MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

THROUGH: JOHN HANNAH
ACTING PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT

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SPECIAL ADVISOR

SUBJECT: INFORMATION: Afghanistan DC Meeting on June 11

The primary purpose of the meeting is to continue discussing security-related issues. The DC discussion papers are attached at Tab 1.

MEETING AGENDA

Continuation of ANA/DDR Briefing

from the Department of Defense will continue his presentation on: (1) building the Afghan National Army (ANA); (2) implementing the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegartion (DDR) program; and (3) drawing down the militias of the regional warlords. It mirrors the presentation you received last Thursday.

The issue of providing U.S. military force to support President Karzai's central government is a key issue for defining the United States' future strategy in Afghanistan. As President Karzai becomes more aggressive in his efforts to consolidate power, it is more likely that his calls for military support will grow and that he may trigger a situation requiring such support. Fighting between the warlords' militias, particularly in the northern provinces, also continues to exacerbate the security problem in Afghanistan. Implementing the DDR program should resolve this problem in the long-term. However, until that time, United States intervention in these disputes may become necessary to decrease violence and to create a more stable environment for Afghanistan's reconstruction.

DoD may also present a revised slide on removing militias from Kabul.

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In January, Deputies requested that DoD review how well the Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs) are currently operating and prepare recommended policy guidance for future PRT operations. Their paper, "PRT Policy Guidance", provides a good analysis of how PRTs can be more effective in enhancing security, extending the influence of the Afghan central government, and facilitating reconstruction.

- You may wish to stress including the security assistance role of PRTs in any integrated approach for improving Afghanistan's internal security, and point out that Deputies' request for a review of how well the PRTs are currently operating is still outstanding.

The paper "State and USAID's Proposal for Implementation of $10 million in ESF Through the PRTs" is provided for information purposes and will not be discussed. This paper describes how projects will be selected and prioritized for the $10 million in ESF grants for PRT activities provided in the FY '03 Wartime Supplemental. The funds will be directed to projects that: 1) support the Afghan central government's priorities; 2) reinforce the Afghan central government's local presence; 3) meet local needs and conditions; 4) are compatible with the respective PRTs' capabilities; 5) will have a quick and visible impact; and 6) are supported by local authorities. There is consensus support for this approach at the PCC level and it will be adopted barring objection by Deputies.

Road Update

USAID will likely raise again the issue of security for work on the road.

- You may want to ask when the Department of Defense expects to have a response to USAID's memorandum detailing their perceived security needs.

The issue of sourcing asphalt from Iran is also likely to be raised. There is the concern that there are insufficient supplies of asphalt from the current suppliers in Pakistan and India. As a result, the road contractors propose acquiring an OPAC license and sourcing asphalt from Iran. USAID wants to ensure that Deputies would not object to the use of Iranian asphalt.

- You may wish to ask USAID to confirm that there are insufficient supplies of asphalt from any other countries near Afghanistan other than Iran, and the impact of this issue on completing the Kabul to Kandahar portion of the road by the end of 2003.

ATTACHMENTS

Tab 1 - NSC Discussion Papers
Tab 1A - Agenda
Tab 1B - Remainder of Afghan National Army and Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Briefing
Tab 1C - Provincial Reconstruction Team Policy Paper
Tab 1D - State and USAID's Proposal for Implementation of $10 million in ESF Through the PRTs (for information only).
MEMORANDUM FOR:

Department of State

Department of the Treasury

Department of Defense

Department of Justice

Department of Agriculture

Office of Management and Budget

Office of National Drug Control Policy

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MR. LEWIS LIBBY
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Joint Staff

SUBJECT: Deputies Committee Meeting on Afghanistan (C)

There will be a Deputies Committee meeting on Afghanistan on Wednesday, June 11, from 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. in the White House Situation Room. An agenda is attached at Tab A. Discussion papers are attached at Tabs B and C. A paper for
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information only is attached at Tab D. Please pass the attached to Deputies (to include plds one, if applicable). (S).

Gregory L. Schulte
Executive Secretary

Attachments
Tab A  Agenda
Tab B  Remainder of Afghan National Army and Disarmament,
       Demobilization and Reintegration Briefing (DOD)
Tab C  Provincial Regional Team Policy Paper (DOD)
Tab D  FOR INFORMATION ONLY: State and USAID's
       Proposal for Implementation of $10 million
       in ESF Through the PRTs (State/AID)

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