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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR THOMAS W. SIMONS,  
 JR. REASON: 1.5 (C)(D).

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2. (C) IN A NOVEMBER 8 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR  
 SIMONS, TALIBAN "ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER" GHAUS  
 ASSERTED THAT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IS THE MAJOR CAUSE  
 OF THE AFGHAN CONFLICT. WHILE THE TALIBAN SUPPORT  
 THE UNITED NATIONS' PEACE EFFORTS, GHAUS SAID THAT  
 THE TALIBAN CONTINUE TO WANT TO BRING SECURITY TO  
 AFGHANISTAN BY DISARMING THE POPULATION, INCLUDING  
 OTHER FACTIONS. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT THE WAR  
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 WILL CONTINUE IF THE FACTIONS CONTINUE TO TRY TO  
 IMPOSE THEIR VIEWS ON OTHERS. HE URGED GHAUS TO  
 REJECT A "WINNER-TAKE-ALL" APPROACH TO THE CONFLICT,  
 AND FIRMLY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE UN TO REACH A

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NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. GHAUS ENDED THE MEETING WITH REQUESTS FOR USG RECOGNITION OF THE TALIBAN AND A MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF VISITS TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF BILATERAL INTEREST. END SUMMARY.

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 GHAUS ON THE SOURCES OF TALIBAN CONDUCT  
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3. (C) AMBASSADOR SIMONS MET WITH TALIBAN "ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER" MULLAH MOHAMMED GHAUS ON NOVEMBER 8. TALIBAN ACTING RECONSTRUCTION MINISTER ATTIQULLAH, AFGHAN EMBASSY CHARGE ABDUL WAHAB, POLOFF (NOTETAKER), AND THE ASSISTANT ARMY ATTACHE ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING. MULLAH GHAUS BEGAN BY STATING THAT THANKS TO GOD AND HELP FROM ITS FRIENDS--INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES--THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES. AFGHANS AS WELL AS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THOUGHT THAT PEACE WOULD RESULT AFTER THE SOVIET WITHDRAWAL. HOWEVER, "DUE TO A CONSPIRACY OF THE COMMUNISTS, THE SELFISHNESS OF RESISTANCE LEADERS, AND FOREIGN INTERFERENCE THIS EXPECTATION WAS NOT REALIZED, AND THE WAR HAS CONTINUED." GHAUS EXPLAINED THAT THE DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF THE WAR WERE FELT EVEN AT THE VILLAGE-LEVEL, WHERE "NO ONE WAS SECURE BECAUSE EVERYONE WAS ARMED." TO REMEDY THESE  
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 PROBLEMS, THE TALIBAN (MUSLIM STUDENTS) HAD DECIDED TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN POLITICS IN ORDER "TO FORM A STRONG, EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT, WHICH COULD CONTROL ITS BORDERS, PREVENT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE, AND PROVIDE SECURITY TO THE PEOPLE," HE ASSERTED.

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 RUSSIAN, IRANIAN INTERFERENCE MAIN CAUSE FOR WAR  
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4. (C) GHAUS SAID THE MAIN CAUSE FOR THE ONGOING WAR WAS "INTERFERENCE BY RUSSIA, IRAN, AND INDIA" IN THE AFFAIRS OF AFGHANISTAN. TO PROVE THIS, HE NOTED THAT THE TALIBAN HAD FORCED DOWN AN AIRCRAFT WITH A RUSSIAN AIRCREW IN AUGUST 1995; THE PLANE WAS LOADED WITH AMMUNITION BOUND FOR THE FORMER KABUL REGIME OF OUSTED PRESIDENT BURHANUDDIN RABBANI. (NOTE: THE RUSSIAN AIRCREW WAS DETAINED IN KANDAHAR UNTIL AUGUST 1996, WHEN IT ELUDED ITS CAPTORS, AND ESCAPED TO THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.) IN ADDITION, GHAUS AVERRED, THE TALIBAN HAVE EVIDENCE THAT WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION CONTINUE TO FLOW TO AFGHAN UZBEK LEADER ABDUL RASHID

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MASOOD FROM RUSSIA AND IRAN. TO THE TALIBAN, HE CONCLUDED, "THE MOST IMPORTANT CONDITION FOR PEACE IS TO STOP THIS INTERFERENCE." GHAUS ALSO COMPLAINED THAT IRAN AND RUSSIA CONTINUE TO "RECOGNIZE THE RABBANI REGIME AS AFGHANISTAN'S LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT." "THIS," HE SAID, "IS A CLEAR VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW BECAUSE A GOVERNMENT THAT CONTROLS A COUNTRY'S TERRITORY IS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT. THUS, THE TALIBAN, WHICH CONTROL OVER TWO-THIRDS OF THE COUNTRY, SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT."

