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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN: BRITISH JOURNALIST VISITS

SITE OF TRAINING CAMPS; HUA ACTIVITY ALLEGED

REFS: (A) STATE 243713 (NOTAL)

(B) ISLAMABAD 9517 (NOTAL)

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR DAN MOZENA. REASON: 1.5 (C)(D).

2. (C) SUMMARY: A BRITISH JOURNALIST TOLD EMBOFFS THAT SHE VISITED THE SITE OF TWO TERRORIST TRAINING CAMPS IN PAKTIA PROVINCE, ON NOVEMBER 14. ALTHOUGH SHE DID NOT ENTER THE CAMPS, SHE THOUGHT THEY SEEMED OCCUPIED. IN ADDITION, SHE SAID "TALIBAN SOURCES" TOLD HER THAT ONE OF THE CAMPS IS OCCUPIED BY HARAKAT-UL-ANSAR (HUA) MILITANTS. END SUMMARY.

(C) IN A MEETING ARRANGED AT HER REQUEST,

A BRITISH NEWSPAPER, TOLD POLOFF AND
THE USIS INFORMATION OFFICER NOVEMBER 19 THAT SHE HAD
VISITED THE SITE OF TRAINING CAMPS IN PAKTIA
PROVINCE, IN SOUTHEASTERN AFGHANISTAN, ON NOVEMBER 14.
SHE SAID THAT THE TWO CAMPS, AL BADR I AND AL BADR
II, WERE THE SAME CAMPS REFERRED TO IN RECENT
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ARTICLES IN THE PAKISTANI PRESS (REF B). (NOTE:

ACCORDING TO THESE ARTICLES, THE CAMPS WERE

ORIGINALLY CONTROLLED BY HEZB-I-ISLAMI BEFORE THE

TALIBAN SHUT THEM DOWN IN THE AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

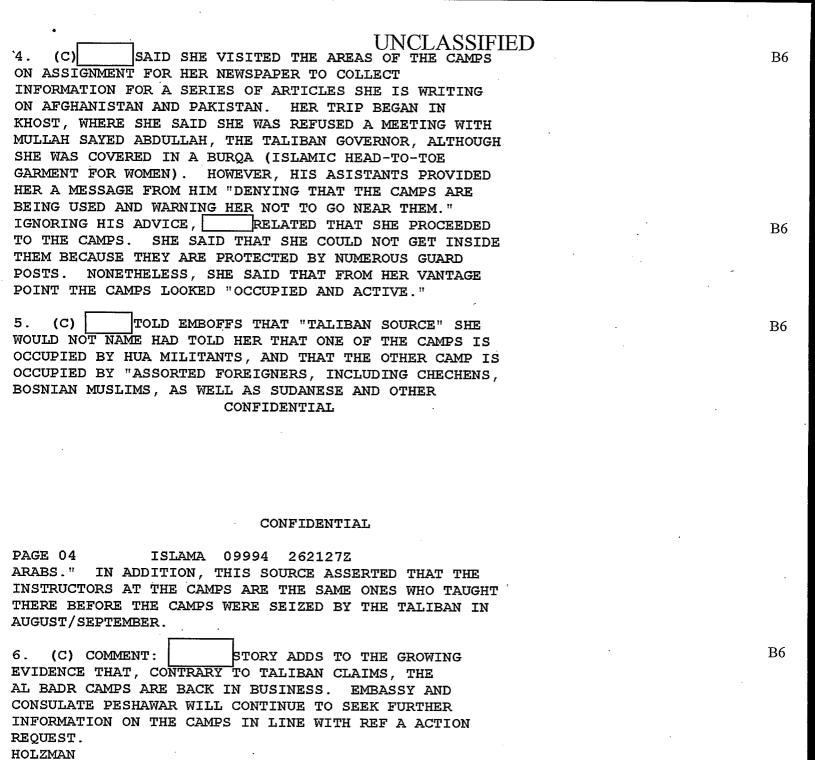
TIMEFRAME. THE ARTICLES ASSERT THAT THE CAMPS HAVE
REOPENED FOR TRAINING OF HUA MILITANTS. END NOTE.)

LEES ADDED THAT THE CAMPS WERE LOCATED A "DIFFICULT"

DRIVE SOUTH OF THE CITY OF KHOST NEAR THE

AFGHAN-PAKISTAN BORDER.

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