

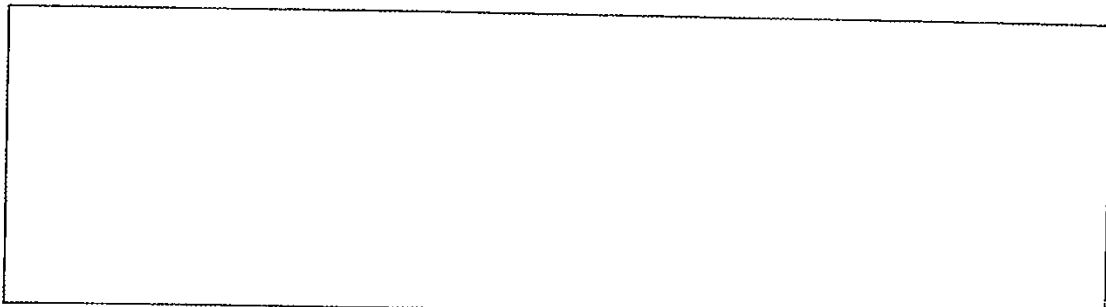
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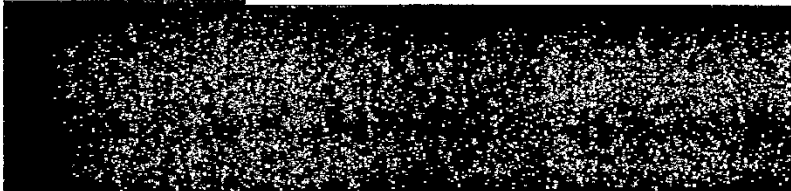
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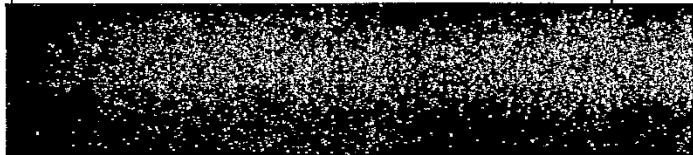
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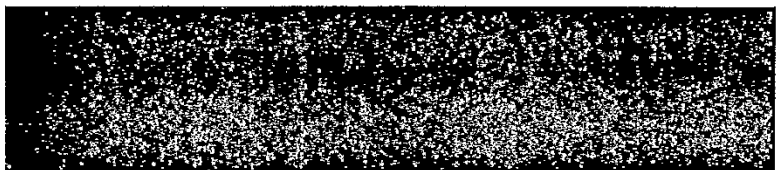
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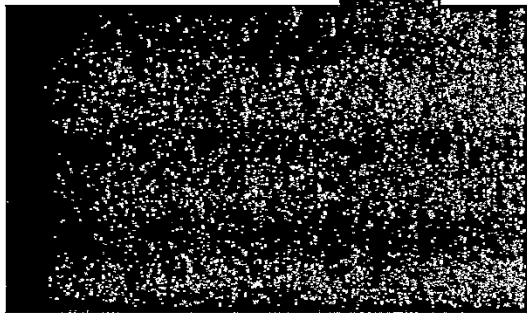
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TEXT

COUNTRY: (U) AFGHANISTAN (AF).

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SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] - THE ASSASSINATION OF MASSOUD RELATED TO 11 SEPTEMBER 2001 ATTACK (U)

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SUMMARY: ~~(S/NF)~~ THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ASSASSINATION OF THE LATE NORTHERN ALLIANCE COMMANDER MASSOUD AND THE TERRORIST INCIDENT OF 11 SEPTEMBER 2001, INCLUDING AL-QAIDA INVOLVEMENT.

TEXT: 1. ~~(S/NF)~~ BACKGROUND. IN THE EARLY 1990'S, THE TALIBAN BEGAN AS A GROUP OF RELIGIOUS STUDENTS WHO REJECTED THE MUJAHADIN TAKEOVER OF AFGHANISTAN. DUE TO THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO TALIBAN FORCES, THE TALIBAN BECAME MILITARILY POWERFUL AND THEIR FORCES CONTROLLED APPROXIMATELY 90 PERCENT OF AFGHANISTAN. MANY AFGHAN OPPOSITION FORCES WERE OUTNUMBERED AND OUTGUNNED BY TALIBAN FORCES, AND COULD NOT FIGHT THE TALIBAN FORCES DIRECTLY. THE FORMER MUJAHADIN COMMANDER, AHMED SHAH ((MASSOUD)) MANAGED TO FORM THE NORTHERN ALLIANCE FORCES (NAF) AND CONTINUED HIS FIGHT AGAINST TALIBAN FORCES IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN [REDACTED] (b)(1)

[REDACTED] ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2001, COMMANDER MASSOUD WAS ASSASSINATED IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN.

2. ~~(S/NF)~~ WARNING. THROUGH NORTHERN ALLIANCE INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS, THE LATE COMMANDER MASSOUD GAINED LIMITED KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE INTENTIONS OF THE SAUDI MILLIONAIRE, USAMA ((BIN LADIN)) ((UBL)), AND HIS TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, AL-QAIDA, TO PERFORM A TERRORIST ACT AGAINST THE U.S., ON A SCALE LARGER THAN

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THE 1998 BOMBING OF THE U.S. EMBASSIES IN KENYA AND TANZANIA

[REDACTED] IN APRIL 2001, MASSOUD ADDRESSED
THE FRENCH AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTS IN PARIS. IN HIS TELEVISED
SPEECH HE WARNED THE US GOVERNMENT ABOUT UBL [REDACTED]

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3. (C/NF) RELATIONSHIPS. ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2001, TWO ARABS,
LOYAL TO UBL AND MEMBERS OF THE AL-QAIDA ORGANIZATION
DECEPTIVELY POSED AS ARAB JOURNALISTS, ASKED FOR AN INTERVIEW
WITH COMMANDER MASSOUD, AND KILLED HIM WITH A SUICIDE BOMB THAT
WAS HIDDEN IN THEIR CAMERA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ALTHOUGH COMMANDER MASSOUD WAS
FIGHTING TALIBAN FORCES OVER THE CONTROL OF AFGHANISTAN, HE WAS
NOT A THREAT TO UBL AND THE AL-QAIDA ORGANIZATION. TO MASSOUD,
UBL WAS A SAUDI CITIZEN, EXILED TO AFGHANISTAN DUE TO HIS
CHALLENGE TO THE LEGITIMACY OF THE SAUDI MONARCHY. AFTER THE
TERRORIST STIKES ON THE U.S. EMBASSIES IN AFRICA, AND RECEIVING
INTELLIGENCE FOR HIS FORCES REGARDING UBL'S FUTURE ATTACKS,
MASSOUD BEGAN TO WARN THE WEST OF UBL AND AL-QAIDA [REDACTED]

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