONG TERM. INTERNATIONAL TRADE IS LIKE A 'WIN-WIN GAME,' THE BENEFITS ALWAYS OUTWEIGH THE LOSSES."

"TWO LESSONS FROM THE WTO TALKS"

THE EDITORIAL IN ECONOMIC RIGHT-OF-CENTER LES ECHOS BY JEAN-MARC VITORRI (08/02): "IT IS BETTER TO HAVE A HIGHWAY WITH ONLY ONE LANE OPEN THAN A HIGHWAY THAT IS CLOSED OFF TO TRAFFIC. IN THE SAME WAY, THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN GENEVA. IS BETTER THAN NOTHING. AT LEAST IT MEANS THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD. WE WILL PUT BEHIND US THE TWISTED NEGOTIATIONS, THE CRAZY COMPROMISES AND THE LITTLE INJUSTICES THAT MAKE UP THE FINAL TEXT; THIS IS THE VERY NATURE OF NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS BECAUSE HUNDREDS OF SUBJECTS ARE DISCUSSED SIMULTANEOUSLY BY HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE THAT IN THE END THERE IS AN AGREEMENT THAT SATISFIES NO ONE BUT THAT EVERYONE SIGNS. THE FIRST LESSON WE CAN DRAW FROM THE GENEVA TALKS IS THAT WTO NEGOTIATIONS ARE INCREASINGLY COMPLEX. EACH TIME AROUND THERE ARE NEW ACTORS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT. THE SECOND LESSON HAS TO DO WITH THE FACT THAT FRANCE'S POSITION IS INCOHERENT. JACQUES CHIRAC CANNOT POSE HIMSELF BOTH AS THE INDISCRIMINATE PROTECTOR OF FRENCH FARMERS AND UNIVERSAL DEFENDER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." WOLFF

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 08/08/14  
 TAGS: PREL, PTER, PHUM, KISL, KJUS, IZ  
 SUBJECT: DETAINEES IN COALITION CUSTODY AS OF AUGUST 1,  
 2004: NUMBER, LOCATION, STATUS, AND POSSIBLE DISPOSITIONS

Classified by Political-Military Counselor Ronald Neumann,  
 for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

1. (U) SUMMARY. As of August 1, 2004, Coalition Forces exercised some degree of security control over 9,374 individuals inside Iraq. The detainee population on August 1 consisted of (A) 12 High-Value Criminals (HVCs) housed in Coalition facilities under Iraqi legal custody, (B) 84 High-Value Detainees (HVDs) in Coalition custody, (C) 5,439 security internees in Coalition custody, and (D) 3,839 protected persons under Coalition security control

2. (C) The possible dispositions for these various groups are: (A) HVCs - conviction or acquittal by the Iraqi Special Tribunal (IST); (B) and (C) - release, supervised release, continued detention, or referral for prosecution to the IST or the Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI); (D) - repatriation, resettlement, and/or determination of refugee status. END SUMMARY.

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(A) HIGH-VALUE CRIMINALS: "THE TWELVE"  
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3. (S) Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and eleven other High-Value Criminals (HVC), often collectively termed "the twelve," are currently housed on the grounds of Baghdad International Airport (BIAP) at Camp Cropper.

4. (U) Legal custody of all twelve HVCs passed to the Iraqi Interim Government (IIG) on June 30, 2004, with their referral for prosecution to the Iraqi Special Tribunal (IST). Physical custody has been retained by Multi-National Force-Iraq (MNF-I) at the request of the IIG.

5. (U) The IST is preparing charges against the twelve with the assistance of the Embassy-based (and Department of Justice-affiliated) Regime Crimes Liaison Office (RCLO). Charges are not expected to be finalized for six months or more. All HVCs will have access to legal counsel.

6. (U) As the twelve HVCs are in (Iraqi) criminal custody, they are no longer considered Enemy Prisoners of War (EPWs), and are no longer covered by the protections of the Geneva Conventions. However, MNF-I ensures that all twelve are treated in a manner consistent with the rights and protections afforded under Geneva Conventions III or IV.

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(B) SECURITY DETAINEES: HIGH-VALUE DETAINEES  
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7. (S) 84 additional High-Value Detainees (HVD) are currently housed in MNF-I custody at Camp Cropper. Primary authority for all HVDs is retained by MNF-I.

8. (C) MNF-I bases its legal ability to retain custody of all 84 HVDs on (a) the provisions of UN SCR 1546, which states that "the multinational force shall have the authority to take all necessary measures to contribute to the maintenance of security and stability in Iraq;" and (b) international law pertaining to the conduct of international war.

9. (C) In addition, a number of the HVDs are EPWs and continue to be held pursuant to Geneva Convention III.

10. (S) All HVDs have been designated by MNF-I as being of special intelligence interest on the basis of their involvement in or knowledge of illegal weapons programs and/or terrorism, war crimes, and/or POW/MIA issues.

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11. (S) MNF-I has completed security assessments of all 84 HVDs. As appropriate, the HVDs continue to be exploited for intelligence by [redacted]

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12. (S) [redacted] met on June 18 and July 31 to review files on all 84 HVDs. (This review [redacted] does not replace the normal review required by Geneva Convention IV and, now, CPA Memo No.3.) [redacted]

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[redacted] Of the 84 HVDs in custody, six were recommended to be forwarded to CDR MNF-I for unconditional release and eight for conditional release.

14. (S) In cases of conditional release, individual detainees will be required to sign personalized guarantees of conduct (including travel and association provisions) before release will be considered. Prominent community figures or relatives may also be asked to sign as guarantors.

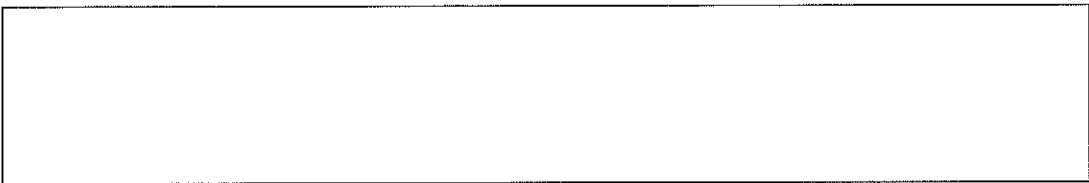
15. (S) [redacted] recommended that 70 HVDs not be considered for expedited release at this time and remain in Coalition custody. [redacted]

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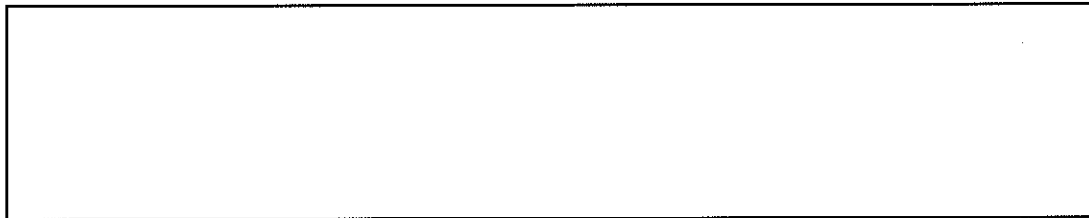
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19. (U) The Combined Review and Appeal Board, which is expected to stand up by the middle of August, will be made up of six Iraqi Interim Government (IIG) representatives (two each and an alternate from the Ministries of Justice, Human Rights, and Interior) and three MNF-I representatives (MP, MI, and JAG).

