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SUBJECT: Thoughts on the "Campaign" Against Terrorism

We may need two or three versions of "Talking Points" if we are to get the President's message across effectively: (1) Press, (2) Congressional, and (3) Allies – classified.

The U.S. and our coalition partners are creating the conditions for sustained anti-terrorist and humanitarian relief operations, across a broad front. In Afghanistan, this requires initially dealing with the threat from air defenses and aircraft.

Sustained operations will include:

- Developing working liaisons with groups on the ground to strengthen our intelligence information.
- Use of direct action to acquire intel and capture terrorists.
- Use of military capabilities to deal with terrorists and those that harbor them.
- Taking steps to assist Afghans who suffer from Taliban oppression.
- Engaging in substantial humanitarian relief and assisting the Afghan people.
- Working with Muslims worldwide to demonstrate the truth that the problem is terrorism—not a religion or a group of people. The goal is to change the image of suicide bombers from martyrs to murderers of people of all ages and all faiths.
- The U.S. and our partners are dealing with Afghanistan as a part of the much broader problem of terrorist networks and nations that harbor terrorists across the globe.

NOTE: There should be no discussion of "pauses." There will be no pauses. The President's campaign will continue across a broad front, using the full resources of the U.S. Government and of coalition partners worldwide.

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