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C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 4728

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SUBJECT: KING ZAHER TRAVEL TO LONDON FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

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1. KING ZAHER DEPARTED SUDDENLY MORNING OF JUNE 25 FOR LONDON VIA ROME, ACCOMPANIED BY HRH GENERAL SARDAR ABUL WALI, HRH SHAH MAHMUD AND WIFE PRINCESS MAHBUB GHAZI, FORMER MIN HEALTH DR. IBRAHIM MAJID-SERAJ, KING PERSONAL VALET AND CONFIDANT RAHIM PANJSHIRI, AND OTHERS.

2. KING'S SUDDEN TRAVEL RESULTS FROM NEED FOR TREATMENT FOR HEMORRHAGING IN ONE EYE. THE EYE WAS INJURED APPROXIMATELY JUNE 18, REPORTEDLY BY A VOLLEY BALL. INITIALLY UNSATISFACTORY TREATMENT BY AN AFGHAN PHYSICIAN LED TO AN EARLY MORNING VISIT TO THE NOOR EYE CLINIC JUNE 23, WHERE HE WAS EXAMINED BY THE AMERICAN DIRECTOR OF THE CLINIC, DR. FRIESEN (FOR DEPT: A FORTUITOUS EVENT WHICH COULD ALTER NOOR'S PRECARIOUS FUTURE.)

3. ACCORDING TO DR. MAJID-SERAJ, INJURY IS NOT ESPECIALLY SERIOUS AND SHOULD NOT REQUIRE SURGERY. HE TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE EXPECTS PARTY WILL SPEND ONE-TWO WEEKS IN LONDON, FOLLOWED BY ONE-TWO WEEKS VACATION IN ITALY.

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