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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY CDA DEBORAH K. JONES; 1.5 (B) AND (D).

2. ~~(S/NF)~~ SUMMARY: CHARGE DELIVERED SECRETARY COHEN'S JULY  
24 LETTER (REF A) REGARDING USAMA BIN LADIN AND THE  
PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER ON THE TALIBAN, AND REQUESTING  
THAT THE UAE DENY LANDING RIGHTS TO AFGHANISTAN'S ARIANA  
AIRLINES, TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON MONDAY, AUGUST 2.

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[REDACTED] WAS

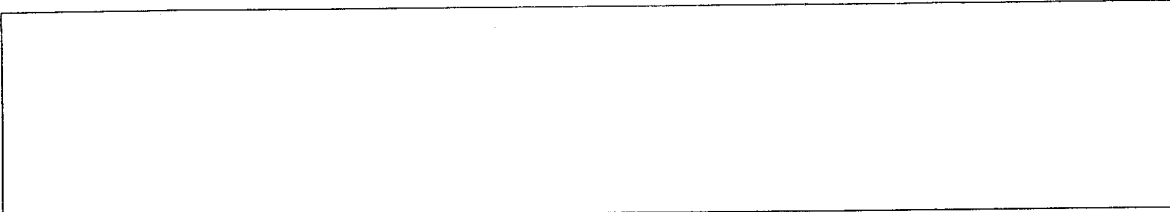
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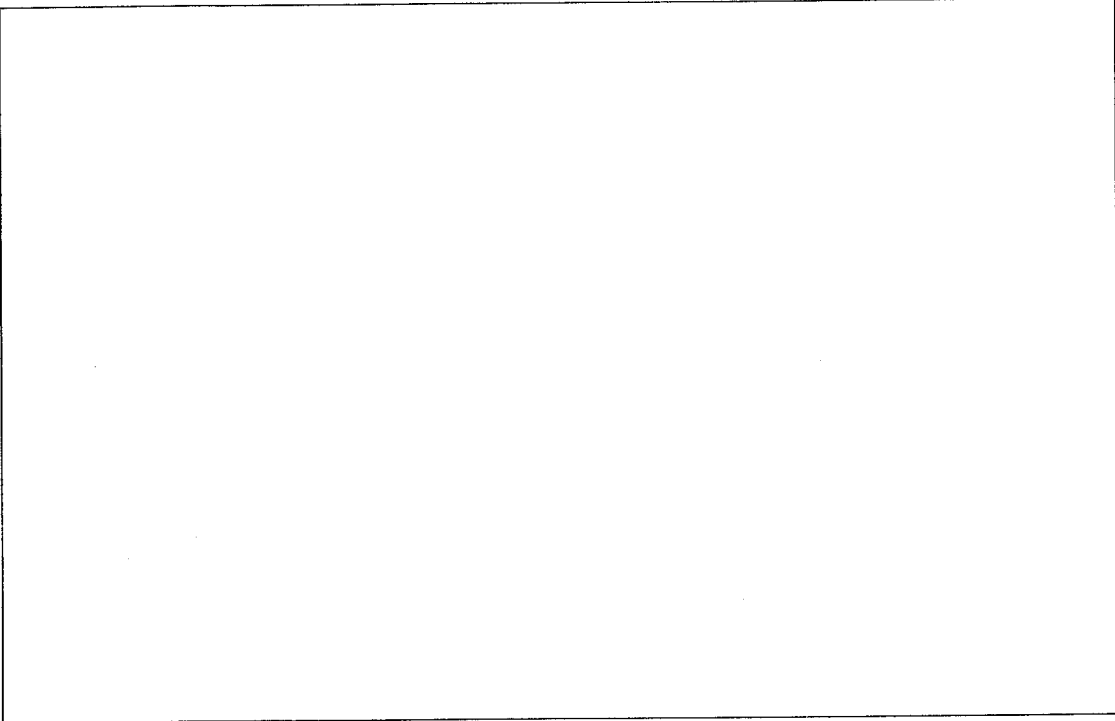
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END SUMMARY.