20. (U) The Combined Review and Appeal Board will report its recommendations of release, conditional release, or continued detention, to the Deputy Commanding General - Detainee Operations (DCG-D). In cases in which there is no Board consensus, the DCG-D will consult with the Iraqi Ministry of Justice before making a final determination.



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(C) SECURITY INTERNEES: GENERAL POPULATION  
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22. (U) The majority of the 5,439 security internees in the general population are housed either at the Baghdad Central Correctional Facility at Abu Graib (population 2,413) or Camp Bucca, near Umm Qasr (population 2,601). An additional twelve detainees are currently held in MNF-I medical facilities for treatment. (Population numbers are for August 1, 2004.)

23. (C) Security internees in custody prior to June 28, 2004 who remain in custody, do so on the same legal understanding described in paragraph (8). All new detainees introduced into MNF-I custody are introduced on the same legal basis.



29. (U) With the inception of the Combined Review and Release Board discussed in paragraphs (17) and (18), all internee files will be discussed at the Combined Review and Appeal Board for the Board's recommendation as to release (including referral to the CCCI), conditional release, or continued internment on security grounds.

30. (U) Of the 84 HVDs and 5,439 security internees whose cases will be considered by the Combined Review and Appeal Board, 1,489 (43 percent) have been judged by MNF-I to pose an extreme threat upon release, 772 (22 percent) a high threat, 1,180 (33 percent) a medium threat, and 85 (2 percent) a low threat.

31. (U) The Combined Review and Appeal board is expected to complete a review of all internees by November 1, 2004. The cases of those internees recommended for further detention will be reviewed every 60 days thereafter (this review is required only every six months).

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(D) PROTECTED PERSONS: THE MUJAHIDEEN-E-KHALQ  
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32. (U) 3,839 members and former members of the USG-designated foreign terrorist organization Mujahideen-e-Khalq (MEK) are currently resident at Camp Ashraf in Diyala Province under Coalition guard and protection.

33. (U) MNF-I has designated these 3,839 individuals as protected persons under the Fourth Geneva Convention and considers the restrictions placed on MEK travel outside the compound and on visitor entry as "measures of control and security" permitted under Article 27 of IVGC.

34. (U) Those 74 residents of Camp Ashraf who are citizens or legal residents of third countries are permitted to repatriate with the approval of their respective governments. MNF-I and Post are currently facilitating a number of possible repatriations.

35. (U) ICRC has been invited to visit Camp Ashraf to conduct individual interviews with the residents of the Camp. It is expected that these interviews may result in ICRC's recommendation that UNHCR make a determination of refugee status in many cases.

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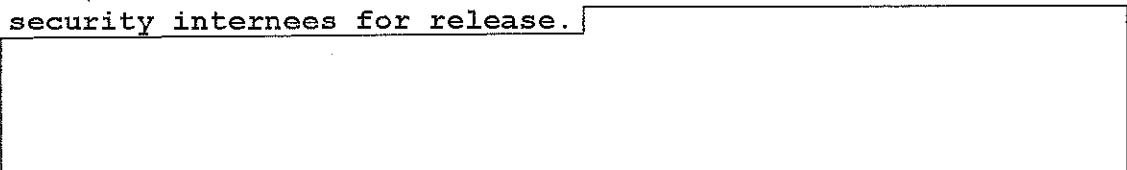
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E.O. 12958: DECL: 09/18/14

TAGS: KJUS, PREL, PTER, PHUM, KISL, IZ  
 SUBJECT: 764 MNF-I DETAINEES APPROVED FOR RELEASE BY CRRB

Classified by Acting Political-Military Counselor Thomas Duffy for Reason 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (C) Summary. The joint Iraqi/MNF-I Combined Review and Release Board has reviewed 1,056 files since August 21, 2004, and has recommended a total of 764 (64%) MNF-I security internees for release.



End summary.

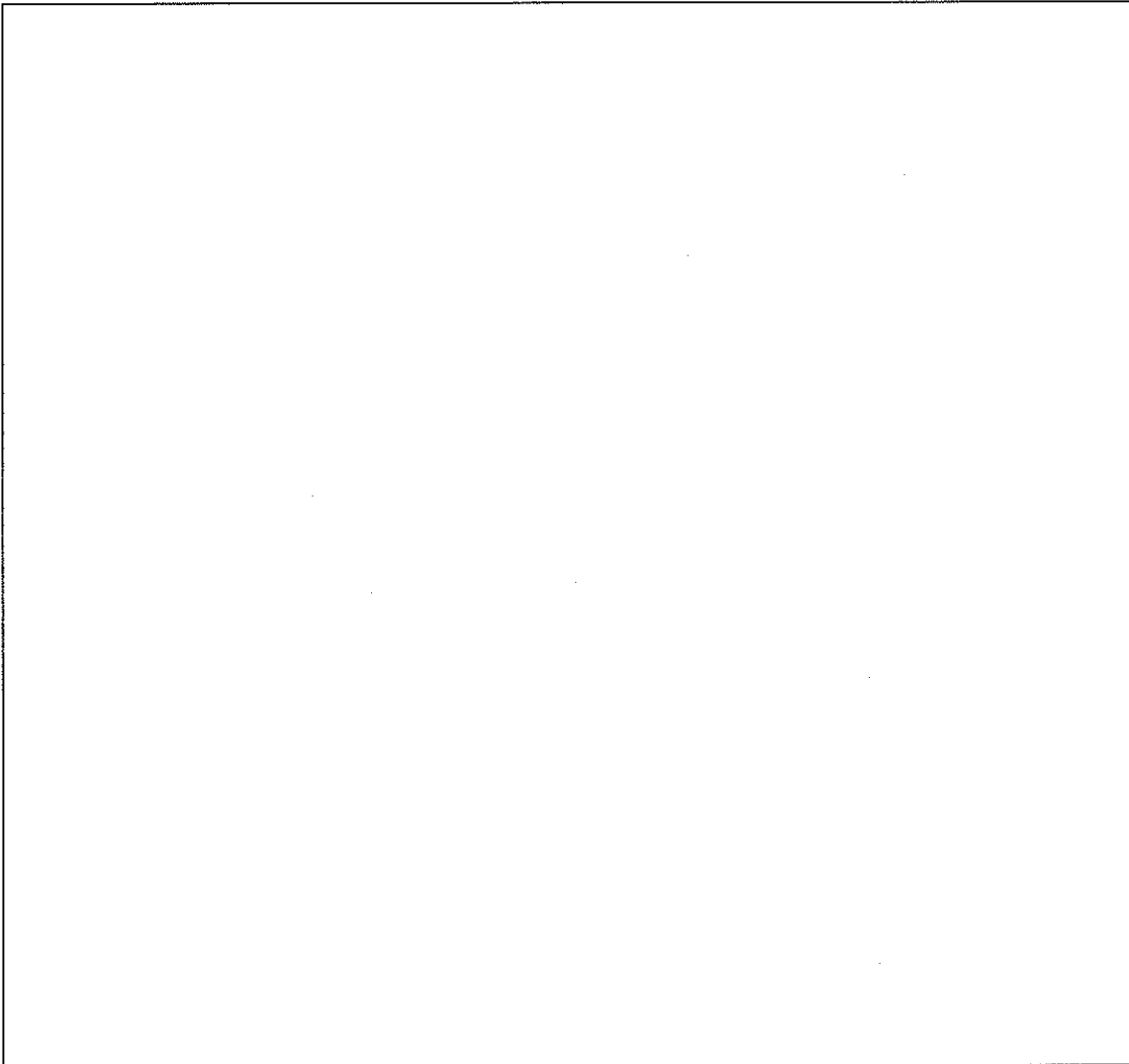
2. (C) Between August 21 and September 14, 2004, the Combined Review and Release Board (CRRB) reviewed the files of 1,056 security detainees in MNF-I custody at thrice-weekly meetings held in central Baghdad. At the current rate, the six Iraqi and three Coalition voting members of

