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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN: MESSAGE TO TALIBAN ON USAMA BIN LADEN

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1. (S) AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO PASS THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE (PARA 2) ORALLY TO AN AUTHORITATIVE REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE TALIBAN.

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2. (S) POINTS FOR THE TALIBAN:

--WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED BOTH THE VIDEOTAPED
STATEMENT [REDACTED], A
VIDEOTAPED STATEMENT FROM [REDACTED] AND THE UNITED
STATES CONTAINING PUBLIC ADMISSIONS OF CULPABILITY BY USAMA
BIN LADEN, AND THE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INOICTMENTS OF USAMA
BIN LADEN AND OTHERS BY UNITED STATES COURTS.

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--THESE CONTAIN AMPLE INFORMATION REGARDING USAMA BIN
LADEN'S DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN ACTS OF TERRORISM.

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--WE DO NOT ENDORSE, SUPPORT, OR REQUEST THE SHARIA COURT TRIAL REFERRED TO IN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON YOUR DEALINGS WITH USAMA BIN LADEN. WE HAVE ONLY ONE OBJECTIVE -- THAT HE BE TURNED OVER TO A STATE WHERE HE CAN FACE JUSTICE FOR HIS TERRORIST ACTS. WE URGE AGAIN THAT YOU DO THIS IMMEDIATELY BY WHATEVER METHOD IS MOST APPROPRIATE IN YOUR SYSTEM. WE HAVE RELIABLE INFORMATION, THAT DESPITE WHATEVER RESTRAINTS MAY HAVE BEEN IMPOSED UPON HIM, HE AND HIS FOLLOWERS CONTINUE TO PLOT AND PLAN FOR TERRORIST ACTIONS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES AND ITS CITIZENS. THIS IS IMPERMISSIBLE AND WE CAN NOT BE EXPECTED TO STAND BY IDLY WHILE THESE ACTIONS AGAINST US CONTINUE TO BE PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT. NO COUNTRY CAN FAIL TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS AND CITIZENS FROM ILLEGAL TERRORIST ATTACKS.

--THEREFORE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD YOU, AS HIS HOSTS, RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTINUED PLANNING AND ANY FURTHER ACT OF TERRORISM COMMITTED BY BIN LADEN AND HIS ORGANIZATION.

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--THE CONSEQUENCES FOR SUCH ACTS WILL BE SERIOUS AND WE ASK YOU ONCE AGAIN TO ENSURE THAT SUCH ACTIONS ARE STOPPED ONCE AND FOR ALL BY RENDERING USAMA BIN LADEN TO ANY COUNTRY WHERE JUSTICE CAN BE DONE, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES.

3. (S) AFTER DELIVERY OF FOREGOING MESSAGE TO THE TALIBAN, AMBASSADOR IS AUTHORIZED TO SHARE SUBSTANCE OF MESSAGE WITH APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS.
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