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS. [redacted]

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TURNING TO THE TALIBAN...

4. (S/NF) SHIFTING TO THE SUBJECT AT HAND, CHARGE NOTED THAT SHE HAD A MESSAGE FROM DEFENSE SECRETARY COHEN CONCERNING A MATTER PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED [redacted] BY AMBASSADOR KATTOUF [redacted]

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THE U.S. HAD GROWN IMPATIENT WITH THE TALIBAN'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR AND PROTECTION OF USAMA BIN LADIN (UBL). AS A RESULT, THE PRESIDENT HAD ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPOSING FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL SANCTIONS ON THE TALIBAN, AND WE WOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK WAYS TO INCREASE THE PRESSURE. AS WE APPROACHED THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBINGS OF OUR TWO EMBASSIES IN EAST AFRICA, WE WERE AWARE THAT UBL AND HIS FOLLOWERS CONTINUED TO PLAN ATTACKS ON U.S. PERSONNEL AND INSTALLATIONS. [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

WE [REDACTED] KNEW

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THAT UBL WAS USING ARIANA AIRLINES [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IN SUPPORT OF UBL'S TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. FOR THAT REASON, WE WERE AGAIN ASKING [REDACTED] SHUT DOWN ARIANA'S OPERATIONS IN DUBAI. CHARGE NOTED THAT WE HAD PASSED THE SAME MESSAGE TO [REDACTED] REGARDING ARIANA'S FLIGHTS TO [REDACTED]

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5. (S/NF) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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ASKED WHAT WE KNEW OF

UBL'S WHEREABOUTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES, [REDACTED]

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CHARGE REMARKED THAT

WHILE WE HAD SEEN PRESS REPORTS OF HIS MOVEMENT OUT OF

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QANDAHAR, WE BELIEVED HE REMAINED IN AFGHANISTAN. THERE HAD  
BEEN RUMORS OF HIS ILL HEALTH, BUT WE HAD NO SOLID EVIDENCE