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the CRRB will have reviewed the remaining security internees available for review by the end of October.

3. (C) Of the 1,056 security detainees whose cases have been reviewed by the CRRB, 292 (27%) have been recommended for continued internment, 389 (37%) for unconditional release, and 375 (36%) for release with a guarantor. In the cases of the last, MNF-I originally envisioned the Iraqi Ministry of Justice identifying and signing up appropriate community or religious figures, prominent family members, or local government employees, to sign and vouch for the future good conduct of those released.



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7. (C) Detainees approved for unconditional release and those with approved guarantors will be released roughly once per week, in large regular tranches, and transported by bus to local police stations in the towns and cities of

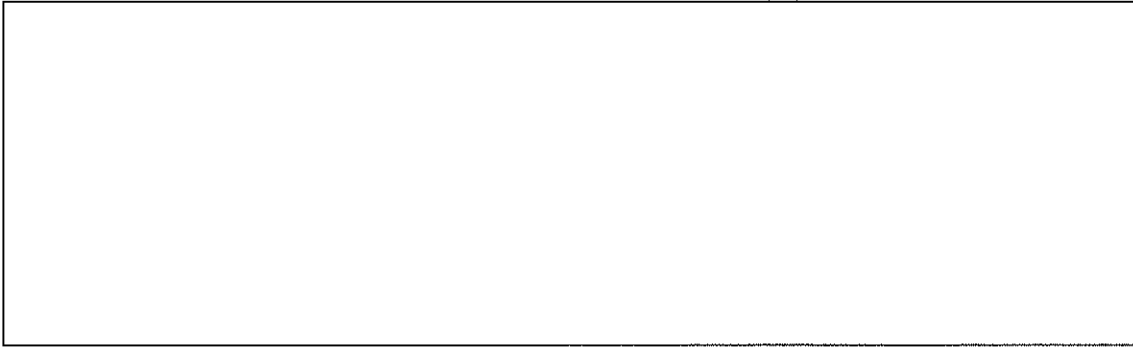


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their residence or initial arrest. Detainees recommended for continued internment on the grounds that they continue to pose an imperative threat to security (as were 292 of the first 1056 considered by the CRRB) will have their cases reviewed again with an eye to collecting sufficient evidence to refer these cases for criminal prosecution in the Central Criminal Court of Iraq (CCCI).

8. (C) In addition, MNF-I may employ a team of three attorneys, nominated by the Ministries of Justice, Interior, and Human Rights, to examine Iraqi records for outstanding charges or pertinent information regarding detainees recommended for continued internment. While the poor quality of Iraqi record-keeping may complicate such

investigations, MNF-I may be able to assist the IIG in linking and improving the quality of records databases to this end.



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TAGS: KJUS, PREL, PTER, PHUM, KISL, IZ  
 SUBJECT: STATUS OF JUVENILE DETAINEES IN MNF-I CUSTODY

CLASSIFIED BY ACTING POLITICAL-MILITARY COUNSELOR THOMAS  
 DUFFY FOR REASON 1.4 (B) AND (D)

1. (C) Summary: Seventy-one detainees confirmed as being under the age of eighteen were held in MNF-I custody as of September 17, 2004 for imperative reasons of security as authorized by UNSCR 1546. Post provides the following information in response to recent media coverage of the situation of juvenile detainees in MNF-I custody and as background for Department responses to inquiries about this coverage. End summary.

2. (C) Juvenile security detainees are generally kept segregated at MNF-I detention facilities at the Baghdad Central Correction Facility at Abu Ghraib and at Camp Bucca, near Umm Qasr, awaiting review, release, or transfer to the Iraqi justice system. Advanced hospital facilities and psychological and psychiatric care are available, as are educational and family visitation programs. ICRC makes regular inspection visits to all MNF-I detention

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facilities, including Abu Ghraib and Camp Bucca.

3. (C) Dates of initial detention can be broken down as follows: approximately 1% of juvenile security internees were first detained in the period May-July 2003; approximately 7% were first detained in August-October 2003; approximately 16% were first detained in November 2003-January 2004; approximately 29% were first detained in February-April 2004; approximately 32% were first detained in May-June 2004; and approximately 15% were first detained in or since August 2004.

4. (C) Common causes for internment are positive explosives test results, placement of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), arson, possession of IED components, sniper rifles, or other illegal weaponry, and involvement in mortar or other violent attacks on Coalition Forces. All juvenile detainees currently held in MNF-I custody are male.

5. (C) All juvenile detainees have been expedited for review by the joint IIG/MNF-I Combined Review and Release Board (CRRB), which commenced in August 2004, and whose recommendations are forwarded to the Deputy Commanding General for Detainee Operations for his final decision in consultation with the Iraqi Ministry of Justice. The CRRB has reviewed the files of and made recommendations on sixty-two of the seventy-one detainees. Seven remaining have been placed temporarily on hold by Military Intelligence; an additional two will see the board soon.

6. (C) Of the sixty-two juvenile detainees reviewed by the CRRB, twenty-eight have been recommended for unconditional release and sixteen have been recommended for release with a guarantor. In the latter cases, the Iraqi Ministries of Justice and Human Rights have been asked to identify appropriate guarantors, such as family members, community or religious leaders, or local government employees, to sign for the behavior of individual juveniles. Detainees recommended for unconditional release are departing MNF-I custody rapidly in a series of large-scale releases starting September 15, 2004; detainees recommended for release with a guarantor will depart as soon as suitable guarantors are identified by the IIG.

7. (C)

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[Redacted] (The Central Criminal Court of Iraq has no jurisdiction in cases involving those under

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the age of eighteen.) It is not anticipated that MNF-I will continue to hold juvenile detainees after these large-scale releases and transfers to Iraqi custody are effected.

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 SUBJECT: (U) AMBASSADOR PROSPER DISCUSSES IRAQI WAR CRIMES,  
 GUANTANAMO

Classified By: (U) CDA FRANK URBANCIC; REASON: 1.5 (B,D)

1. (C) SUMMARY: S/WCI Ambassador Pierre Prosper met September 6 with MFA, family-members of Kuwaiti detainees at Guantanamo, National Committee for Missing and POW Affairs (NCMPA), and Task Force Hope (TFH, the Kuwaiti interagency team searching for missing persons in Iraq). Local media reported on the visit. On Iraq, Amb. Prosper stressed the USG's commitment to bringing Iraqi war criminals to justice, with Iraqis taking the lead in prosecuting them.

