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Talking Points

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-- The President has given us clear direction and guidance on what we need to do to pursue a sustained campaign to eliminate terrorism. This includes a set of clear objectives including:

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

We've made headway already an international coalition in support of a sustained campaign to destroy terrorist capability:

-- We've been hard at work this week refining our intelligence picture of who attacked us, and we have taken a strong message to key leaders around the world that we expect their unequivocal support in the campaign against global terrorism.

-- The President has contacted Putin, Blair, Schroeder, Chretien and Chirac. I've spoken directly with Kofi Annan and EU leaders as well as many of my counterparts.

-- Our message is clear and we are already putting in place the foundation of a coalition of like-minded nations that will stand with us against terrorism.

-- The UN resolution, NAC and EU statements are all the foundation for coordinated actions against terrorism. G-8 Heads Statement in the works. We have more work to do with NATO and Japan, but the prospects for coordinated action are good.

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-- We also took a tough line with Pakistan this week-- Armitage made clear they face a stark choice: stand with us or against us.

Next Steps

-- **South Asia:** Here's what's coming, and fast. Rich will ask Mahmud for specific comments today. I'll then consider a call to Musharraf. Pakistan will know what's at stake

with us and it will have to make its choice.

-- We'll be engaged in a broader regional push for closer cooperation with **India** and **Bangladesh** (UNSC member) to shore up the diplomatic foundation for our future actions.

-- In the **Middle East**, Saudi and Egypt will be key priorities for closer cooperation in all possible tracks, both private and public. We're going to engage at close quarters on what we need.

-- We will also probe Iranian ability to work with us against the Taliban and Usama bin-Laden, and we'll look for Arafat's support of the measures we take to eliminate al-Qaida.

-- Rich Armitage spoke to DFM Trubnikov to prepare for his trip to Moscow, where we'll get down to issues of practical cooperation against the Taliban and bin-Laden, [REDACTED] A NATO-Russia statement on terrorism is also in the works.

-- We have a solid base for more work with Central Asian nations to increase the pressure on the Taliban and bin-Laden.

-- At the UN we'll press to strengthen UNSCR 1333 and build support for retaliation against bin-Laden's organization and the Taliban regime. I'll meet with ASEAN leaders at UNGA to press for support for our position/response, as well as the UNSC. To make things happen it's time to get the SFRC to proceed with the Negroponte confirmation.

-- The September 27 G-8 Foreign Minister's meeting in New York gives us the opportunity to produce a strong condemnation of global terrorism.

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-- We can use the September 21 meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan to press for formal, public support for the U.S. position and response, in the UNSC and official commentary. [REDACTED]

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-- We will reaffirm the invitation for Indonesian President Megawati's visit next week, [REDACTED]

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-- We will seize upon the expressed willingness of Sudan's Foreign Minister Ismail to cooperate. Specifically we will meet with FM Ismail in New York [REDACTED]

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-- Our **Public Diplomacy campaign** will comprise the following elements (full document attached)

Emphasis:

- International coalition building;
- The human face of this tragedy.

Near term actions:

- Repeat our themes to international audiences;
- Use UNGA opening to reaffirm our resolve and allow foreign leaders to declare themselves;
- Message of tolerance for fellow citizens and guests regardless of nationality, religion, or ethnic background.
- Pick the phrase that characterizes our stance.

Long term actions:

- The world has changed: it is time to change the world.

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