1. (S) SUMMARY. IN A FORTY-MINUTE MEETING FOLLOWING THE AMBASSADOR'S CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION, PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF TOLD THE SECRET

AMBAASSADOR THAT

THE AMBASSADOR TOLD MUSHARRAF BLUNTLY THAT THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS HAD CHANGED THE FUNDAMENTALS OF DEBATE. THERE WAS NO INCLINATION IN WASHINGTON TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOG WITH THE TALIBAN.

END SUMMARY.
2. (U) AMBASSADOR PRESENTED HER CREDENTIALS JUST BEFORE NOON ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13. PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF INVITED HER INTO A PRIVATE MEETING FOLLOWING THE FIVE-AMBASSADOR CEREMONY. FOREIGN SECRETARY INAM UL HAQUE, MILITARY SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT BRIG. NADEEM TAJ, AND DCM (NOTETAKER) ALSO ATTENDED.

4. (S) THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT NATO, THE UNITED NATIONS, THE U.S. CONGRESS HAD ALREADY ASSURED SUPPORT -- INCLUDING LOGISTICAL SUPPORT -- FOR ACTION AGAINST THE TERRORISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 11 TRAGEDY. AMERICA'S ALLIES AND FRIENDS WERE BEHIND US, SHE SAID FIRMLY. CLEARLY, THERE WAS AN OPERATIONAL NEED TO GO AFTER THE TERRORISTS WHO LAUNCHED THESE HEINOUS ATTACKS. THE UNITED STATES WAS APPRECIATIVE OF MUSHARRAF'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS, SHE CONTINUED.
WE BELIEVED STRONGLY THAT THE TALIBAN ARE HARBORING THE TERRORISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS. PRESIDENT BUSH WAS, IN FACT, REFERRING TO THE TALIBAN IN HIS SPEECH PROMISING TO GO AFTER THOSE WHO HARBORED TERRORISTS.
7. (S) THE AMBASSADOR DECLARE THAT THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS HAD CHANGED
THE FUNDAMENTALS OF DEBATE. THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY
NO INCLINATION IN WASHINGTON TO ENTER INTO A
DIALOG WITH THE TALIBAN. THE TIME FOR DIALOG WAS
FINISHED AS OF SEPTEMBER 11. THERE WAS ONLY ONE
RESPONSE TO THE TERRIBLE EVENTS: PREVENTING THE
TERRORISTS RESPONSIBLE FROM EVER REPEATING SUCH
ACTIONS AGAIN. WE WERE FAIRLY SURE AS TO WHO WAS
GUILTY: UBL AND HIS AL QAIDA NETWORK OF
TERRORISTS.
11. (S) AMBASSADOR TOLD MUSHARRAF THAT WASHINGTON WAS PUTTING THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE ACTION PLAN IN PLACE.
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