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TFH and NCMPA both praised Coalition support for their work and sought help in resolving specific issues (detailed below) including access to information from former Iraqi officials

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in custody. [redacted]

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2. (C) Guantanamo detainees' family-members affirmed their support for the US against terrorism, while insisting that their relatives are innocent. They appreciated Amb. Prosper's briefing on efforts to accelerate disposition of each detainee one of three ways (US prosecute, US return to home country for investigation/prosecution, or release), but said the US is being unrealistic in striving for perfect knowledge before releasing the innocent. They also said mail is not getting through, and asked to hear their loved ones' voices. [redacted]

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END SUMMARY.

3. (C) Meetings: Ambassador Prosper met first with MFA Director of Follow-Up and Coordination, Ambassador Khaled Maqamis, who then chaired a meeting with eleven family-members of Guantanamo detainees [redacted]

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[redacted] Amb. Prosper then met with the Acting Chairman of NCMPA, Dr. Sultan al-Khalaf. Later in the day, he met with Colonel Mohammed al-Amiri, commander of Task Force Hope.

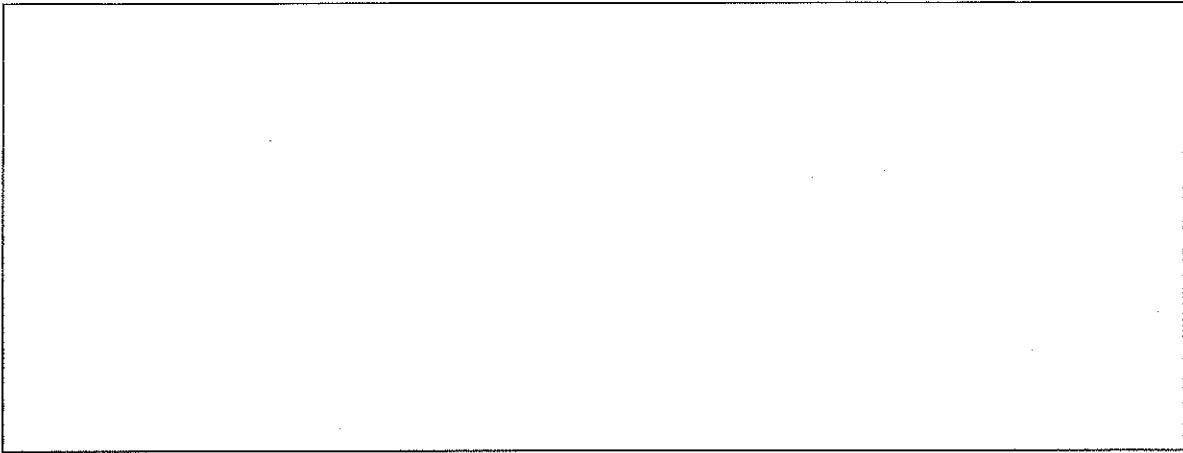
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4. (C) Amb. Prosper told Maqamis that we want Iraqis to take the lead in prosecuting Iraqi war criminals. He asked if Kuwait wanted a role. [redacted]

