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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN - POLITICAL UNCERTAINTIES

REF: KABUL L#1806

FOR AMBASSADOR

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1. WE HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN WAY YOU PROPOSE DEAL WITH PROBES FROM WAHID ABDULLAH, WHICH WE AGREE APPEAR THIS TIME TO BE MORE PRECISE THAN NORMALLY THE CASE.

2. CONCUR IN INDIRECT RESPONSE ALONG LINES INDICATED PARA 8 REFTEL. WE HAVE SOME RESERVATION AS TO DESIRABILITY OR NEED OF INCLUDING POINT 2 BUT WE LEAVE THIS TO YOUR DISCRETION IF SITUATION SEEMS TO WARRANT IT.

3. ABDULLAH IS WELL AWARE OF CONTINUITY IN OUR RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN OVER THE YEARS AND WE SEE NO REASON WHY THIS POINT SHOULD NOT BE MADE IN APPROPRIATE FASHION DURING CONVERSATION, PERHAPS AS SUBSTITUTE FOR POINT TWO.

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