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 A REQUEST FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE  
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 5. (C) GHAUS EMPHASIZED THAT THE TALIBAN DID NOT SEEK "MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM ANY OTHER COUNTRY." HOWEVER, HE COMMENTED, THE TALIBAN WANT THE "UNITED NATIONS AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO PREVENT FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN AFGHANISTAN." IN ADDITION, THE TALIBAN WANT "THE U.S. AND FRIENDLY COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE AFGHANISTAN HUMANITARIAN AND RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE, AND HELP ASSIST IN REFUGEE REPATRIATION FROM IRAN AND PAKISTAN."

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 AMBASSADOR URGES A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT  
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6. (C) AFTER THANKING GHAUS FOR HIS COMMENTS, THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE WISHED TO SAY SOME THINGS ABOUT AMERICA, SO THAT WHEN TALIBAN DEALT WITH AMERICANS THEY COULD BETTER UNDERSTAND WHERE THE AMERICANS WERE COMING FROM. THE AMERICANS ARE THE MOST RELIGIOUS PEOPLE IN THE WESTERN WORLD, THE AMBASSADOR SAID. THEY HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR ISLAM, WHICH IS NOW THE

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FASTEST GROWING RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY IN AMERICA; THERE ARE IN FACT NOW MORE AMERICAN MUSLIMS THAN AMERICAN JEWS. AND THEY ARE ALL PEOPLE OF THE BOOK.

7. (C) AT THE SAME TIME, THE AMBASSADOR CONTINUED, AMERICANS HAVE THEIR ORIGINS ALL OVER THE WORLD, AND HAVE LIVED TOGETHER FOR 220 YEARS NOW. THEY HAVE LEARNED THAT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO DISCERN THE WILL OF GOD. THEIR EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT THEM THAT IT IS DANGEROUS FOR ONE GROUP TO TRY TO IMPOSE ITS

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INTERPRETATION OF THE WILL OF GOD ON OTHERS, AND ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS TO TRY TO DO SO BY FORCE OF ARMS. THAT WAS THE REASON, THE AMBASSADOR SAID, WHY THE AMERICAN STATE IS NOT RELIGIOUS. HE RECOGNIZED THAT THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ISLAMIC TRADITION; HE WAS SIMPLY TRYING TO EXPLAIN THE AMERICANS FOR TALIBAN.

8. (C) AMERICANS HAVE FOUGHT MANY WARS, THE AMBASSADOR CONTINUED. THEIR BLOODIEST WAR WAS THEIR CIVIL WAR, FOUGHT MAINLY OVER THE ISSUE OF HUMAN SLAVERY. IN THAT WAR THEY LOST 500,000 KILLED IN A NATION OF 30 MILLION; BY WAY OF COMPARISON, IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR, WHEN THEY WERE FIGHTING HITLER AND THE JAPANESE, THEY LOST 250,000, IN A NATION OF 150 MILLION. BUT THEY FOUGHT ALL THESE WARS TO PREVENT OTHERS FROM IMPOSING THEIR INTERPRETATION OF WHAT WAS RIGHT, OF GOD'S WILL, ON OTHER HUMAN BEINGS.

9. (C) THAT WAS WHY THE AMERICANS HAD SUPPORTED THE AFGHAN STRUGGLE AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, THE AMBASSADOR SAID. WE DISAGREED FUNDAMENTALLY WITH THE SOVIETS ON BELIEF, ON IDEOLOGY. BUT WE HAD NEVER

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PURSUED THIS DISAGREEMENT WITH THEM BY FORCE OF ARMS;  
 RATHER WE HAD NEGOTIATED WITH THEM. AT THE SAME  
 TIME, WE HAD HELPED OTHERS TO RESIST SOVIET ATTEMPTS  
 TO IMPOSE THEIR IDEOLOGY OUTSIDE THEIR BORDERS. THAT  
 WAS WHAT WE HAD DONE IN AFGHANISTAN. WE ADMIRER THE  
 AFGHANS' FREEDOM STRUGGLE, AND WERE PROUD OF OUR ROLE  
 IN ITS SUCCESS. WE HAD HOPED THAT AFTER THAT SUCCESS  
 AFGHANS WOULD BE ABLE TO COME TOGETHER TO DETERMINE  
 THEIR OWN DESTINY TOGETHER.