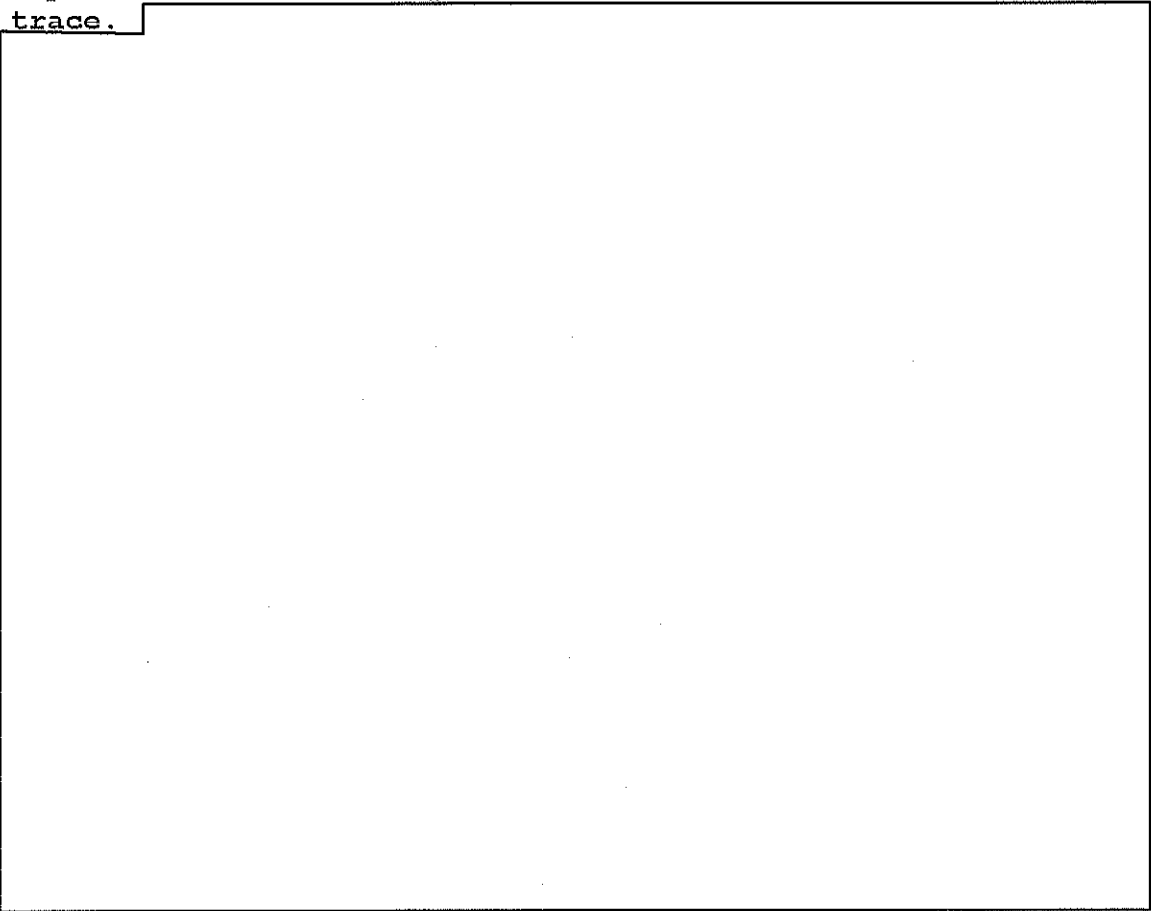
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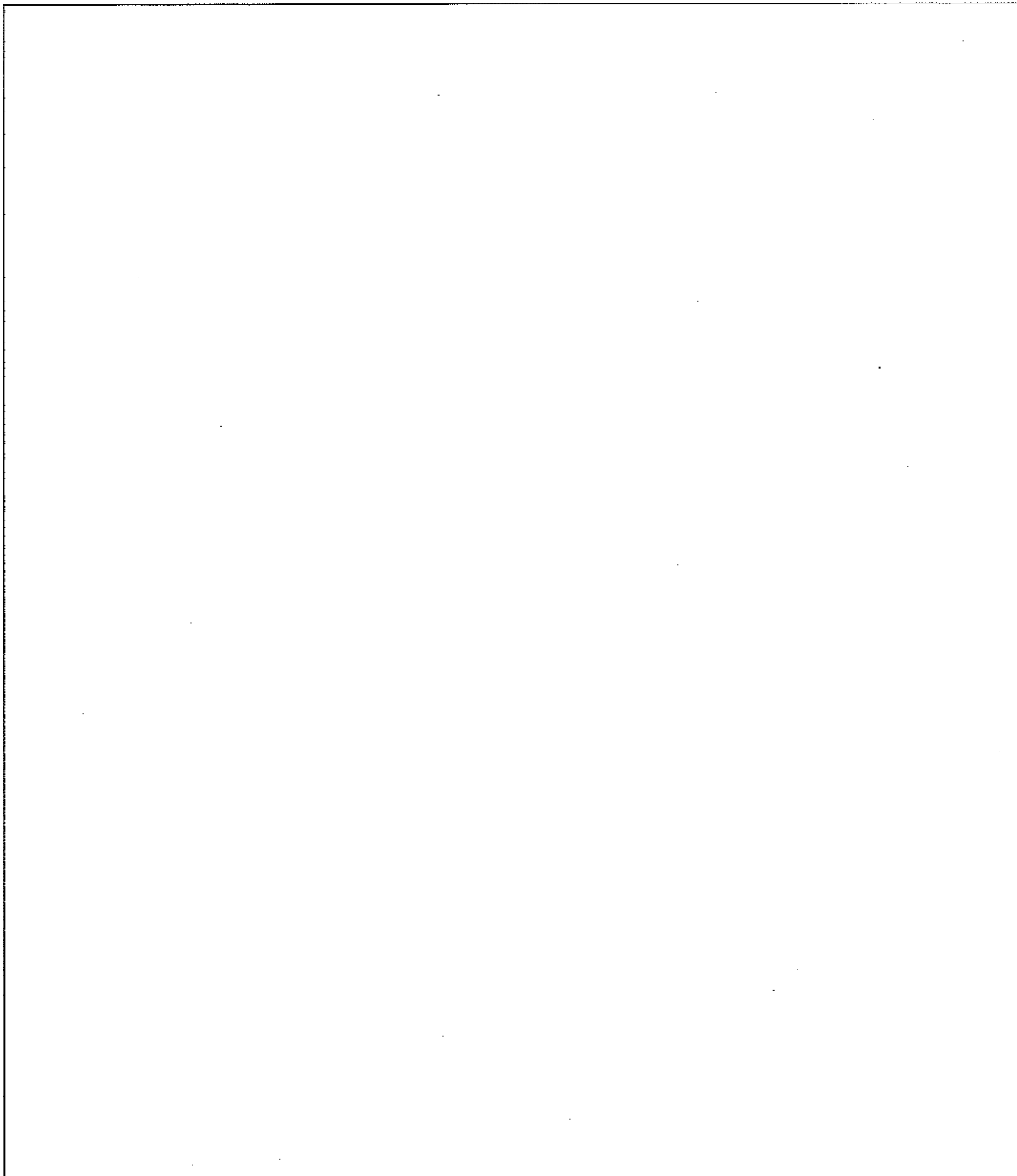
5. (C) Ambassador Prosper visited NCMPA, which is devoted to accounting for 605 persons (572 Kuwaitis and 33 persons from 8 other nationalities) missing since the end of the Iraqi occupation in 1991. Acting Chairman Dr. al-Khalaf briefed that 23 sets of remains have been positively identified. [redacted]

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6. (C) In late afternoon, Amb. Prosper met with Task Force Hope commander Col. Amiri, spokesman Fayez al-Enezi and Sami al-Rushoud ("responsible for mass graves in Kuwait"). Task Force Hope (TFH) is Kuwait's interagency team assigned to search in Iraq for information on the missing. Amiri stressed that TFH includes the missing US naval aviator, Captain Michael Scott Speicher, among those it seeks to trace.





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8. (C) Amb. Prosper told Maqamis that he was working hard to

accelerate the process of evaluating the Guantanamo detainees individually, and to dispose of each case in one of three ways: US prosecute, return to home country for



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investigation/prosecution, or release. He said the USG is eager for more foreign help in evaluating the information provided by the detainees and the level of threat each one posed. In this context, the US has invited Kuwait to send a second team to Guantanamo. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Amb. Prosper suggested the team visit Washington on the way home, to review the twelve Kuwaiti cases with appropriate US officials. He also suggested that a prosecutor be added to the team. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Amb. Prosper indicated that this issue is still being worked on within the USG.

9. (C) The detainees' family-members were cordial and respectful, highly appreciative of Amb. Prosper's willingness to meet with them, and eager to stress their opposition to terrorism. They maintained that their detained kinsmen were innocent, claiming that some Afghans had "sold" Arabs to the Americans for reward money, whether or not they had anything to do with Al-Qaeda or the Taliban. [REDACTED] said the USG was striving for unachievable perfect knowledge before releasing innocent captives. He had the impression that investigations of the detainees had begun only after pressure from the State Department, human rights organizations and the international community. He wanted to know where the Kuwaitis were being held ("high-security Camps Delta 1-3 or medium-security Camp Delta 4?"). He could not understand why the US was keeping juveniles at Guantanamo, or why it was building a fifth camp.

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He pleaded for improved mail delivery ("letters are not getting through") and for telephone calls to the Kuwaiti detainees ("we just want to hear their voices; you can monitor the calls, we won't talk about anything sensitive").

[REDACTED] too asked whether there was a draft agreement prepared by the USG governing transfer of detainees to their home countries.

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10. (C) Amb. Prosper repeated his explanation of the

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decision-process for each detainee, and said he was pushing the system to focus on the Kuwaitis, among others. He explained that there are over 650 individuals detained at Guantanamo from some 44 countries. In many cases, they have claimed to be innocent, but evidence has emerged indicating that they are members of Al-Qaeda. Some openly say they will commit terrorist acts if released. The investigative process is long, because the detainees' statements have to be checked out, often in several countries. Six detainees have been selected for prosecution at Guantanamo, some have been turned over to their home countries, and over 60 have been released, mostly Afghans and Pakistanis. This is no surprise: someone who really was just a cook or a driver, rather than a member of Al-Qaeda or the Taliban, would most likely be from the local community.

11. (C) Amb. Prosper said he had visited Guantanamo twice, most recently about six weeks earlier. Nobody is being tortured or abused; all detainees are receiving good, humane treatment. Some live in groups and play sports, all receive full medical care "from eyeglasses to reconstructive surgery" and three culturally-appropriate meals per day. The average weight gain is 13 pounds. They have the Quran and can worship. "Their biggest problem is that they are not free to leave." Two of the three juveniles could be released as soon as suitable shelter is found for them so that they do not become fighters again, but the psychologists say their

departure would be devastating for the third, who is not ready for release (all three live together; formerly illiterate, they now have a teacher). The USG has a weekly interagency meeting on this issue, involving the White House and the State, Defense, and Justice Departments. The construction of new facilities does not imply that we wish to keep all current inmates indefinitely: the Global War On Terrorism is continuing, so we may need to bring more people to Guantanamo, even if we release many who are there now.

