1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

1. IN MEETING WITH EBOFFS OCT 7(CREFTEL), MAULANA MUFTI MAHMUD, CHIEF OF PAKISTAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE (PNA), RAIISED INTER ALIA SUBJECT OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER MATERIAL ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHAN DISSIDENTS. HE MADE PITCH FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE, AND EBOFF EXPLAINED U.S. POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN AFGHAN SITUATION.

3. MUFTI THEN PROCEEDED TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MIDDLE EAST ARAB COUNTRIES' (ESPECIALLY GULF NATIONS) PROVISION OF CASH ASSISTANCE TO REBELS -- BUT ONLY TO CERTAIN GROUPS. SPECIFICALLY, HE SAID GULF STATES ARE SENDING FUNDS TO PROFESSOR BURAHNUDDIN RABANI'S JAMAAT ISLAMI AFGHANISTAN (JIA) WHICH IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH MUFTI'S NEMESIS, JAMAAT-I-ISLAMI (JI) OF PAKISTAN. MUFTI ASKED, "WHY CAN THE ARABS DO SPREAD THE WEALTH AMONG A BROADER CROSS-SECTION OF THE REBELS?"

4. MUFTI ALSO ASKED WHAT THE U.S. COULD DO IN TERMS OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. EBOFF DESCRIBED BRIEFLY UNHCR VISITS TO PAKISTAN AND PREDICTED A SIZABLE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF PROGRAM WILL SOON BE ON THE GROUND IN PAKISTAN. EBOFFS ALSO SAID U.S. LIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO UNHCR EFFORT. MUFTI REMARKED THAT HE COULD UNDERSTAND U.S. NOT WANTING TO BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED FOR GLOBAL POLITICAL REASONS AND THAT HE APPRECIATED WHATEVER ASSISTANCE U.S. CAN PROVIDE TO U.N. EFFORT TO ASSIST REFUGEES. HE TRUSTS U.S. EFFORT WILL BENEFIT ALL REFUGEES REGARDLESS OF ANY AFFILIATIONS THEY MAY HAVE WITH SPECIFIC DISSIDENT ORGANIZATIONS.