10. (C) UNFORTUNATELY, THE AMBASSADOR CONTINUED,  
 THAT HAD NOT HAPPENED. AFGHANS CONTINUED TO FIGHT  
 AMONG THEMSELVES. AMERICANS FOUND IT HARD TO  
 UNDERSTAND THIS, HE SAID. MULLAH GHAUS HAD SAID THAT  
 OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE WAS THE WHOLE PROBLEM. IT  
 SEEMED TO US THAT PART OF THE PROBLEM WAS THAT ALL  
 THE GROUPS IN AFGHANISTAN BELIEVE THEY KNOW WHAT

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 GOD'S WILL IS, AND WISH TO TRY TO IMPOSE THEIR  
 INTERPRETATION ON ALL OTHER GROUPS. THIS LED THEM TO  
 IMPOSE RULES ON WHETHER AND WHICH WOMEN CAN WORK, OR  
 GO TO SCHOOL, ON BEARDS FOR MEN. IT LED THEM IN TURN  
 TO ACCEPT ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR CAUSE FROM OTHER  
 COUNTRIES.

11. (C) THE AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT IT SEEMED TO  
 HIM THAT THE SOLUTION TO THE AFGHAN CRISIS HAD TO  
 LEAD THROUGH GREATER "MODESTY" AND RENUNCIATION OF  
 THE "WINNER-TAKE-ALL" APPROACH TO THE CONFLICT. THAT  
 WAS WHY WE WERE URGING TALIBAN AND ALL THE OTHER  
 GROUPS TO WORK AND NEGOTIATE WITH EACH OTHER,  
 RECOGNIZING THAT ONE GROUP CANNOT CONTROL THE WHOLE  
 COUNTRY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED NATIONS IS BEST  
 PLACED TO HELP THEM DO SO, AND THAT WAS WHY WE  
 ENCOURAGE ALL THE GROUPS TO WORK WITH DR. HOLL FOR A  
 NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

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 GHAUS: WE REPRESENT "WILL OF GOD AND PEOPLE"  
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12. (C) GHAUS HAD LISTENED CAREFULLY, AND NOTED IN  
 RESPONSE THAT WHAT THE AMBASSADOR HAD SAID WAS  
 FRUSTRATING TO HIM. EVERYONE WAS SAYING THAT  
 PAKISTAN AND THE U.S. SUPPORTED TALIBAN, AND YET IT  
 WAS NOT TRUE. THE AMBASSADOR SAID WE TOO ARE  
 FRUSTRATED BY SUCH STATEMENTS: WE DO NOT SUPPORT ANY  
 AFGHAN GROUP, BECAUSE WE DO NOT BELIEVE THERE CAN BE  
 A MILITARY SOLUTION TO THE AFGHAN CRISIS, AND  
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THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT PEACE CAN ONLY COME THROUGH  
GOOD-FAITH NEGOTIATION AMONG THEM.

13. (C) GHAUS SAID THE EFFECT OF THAT WAS THAT THE  
U.S. SUPPORTED IRANIAN, RUSSIAN, AND INDIAN ARMS  
SUPPLIES TO TALIBAN'S OPPONENTS. THE AMBASSADOR  
REPLIED THAT THAT WAS ALSO NOT TRUE.

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MULLAH GHAUS HAD TOLD HIM THAT  
THE SOLUTION WAS TO CUT OFF SUPPLIES TO TALIBAN'S  
OPPONENTS; OTHERS TOLD US THE SOLUTION WAS TO CUT OFF  
TALIBAN'S OUTSIDE SUPPLIES. THE AMBASSADOR CONTINUED  
THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE OUTSIDE SUPPLIES WERE THE  
DETERMINING REASON WHY AFGHAN GROUPS KEPT FIGHTING  
EACH OTHER; THE REASON WAS THAT THEY HOPED TO WIN  
EVERYTHING THROUGH MILITARY MEANS. THE WAY TO CUT  
OFF MILITARY SUPPLIES WAS FOR THE AFGHANS TO  
NEGOTIATE PEACE; SO LONG AS GROUPS WERE NOT PREPARED

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14. (C)