12. (C) COMMENT: Amb. Prosper's visit was well received by the GOK, and we are certain that the families of the Guantanamo detainees genuinely appreciated his taking the time to meet and listen to them.

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13. (U) Baghdad minimize considered.  
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TAGS: PREF, PHUM, ICRC, IQ, AF, IS

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH ICRC PRESIDENT

KELLENBERGER: DETAINEES, IRAQ, AND MDA

REF: 03 GENEVA 3886

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY: ARTHUR E. DEWEY, ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY, PRM, DEPARTMENT OF STATE. REASONS 1.4 (B) AND  
(D)

2. (U) THE MEETING TOOK PLACE ON JANUARY 15, 2004 AT  
2:00 P.M. IN THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

3. (U) PARTICIPANTS:

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THE SECRETARY

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER  
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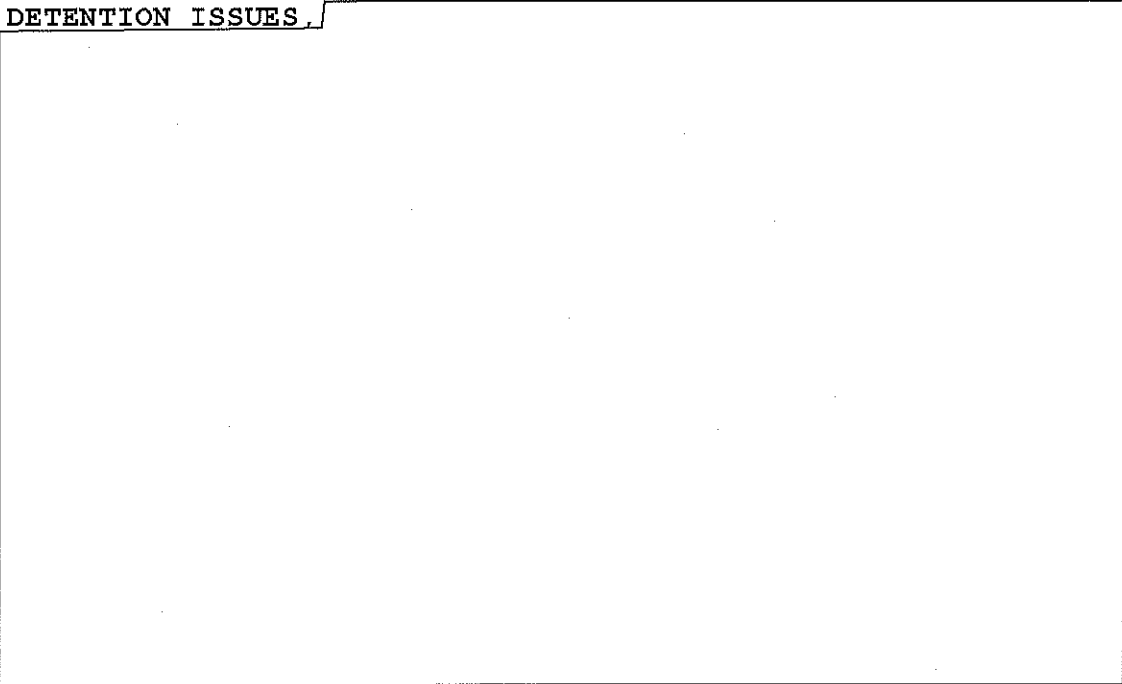
ICRC  
PRESIDENT JAKOB KELLENBERGER  
BEATRICE MEGEVAND-ROGGO, DELEGATE GENERAL FOR EUROPE AND  
THE AMERICAS  
CHRISTOPHE GIROD, WASHINGTON HEAD OF DELEGATION

FRANK SIEVERTS, ASSISTANT TO WASHINGTON HEAD OF  
DELEGATION

4. (C) SUMMARY. INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED  
CROSS (ICRC) PRESIDENT KELLENBERGER RAISED ICRC CONCERNS  
OVER DETENTION ISSUES IN GUANTANAMO BAY (GTMO),  
AFGHANISTAN, AND IRAQ. HE ALSO BRIEFED THE SECRETARY ON  
ICRC OPERATIONS IN IRAQ. THE SECRETARY THANKED HIM FOR  
HIS EFFORTS TO SECURE MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL RED  
CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT FOR ISRAEL'S NATIONAL  
SOCIETY, MAGEN DAVID ADOM (MDA). KELLENBERGER ALSO  
RAISED ICRC'S EFFORTS ON BIOTECHNOLOGY. END SUMMARY.

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5. (C) KELLENBERGER OPENED THE MEETING WITH GTMO  
DETENTION ISSUES.



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6. (C) KELLENBERGER REFERRED TO LEGAL ADVISER TAFT'S OP-  
ED IN THE FINANCIAL TIMES, DATED JANUARY 11, [REDACTED]

