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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN: MESSAGE TO TALIBAN ON USAMA BIN LADEN

(U) CLASSIFIED BY SA A/S KARL F. INDERFURTH. REASON:
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1. (S) AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO PASS THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE (PARA 2) ORALLY TO AN AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE TALIBAN.

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2. (S) POINTS FOR THE TALIBAN:

---WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED BOTH THE VIDEOTAPED
STATEMENT [ ] AND THE UNITED STATES CONTAINING PUBLIC ADMISSIONS OF CULPABILITY BY USAMA
BIN LADEN, AND THE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INOICTMENTS OF USAMA
BIN LADEN AND OTHERS BY UNITED STATES COURTS.

---THESE CONTAIN AMPLE INFORMATION REGARDING USAMA BIN
LADEN'S DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN ACTS OF TERRORISM.

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--WE DO NOT ENDORSE, SUPPORT, OR REQUEST THE SHARIA COURT
TRIAL REFERRED TO IN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON YOUR DEALINGS WITH
USAMA BIN LADEN. WE HAVE ONLY ONE OBJECTIVE -- THAT HE BE
TURNED OVER TO A STATE WHERE HE CAN FACE JUSTICE FOR HIS
TERRORIST ACTS. WE URGEE AGAIN THAT YOU DO THIS IMMEDIATELY
BY WHATEVER METHOD IS MOST APPROPRIATE IN YOUR SYSTEM. WE
HAVE RELIABLE INFORMATION, THAT DESPITE WHATEVER RESTRAINTS
MAY HAVE BEEN IMPOSED UPON HIM, HE AND HIS FOLLOWERS
CONTINUE TO PLOT AND PLAN FOR TERRORIST ACTIONS AGAINST THE
UNITED STATES AND ITS CITIZENS. THIS IS IMPERMISSIBLE AND
WE CAN NOT BE EXPECTED TO STAND BY IDLY WHILE THESE ACTIONS
AGAINST US CONTINUE TO BE PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT. NO
COUNTRY CAN FAIL TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS AND CITIZENS FROM
ILLEGAL TERRORIST ATTACKS.

-- THEREFORE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD YOU, AS HIS HOSTS,
RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTINUED PLANNING AND ANY FURTHER ACT OF
TERRORISM COMMITTED BY BIN LADEN AND HIS ORGANIZATION.
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--THE CONSEQUENCES FOR SUCH ACTS WILL BE SERIOUS AND WE ASK
YOU ONCE AGAIN TO ENSURE THAT SUCH ACTIONS ARE STOPPED ONCE
AND FOR ALL BY RENDERING USAMA BIN LADEN TO ANY COUNTRY
WHERE JUSTICE CAN BE DONE, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES.
3. (S) AFTER DELIVERY OF FOREGOING MESSAGE TO THE TALIBAN,
AMBASSADOR IS AUTHORIZED TO SHARE SUBSTANCE OF MESSAGE WITH
APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS.
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