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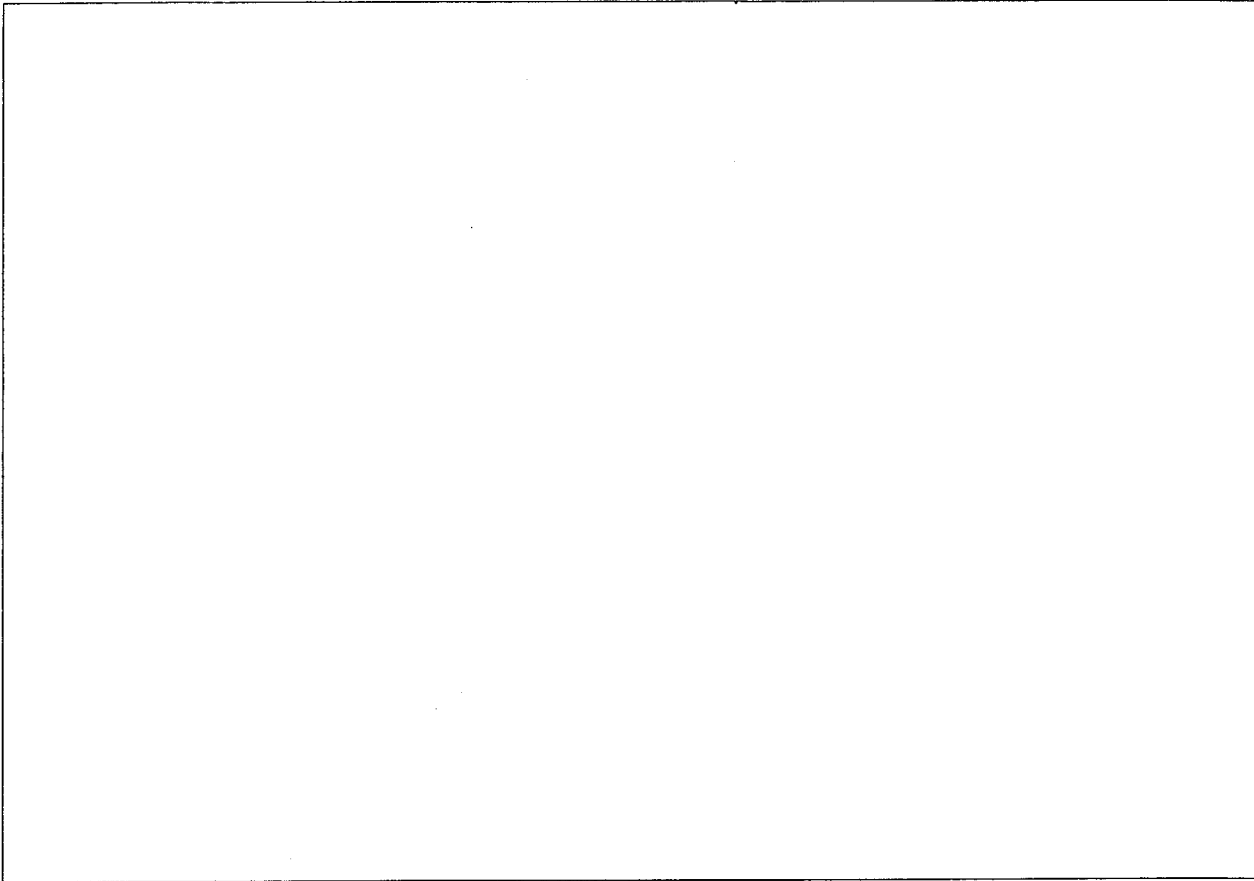
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OF THIS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CLEARLY THE PRESSURE WAS  
HAVING AN EFFECT.

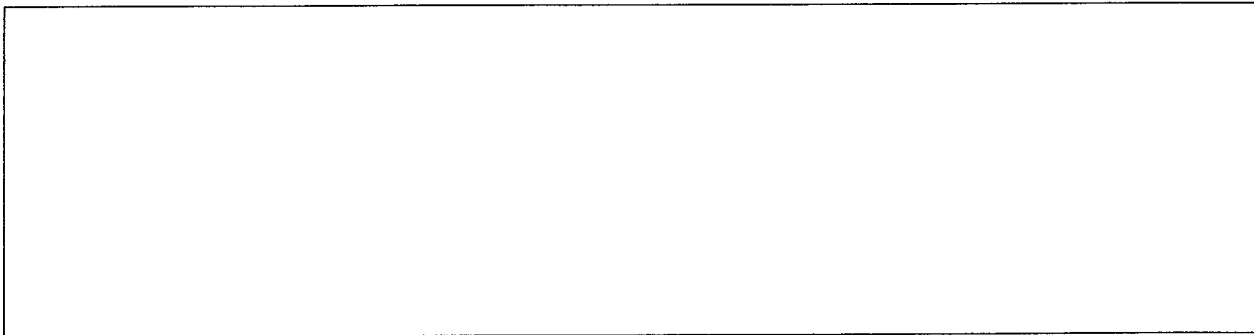
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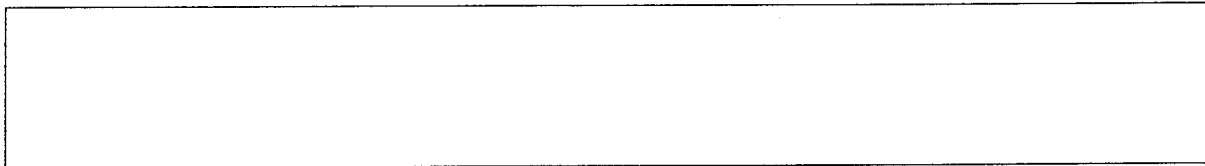
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