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SUBJECT: Your meeting on Usama Bin Laden

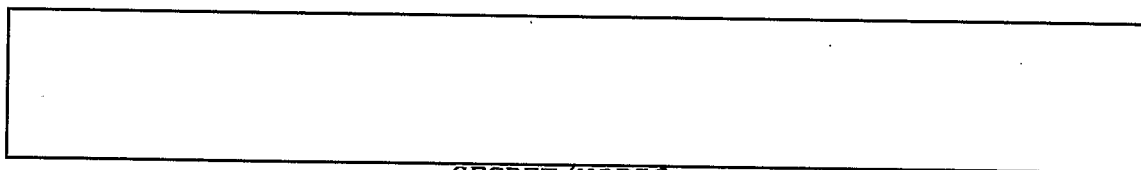
I. PURPOSE

- To determine how we can persuade the Taliban to expel Usama Bin Laden from Afghanistan to a country where he can be brought to justice or otherwise end or limit the threat he poses to U.S. interests.

II. KEY POINTS

Usama Bin Laden

- Taliban have not kept Afghanistan from being a platform for international terrorism.
- Bin Laden and his network continue to threaten U.S. interests. Our people remain in jeopardy. We can not allow this to continue.
- We hold the Taliban and by implication its supporters responsible for Bin Laden's activities while he is in Afghanistan.
- The Taliban should expel Bin Laden so that he can be brought to justice.



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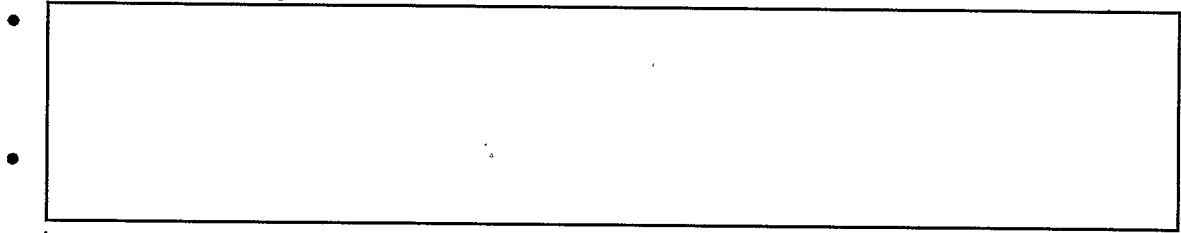
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- The Taliban themselves are divided on the desirability of providing sanctuary to Bin Laden, but previous efforts by both the Saudis and ourselves to get UBL expelled have been frustrated, we believe, by his ties to Taliban leader Mullah Omar



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- The Taliban's desire for increased international contacts, particularly with the U.S., could provide an incentive for movement on this issue.

Attachments:

- Tab 1 - Talking Points.
- Tab 2 - Background Paper - UBL Finances
- Tab 3 - Recent Reporting

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