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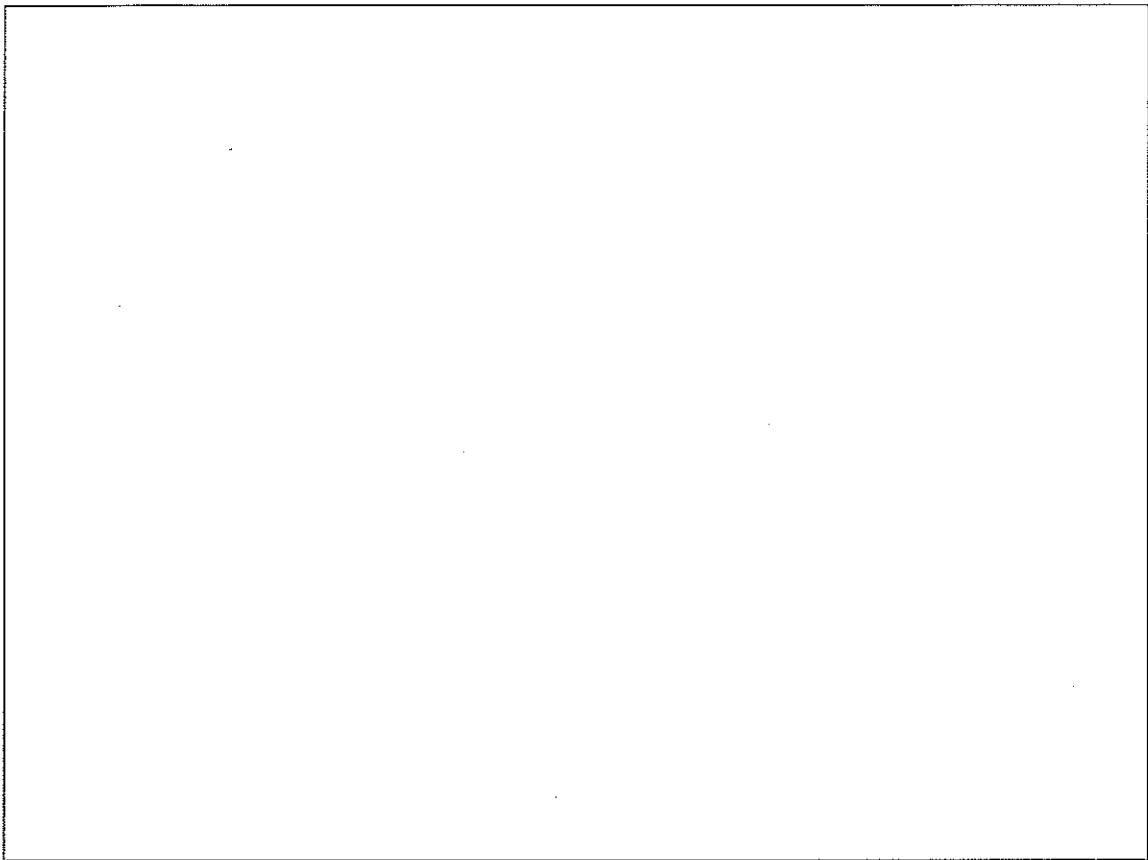
7. (C) THE SECRETARY ASKED, WHERE IN ADDITION TO  
AFGHANISTAN, DID ICRC HAVE PROBLEMS WITH NOTIFICATION AND  
ACCESS TO DETAINEES. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE THE PROCESS  
MORE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT, AND MOVE PEOPLE OUT OR CHARGE  
THEM. WE HOPE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE TO SEE A STEADY  
FLOW OF PEOPLE RELEASED. BUT WE HAVE TO SATISFY  
OURSELVES THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER DANGEROUS. WE ARE  
CONFIDENT OF OUR LEGAL POSITION (REFERRING TO LEGAL  
ADVISER TAFT'S OP ED), BUT WE ALSO KNOW THE WORLD IS  
WATCHING US. THE WAR COULD GO A LONG TIME AND THERE WILL  
BE SOME PEOPLE WE WILL HAVE TO DETAIN, THOSE WHO WOULD GO  
BACK AND ATTACK AGAIN IF RELEASED. BUT THERE IS ANOTHER  
POPULATION WE NEED TO RELEASE AND MOVE ON. THEN ISSUES  
OF ISOLATION, INTERROGATION AND OTHER ISSUES WOULD THEN  
BE RESOLVED FOR SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS.

10. (C) THE SECRETARY INDICATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO  
TALK TO HIS COLLEAGUES ON ICRC'S ISSUE OF ACCESS TO  
DETAINEES IN AFGHANISTAN AND ELSEWHERE. ICRC'S JANUARY 6  
NOTE VERBALE ON AFGHANISTAN WAS REFERRED TO WITHOUT  
FURTHER DISCUSSION.

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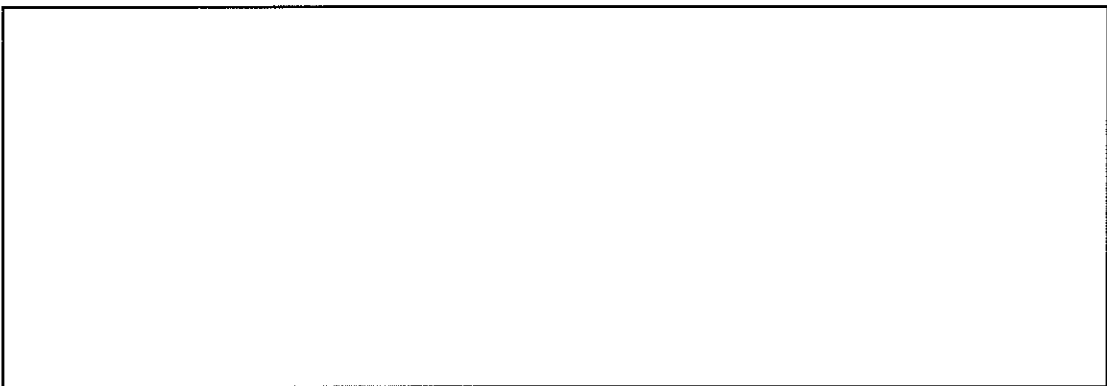


14. (C) KELLENBERGER RETURNED AGAIN TO THE SUBJECT OF  
THE JANUARY 11 TAFT OP-ED

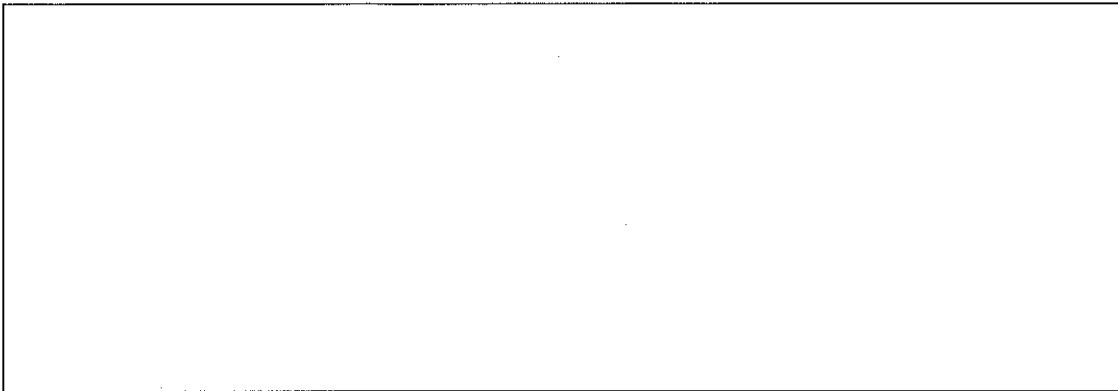


POWELL ASSURED KELLENBERGER THAT HE WOULD SHARE THEIR  
CONVERSATION WITH LA TAFT.

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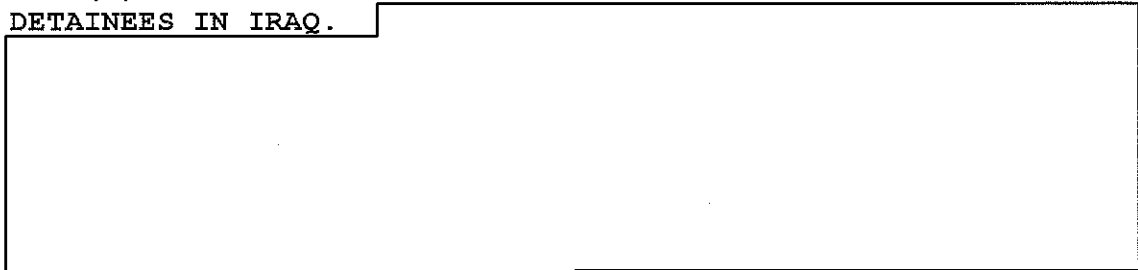


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16. (C) THE SECRETARY ASKED ABOUT ICRC'S ACCESS TO  
DETAINEES IN IRAQ.

