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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 12958: DECL: (1.6X1, X6)

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SUBJECT: USAMA BIN LADIN: REQUEST FOR AMBASSADOR LEVEL  
DEMARCHES

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MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY AND BECAUSE URGENT ACTION IS REQUIRED.

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY MICHAEL A. SHEEHAN, ACTING  
COORDINATOR FOR COUNTERTERRORISM, S/CT. REASONS: 1.6X1,  
X6.

2. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST FOR THE AMBASSADOR;  
PLEASE SEE PARA 4. GENERAL DEMARCHE POINTS SHOULD BE MADE  
IN ALL CAPITALS. COUNTRY SPECIFIC POINTS ARE CONTAINED IN  
PARA 6 (ISLAMABAD), PARA 7 (ABU DHABI), AND PARA 8  
(RIYADH).

3. (S) THERE IS CLEAR AND COMPELLING INFORMATION THAT

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USAMA BIN LADIN IS CURRENTLY PLANNING A TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST US TARGETS OR INTERESTS IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA, AFRICA, SOUTH ASIA, AND/OR SOUTHEAST ASIA. A WORLD-WIDE THREAT CABLE IS BEING SENT SEPTTEL. THE RECENT INCREASE IN THE APPARENT TERRORIST-RELATED ACTIVITY BY MEMBERS OF BIN LADIN'S NETWORK IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNING.

4. (S) ACTION REQUEST: AS PART OF OUR STRATEGY TO DETER AND DEFEAT UBL'S EFFORTS, AMBASSADOR SHOULD REQUEST MEETINGS AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE WITH APPROPRIATE SENIOR-LEVEL HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

5. (S/RELEASABLE TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF PAKISTAN, SAUDI ARABIA, AND THE UAE, AND TO THE TALIBAN) GENERAL DEMARCHE POINTS FOR ALL CAPITALS:

- WE AGAIN HAVE RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT USAMA BIN LADIN AND HIS TERRORIST ALLIES ARE PLANNING A NEAR-TERM ATTACK ON  
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U.S. INTERESTS. WE KNOW THAT BIN LADIN HAS DETAILED AND PRECISE PLANS TO ATTACK U.S. FACILITIES.

- DESPITE REPEATED ASSURANCES TO THE CONTRARY BY THE TALIBAN, BIN LADIN AND HIS NETWORK ARE OPERATING FREELY IN AFGHANISTAN.

- IF WE ARE ATTACKED, WE WILL HOLD THE TALIBAN DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR BIN LADIN'S ACTIONS. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO USE ANY MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL TO EITHER PRE-EMPT OR TO RETALIATE, SHOULD BIN LADIN LAUNCH ANOTHER TERRORIST ATTACK.

- WE URGE YOU TO PRESS THE TALIBAN THROUGH ANY MEANS POSSIBLE TO EXPEL BIN LADIN TO A THIRD COUNTRY WHERE HE CAN BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

- THE TALIBAN SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR CHOICE IS CLEAR: THEY CAN COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED STATES OR THEY CAN CONFRONT THE UNITED STATES.

- THEIR PROVISION OF PROTECTION AND SAFEHAVEN TO THIS TERRORIST MURDERER IS UNACCEPTABLE.

6. (S/RELEASABLE TO THE TALIBAN) ADDITIONAL ACTION REQUEST FOR ISLAMABAD: PLEASE APPROACH HIGHEST LEVEL TALIBAN OFFICIAL AVAILABLE TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- DESPITE PREVIOUS ASSURANCES ON YOUR PART, WE KNOW THAT

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USAMA BIN LADIN CONTINUES TO OPERATE FREELY IN AFGHANISTAN.

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- WE KNOW THAT HE IS CURRENTLY PLANNING TO STRIKE AT AMERICAN TARGETS.

- IF HE DOES, WE WILL HOLD THE TALIBAN DIRECTLY AND IMMEDIATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ACTIONS.

- WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO USE ANY AND ALL MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL TO BOTH PRE-EMPT HIS EFFORTS AND TO RETALIATE.

- YOU MUST EXPEL BIN LADIN TO A THIRD COUNTRY WHERE HE CAN BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

- WE OFFER YOU A CLEAR CHOICE: WORK WITH THE UNITED STATES OR WORK AGAINST US. DO NOT CONTINUE TO HARBOR THIS PERSON WHO HAS DECLARED HIMSELF TO BE OUR ENEMY.

7. (S/RELEASABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UAE) ADDITIONAL ACTION REQUEST FOR ABU DHABI: PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC POINTS TO APPROPRIATE UAE OFFICIALS:

- AS S/CT COORDINATOR MICHAEL SHEEHAN MADE CLEAR TO INTERIOR MINISTER HAZZA, WE ARE VERY CONCERNED REGARDING THE TERRORIST USE OF ARIANA AIRLINES.

- WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO WITHDRAW ALL LANDING RIGHTS FOR ARIANA AND TO PROHIBIT THEIR OPERATING WITHIN THE UAE.

- THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST STRAIGHTFORWARD AND EFFECTIVE MOVES THAT CAN BE MADE AGAINST BIN LADIN AND HIS TALIBAN SUPPORTERS.

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- WE ASK THAT YOU NOT RESTORE ARIANA'S LANDING RIGHTS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY HAVE EXPELLED BIN LADIN TO A JURISDICTION WHERE HE CAN BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

8. (S/RELEASABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA) ADDITIONAL ACTION REQUEST FOR RIYADH (TO DRAWN ON AS APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULED MEETING WITH PRINCE SULTAN ON MAY 30):

- WE APPRECIATE VERY MUCH SAUDI EFFORTS IN PRESSING THE TALIBAN TO TURN OVER BIN LADIN

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- WE ARE ALSO DELIVERING THIS DEMARCHE TO PAKISTAN AND THE UAE, AS WELL AS TO THE TALIBAN.
  - WE ASK THAT YOU URGE THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT IN PARTICULAR TO PRESS THE TALIBAN TO EXPEL BIN LADIN TO A THIRD COUNTRY WHERE HE CAN BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.
  - WE ARE ALSO ASKING THAT THE UAE SUSPEND ARIANA'S LANDING RIGHTS. WE KNOW THAT BIN LADIN USES ARIANA TO FACILITATE HIS OPERATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT ARIANA FLIES PERIODICALLY TO JEDDAH. WE ASK THAT YOU TAKE THE SAME ACTION.
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