THE PROBLEM WAS MASSIVE ASSISTANCE TO  
 OTHER GROUPS FROM RUSSIA AND IRAN. THIS REFERRED TO  
 THE MONEY RUSSIA WAS PRINTING FOR RABBANI, BUT  
 ESPECIALLY TO HEAVY WEAPONS, PLANES AND TANKS.  
 CUTTING THAT OFF WAS THE KEY TO PEACE, HE INSISTED;  
 AT LEAST TALIBAN HAD THE RIGHT TO ASK THE U.S. TO  
 WORK FOR THAT. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE  
 TO DO SO, BUT OUR MAIN POINT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE  
 NEED FOR GENUINE NEGOTIATION OF A POLITICAL  
 SETTLEMENT WHICH RESPECTED THE RIGHTS OF ALL AFGHANS,  
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 INCLUDING MINORITIES AND WOMEN.

15. (C) GHAUS SAID THAT THE TALIBAN SUPPORTS A  
 NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO THE CONFLICT. HIS  
 PARTICIPATION IN A UN-SPONSORED MEETING WITH A  
 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SUPREME DEFENSE COUNCIL ON  
 NOVEMBER 7 (REFTEL) SHOWED THIS. HOWEVER, HE  
 CLAIMED, THE TALIBAN ARE FACING OPPONENTS, IN GENERAL

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DOSTAM AND COMMANDER MASOOD, WHO WANT TO INCREASE THEIR MILITARY ADVANTAGE THROUGH WAR. THERE ARE TOO MANY ARMS IN AFGHANISTAN; THE WAR WOULD NOT END UNTIL THEY WERE DISARMED. TALIBAN WOULD CONTINUE TO FIGHT UNTIL ALL AFGHANS WERE DISARMED AND THE COUNTRY SECURE.

16. (C) THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO SEE HOW PEACE CAN BE ESTABLISHED WHEN THE TALIBAN WERE ESSENTIALLY DEMANDING THAT THE OTHER SIDE GIVE UP ITS ARMS TO THE TALIBAN AND THUS, SURRENDER ON THEIR TERMS. WHEN MULLAH GHASUS SPOKE OF NEGOTIATION, HE SEEMED TO BE SPEAKING OF NEGOTIATED SURRENDER. GHASUS SHOT BACK THAT "DOSTAM AND MASOOD WILL HAVE SUBMIT TO THE WILL OF GOD AND THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE, WHICH ARE MANIFESTED IN THE TALIBAN MOVEMENT." WE ARE THE MAJORITY, HE CONTINUED, AND IN DEMOCRACIES MINORITIES MUST ALWAYS SUBMIT TO THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY. HE WANTED THE AMBASSADOR TO UNDERSTAND THAT TALIBAN DOES NOT REPRESENT JUST PUSHTUNS; IT ALSO INCLUDES UZBEKS, TAJIKS, IN FACT ALL AFGHANS. THE AMBASSADOR REJOINED THAT DEMOCRACIES WORKED ONLY IF THE RIGHTS OF MINORITIES

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 WERE PROTECTED AND IF THERE WERE RULES TO ASSURE PEACEFUL WORKING OUT OF CONFLICT OVER INTERESTS. HE CONCLUDED THAT IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO PROVIDE OTHER AFGHANS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SURRENDER THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS; SO LONG AS THE TALIBAN BELIEVE THEY CAN WIN EVERYTHING AND CONTROL ALL OF AFGHANISTAN, THE WAR WILL CONTINUE.

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 THE TALIBAN REQUESTS RECOGNITION AND ENGAGEMENT  
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17. (C) GHASUS CONCLUDED THAT WHEN THE PEOPLE RULE ALL OF AFGHANISTAN, BY THE WILL OF GOD, HE HOPED IT WOULD

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HAVE REASON TO BE GRATEFUL TO THE UNITED STATES FOR  
ITS HELP, AND PRESENTED THREE REQUESTS:

-- WE WANT THE USG TO RECOGNIZE THE TALIBAN'S INTERIM  
GOVERNMENT;

-- WE WANT TO SEND A DELEGATION TO THE UNITED STATES  
TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF BILATERAL INTEREST WITH THE USG;

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AND,

-- WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING ANY DELEGATIONS THE  
USG WANTS TO SEND TO AFGHANISTAN.

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THE AMBASSADOR ASSURED GHAUS THAT HE WOULD CONVEY  
THESE REQUESTS TO WASHINGTON.

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COMMENT  
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18. THE MEETING WAS COURTEOUS AND CIVIL THROUGHOUT.  
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