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THE SECRETARY APPRECIATED  
THAT ICRC WAS WILLING TO BALANCE ITS SECURITY CONCERNS  
WITH ITS NEED TO GET THE JOB DONE IN IRAQ.

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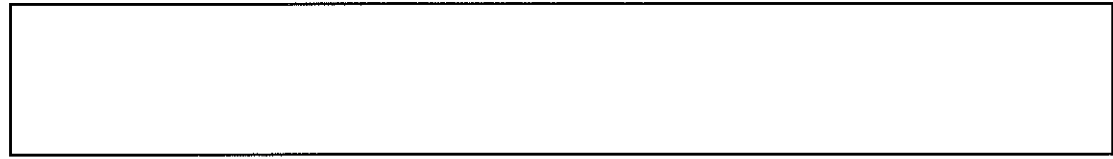
17. (C) THE SECRETARY THANKED KELLENBERGER FOR HIS  
EFFORTS GETTING A POSITIVE RESOLUTION ON THE EMBLEM ISSUE  
ADOPTED AT THE 28TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED  
CROSS AND RED CRESCENT IN DECEMBER (SEE REFTEL). THE  
SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT WE STILL HAVE A WAYS TO GO ON  
THE ISSUE, BUT APPRECIATED KELLENBERGER'S "BRILLIANT,  
GREAT WORK."

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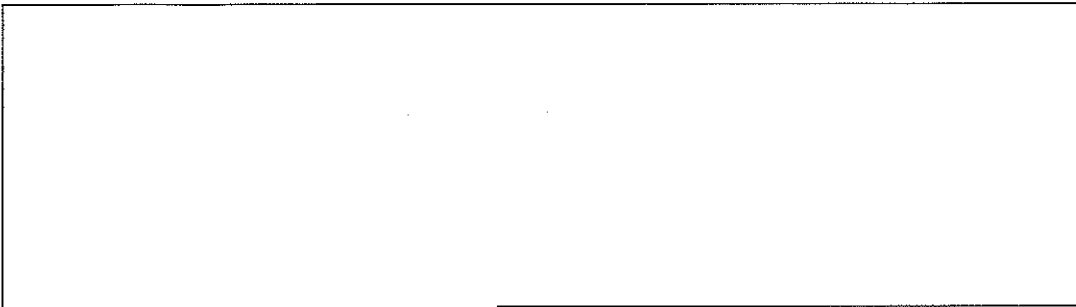
THE  
SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT KELLENBERGER WAS KEEPING HIS  
PROMISE.

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THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE  
WOULD ASK U/S BOLTON ABOUT IT.

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SUBJECT: ITEM OF INTEREST FROM LONDON

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1. (C) AMBASSADOR: OUR AFRICA WATCHERS IN LONDON THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THE BELOW ITEMS. NO ACTION REQUIRED.

(U) GUANTANAMO DETAINEES STORM INTENSIFIES; PM WRITES THE SECRETARY; ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE IN BAGRAM

(U) NEARLY-ALL UK MEDIA HIGHLIGHTED THE UK DETAINEE STORY, DESCRIBING U.S. BEHAVIOR. THE "ECONOMIST" WEEKLY, USUALLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE USG, RAN ON ITS COVER, "UNJUST, UNWISE, UNAMERICAN: WHY TERRORIST TRIBUNALS ARE WRONG." THE DAILY PAPERS ALL TRUMPETING WHAT WAS PERCEIVED AS A U-TURN BY PM BLAIR IN CALLING FOR THE BRITISH SUSPECTS TO BE TRIED IN THE UK. THE STORIES KEYED-OFF A STATEMENT FROM THE PM'S OFFICE, RELEASED LATE ON JULY 10, THAT SAID:

"...WE HAD BEEN IN REGULAR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE U.S. ABOUT THE DETAINEES FROM THE TIME THE FIRST UK NATIONALS HAD ARRIVED THERE IN JANUARY 2002. SINCE THEN, WE HAD PRESSED THE U.S. CONSISTENTLY TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION. AT NO TIME HAD WE ENDORSED THE IDEA OF MILITARY COMMISSIONS. ALTHOUGH IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR US TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH U.S. THINKING, WE HAD NOT GIVEN TACIT APPROVAL, PLAYED ANY PART OR ASSISTED THE U.S. IN ANY WAY WITH PROCEDURES FOR THE COMMISSIONS. OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE U.S. AUTHORITIES HAD FOCUSED ON MAKING IT CLEAR TO THEM THAT THE DETAINEES SHOULD RECEIVE A FAIR

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TRIAL. ASKED FOR A REACTION TO TODAY'S FINANCIAL TIMES REPORT IN WHICH IT HAD BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THE HOME SECRETARY HAD TURNED DOWN THE U.S.'S OFFER TO REPATRIATE THE SIX (SIC) BRITISH DETAINEES, THE PM'S OFFICE UNDERLINED THAT THE HOME SECRETARY HAD NEVER BLOCKED ANY PROPOSAL TO TRY THE DETAINEES IN THE UK. HE SAID THAT SINCE THE U.S. WAS THE DETAINING POWER, THEY HAD DECIDED TO TRY THE DETAINEES UNDER U.S. JURISDICTION. ASKED IF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAD ADVISED THE GOVERNMENT AS TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENEVA OR HAGUE CONVENTIONS UNDER WHICH THE DETAINEES WERE BEING HELD, THE PM'S OFFICE SAID THAT WE NEVER COMMENTED ON ADVICE FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL."

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THE UK ALSO INFORMED JOURNALISTS THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY STRAW JULY 10 SENT A LETTER -- CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH PRIME MINISTER AND HOME SECRETARY -- TO THE SECRETARY OUTLINING THE GOVERNMENT'S CONCERNS.

(U) A NEW ASPECT WAS ADDED TO THE CONTROVERSY AS THE "GUARDIAN" PUBLISHED FRONT-PAGE ALLEGATIONS THAT TWO LONDON BUSINESSMEN, BISHAR AL-RAWI AND JAMIL AL-BANNA (BOTH UK PERMANENT RESIDENTS) WERE ARRESTED, ALONG WITH TWO UK NATIONALS, LAST NOVEMBER ON ARRIVAL IN GAMBIA. AFTER BEING DETAINED BY LOCAL POLICE FOR A MONTH, "THEY WERE HANDED OVER TO U.S. AGENTS WHO FLEW THEM TO A CIA INTERROGATION CENTER AT BAGRAM AIRBASE IN AFGHANISTAN, BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO CAMP DELTA IN CUBA WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN HELD SINCE MARCH." THE ARTICLE FURTHER ALLEGES THAT UK AUTHORITIES PASSED INFORMATION TO THE U.S. WHICH LED TO THEIR DETENTION. "THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS DENIED ASKING GAMBIA TO ARREST THEM... (BUT) WILL NOT PRESS U.S. AUTHORITIES OVER THE MEN'S FATE BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT BRITISH CITIZENS." THE ARTICLE THEN RECOUNTS ALLEGATIONS BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND OTHER NGOS THAT THERE IS A CIA-RUN "TORTURE LIGHT" INTERROGATION FACILITY AT BAGRAM.

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