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FOR CHARGE FROM SA/PAB

CLASSIFIED BY SA/PAB DIRECTOR YOUNG, REASON, 1.5 (B) AND (D)

1. (U) ARMY SEMINAR: WE UNDERSTAND THE AFGHAN COMMANDERS PLAN TO DEBATE ARMY STRUCTURE AND OTHER ISSUES AT A SEMINAR IN KABUL BEGINNING TODAY. A FBIS ITEM IN PUSHTO REPORTS THAT ISMAIL KHAN, USTAD ATTA MOHAMMAD, HAJI ABDUL QADIR, AND GENERAL DOSTUM HAVE BEEN INVITED. ACCORDING TO SECRET

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THE REPORT, KARZAI WILL OPEN THE MEETING WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE 300 PEOPLE. ANY READOUT ON THE SEMINAR WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

2. (U) LANGUAGE TRAINING: FSI WILL SHORTLY BE SENDING OUT ITS ANNUAL CABLE ASKING POSTS TO RE-EVALUATE WHICH POSITIONS ARE LANGUAGE-DESIGNATED AND TO ADD OR DELETE AS REQUIRED. FSI'S MIKE LEMMON HAS TOLD US THAT THEY ARE ANTICIPATING A RAMP-UP IN FUNDING THAT WILL ALLOW US, MUCH MORE THAN BEFORE, TO TRAIN OFFICERS TO THE LEVEL OF

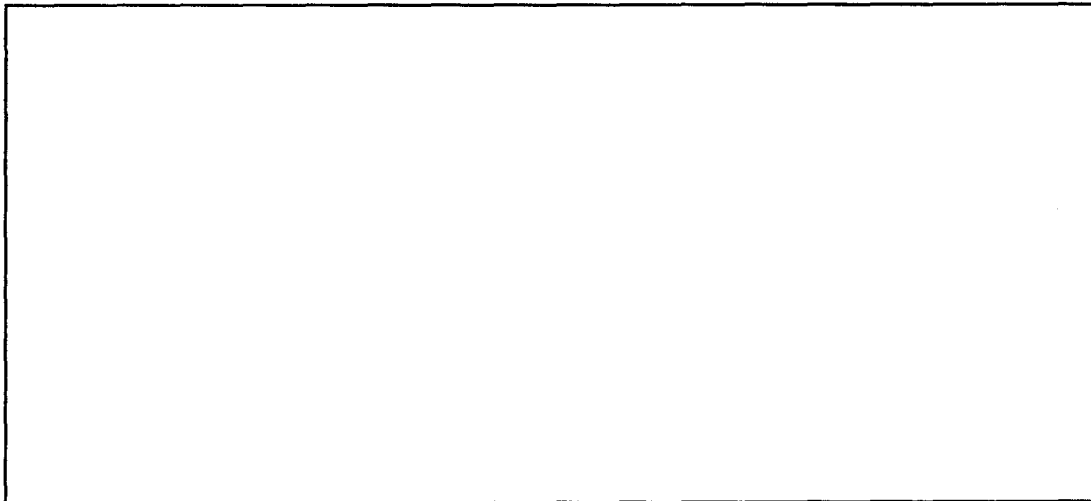
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PROFICIENCY WE REALISTICALLY NEED. HE ASKS THAT EACH POST TAKE A VERY CAREFUL LOOK AT WHAT ADDITIONAL POSITIONS YOU MIGHT NEED, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF DESIGNATING A FEW POSITIONS AT THE 4,4 LEVEL.

3. (U) FED RESERVE AGREES TO MEET AFGHAN CENTRAL BANK OFFICIAL FITRAT: EB ASKS IF WE COULD TRY TO PASS A MESSAGE TO FITRAT, NAMELY THAT THE FRBNY COUNSEL AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT TOM BAXTER WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH HIM MARCH 27 IN DUBAI OR OMAN -- IF FITRAT THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE USEFUL AND COULD GET THERE. BAXTER WILL TRY TO PASS THE MESSAGE HIMSELF AS WELL.

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5. (U) CONDITIONALITY PAPER: WE NEED POST'S VIEWS ON THIS BY OOB THURSDAY OR THE DEPARTMENT WILL PLAN TO MOVE THE PAPER FORWARD WITHOUT THEM.

6. (U) HEADS-UP: TREASURY IS ASKING FOR COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR LARRY SEALE TO DO ANOTHER TDY MARCH 13-APRIL-END. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS YOU HAVE ON THIS.

7. (U) MEETING WITH AID ON ASSISTANCE TO LOYA JIRGA. WE MET WITH IO AND AID TO DISCUSS LJ ASSISTANCE. APPRECIATED POST'S TIMELY CABLE ON THE UN'S NEED FOR LOGISTICAL, OTHER SUPPORT FOR THE LOYA JIRGA. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FROM POST AS TO HOW THE USG MIGHT SUPPORT SOME OF THESE OBJECTIVES; SPECIFICALLY, POST INSIGHT AS TO HOW THE UN IS PRESENTLY SECURING AIR/HELO TRANSPORT --WHICH COMPANIES, DAILY COSTS; SECURING EQUIPMENT -- IS THERE AN EXISTING CONTRACT WITH A PROCUREMENT FIRM IN KABUL OR PAKISTAN; INFORMATION AS TO OTHER COUNTRIES (BESIDES GERMANY) BRAHIMI HAS APPROACHED OR WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO ASSIST. WE ARE CONSIDERING PROPOSING A DONOR MEETING,

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POSSIBLY IN NEW YORK TO COMPARE NOTES WITH OTHERS AND
SHARE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN.

8. (U) MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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