Talking Points for PC 0930 on 14 September 2001

-- We are making good headway as we work to implement the President's plan to pursue a sustained campaign to root out terrorism. Again, these objectives include:

- setting the stage for a forceful response to those who attacked us on September 11, including holding accountable those who harbor or support them;
- eradicating Usama bin-Laden's al-Qaeda;
- pursuing other lethal anti-US terrorist groups;
- eliminating safehaven and support for terrorists whether from states or other actors.

-- We have made good progress in building the foundation for a solid coalition in support of a sustained campaign to defeat terrorists' capabilities.

-- We are taking a strong message to key leaders around the world that we expect their unequivocal support in the campaign against global terrorism.

-- Yesterday, the President spoke with PM Koizumi. I spoke with Arafat, Sharon, and the FM's of Bahrain, Qatar, Belgium, Brazil, and Israel, as well as Chinese Vice Premier Qian, Saudi Prince Bandar, the Philippine Vice President, and the Egyptian Presidential Advisor.

-- In a meeting with Pakistan ISID Mahmud, DepSec Armitage secured Pakistan's agreement to cooperate operationally with the United States. We also announced the Armitage/Trubnikov consultations in Moscow September 19 and follow-on consultations with NATO Allies in Brussels.

-- Amb. Blackwill secured from the Indian government unprecedented support...
-- Amb. Welch secured pledges from Egyptian Foreign and Interior Ministers that Egypt is ready to help.

My sense is that moderate Arabs are starting to see terrorism in a whole new light. This is key to the coalition, we are working them hard.

-- On the interagency level, the NSC, State, and Treasury (OFAC) are developing the G-8 heads statement on counterterrorism cooperation and an agenda for the G-8 experts meeting on terrorist financing.

-- In the multilateral arena, NATO-Russia PJC issued a statement of resolve not to let those responsible for the attacks go unpunished and pledged to intensify cooperation.

-- The OAS General Assembly issued a declaration Tuesday repudiating the terrorist attacks and underscoring the need to strengthen hemispheric accords on terrorism.

-- State Department action yesterday included:

- A/S Burns met with Prince Bandar

- Cable sent to Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Maldives urging diplomatic support

- Consensus recommendation prepared for DepSec not to suspend humanitarian aid (especially food) for Afghanistan. No decision made.

- Prepared message to Iran

- Demarche to GCC

- Prepared demarche to OIC seeking condemnation of terrorism. I called as well.

Today:

- The Department will develop a plan to USNATO with an action plan for military intelligence support, pressing
for full CT cooperation, and a fall initiative at NATO’s defense minister’s meeting.

- My regional Assistant Secretaries will call in Ambassadors and seek support.

- We will seek support from Central Asian and Caucuses states