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 INFO RUOMBI/AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI 234  
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 RUSBLK/AMEMBASSY KABUL 9759  
 RUSBKR/AMCONSUL KARACHI 8895  
 RUCMKW/AMEMBASSY KUWAIT 232  
 ZEN/AMCONSUL LAHORE  
 RUCMNT/AMEMBASSY MUSCAT 070  
 RUSBAE/AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI 1511  
 ZEN/AMCONSUL PESHAWAR  
 RUCYHR/AMEMBASSY TEHRAN 5464.  
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E.O. 12065: GDS 12/13/85 (SHERMAN, RICK) OR-P  
 TAGS: PEPR, PBOR, PK, XF, AF  
 SUEJ:(C) MUFTI MAHMUD CONCERNED RE ASSISTANCE TO AFHAN EXILES/  
 REFUGEES.

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1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN MEETING WITH EBOFFS OCT 7 (RETEL), MAULANA MUFTI MAHMUD, CHIEF OF PAKSTAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE (PNA), RAISED INTER ALIA SUBJECT OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER MATERIAL ASSISTANCE

FOR AFGHAN DISSIDENTS. HE MADE PITCH FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE, AND EMOFF EXPLAINED U.S. POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN AFGHAN SITUATION.

3. MUFTI THEN PROCEEDED TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MIDDLE EAST ARAB COUNTRIES' (ESPECIALLY GULF NATIONS) PROVISION OF- CASH ASSISTANCE TO REBELS -- BUT ONLY TO CERTAIN GROUPS. SPECIFICALLY, HE SAID GULF STATES ARE SENDING FUNDS TO PROFESSOR BURANHUDDIN RABANI'S JAMAAT ISLAMI AFGHANISTAN (JIA) WHICH IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH MUFTI'S NEMESIS, JAMAAT-I-ISLAMI (JI) OF PAKISTAN. MUFTI ASKED, "WHY CAN THE ARABS NOT SPREAD THE WEALTH AMONG A BROADER CROSS-SECTION OF THE REBELS?"

4. MUFTI ALSO ASKED WHAT THE U.S. COULD DO IN TERMS OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. EMOFF DESCRIBED BRIEFLY UNHCR VISITS TO PAKISTAN AND PREDICTED A SIZABLE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF PROGRAM WILL SOON BE ON THE GROUND IN PAKISTAN. EMOFFS ALSO SAID U.S. LIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO UNHCR EFFORT. MUFTI REMARKED THAT HE COULD UNDERSTAND U.S. NOT WANTING TO BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED FOR GLOBAL POLITICAL REASONS AND THAT HE APPRECIATED WHATEVER ASSISTANCE U.S. CAN PROVIDE TO U.N. EFFORT TO ASSIST REFUGEES. HE TRUSTS U.S. EFFORT WILL BENEFIT ALL REFUGEES REGARDLESS OF ANY AFFILIATIONS THEY MAY HAVE WITH SPECIFIC DISSIDENT ORGANIZATIONS.