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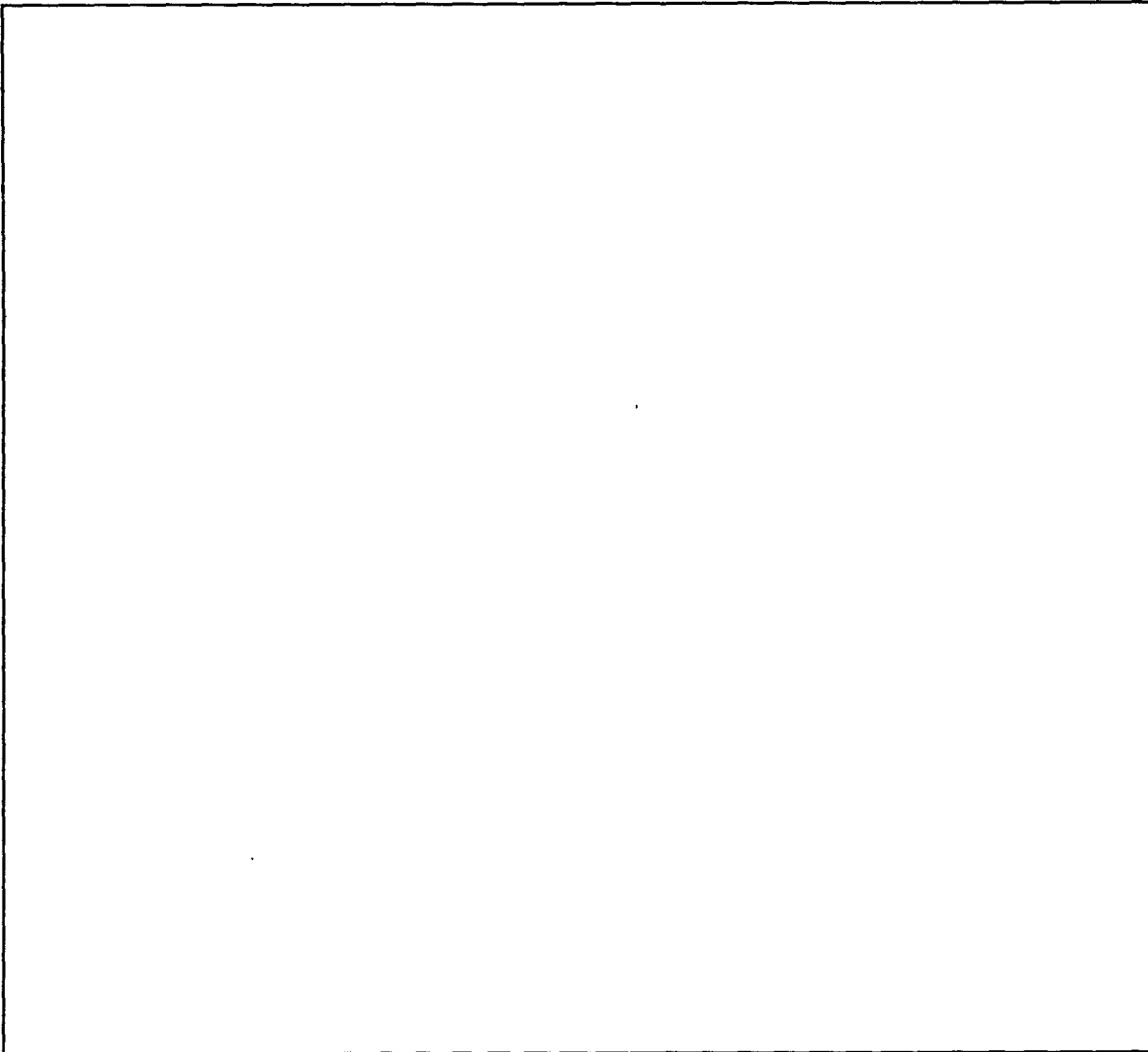
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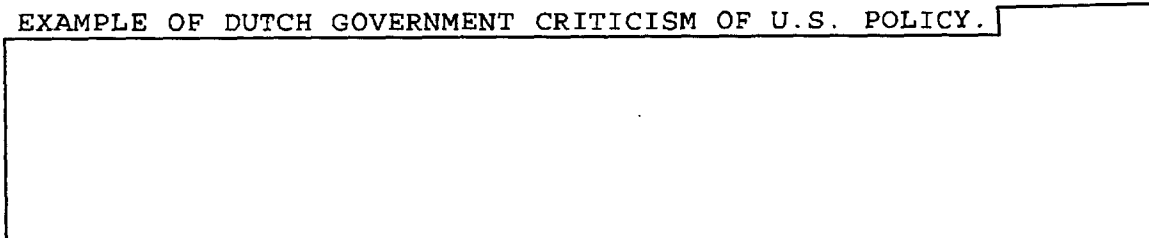
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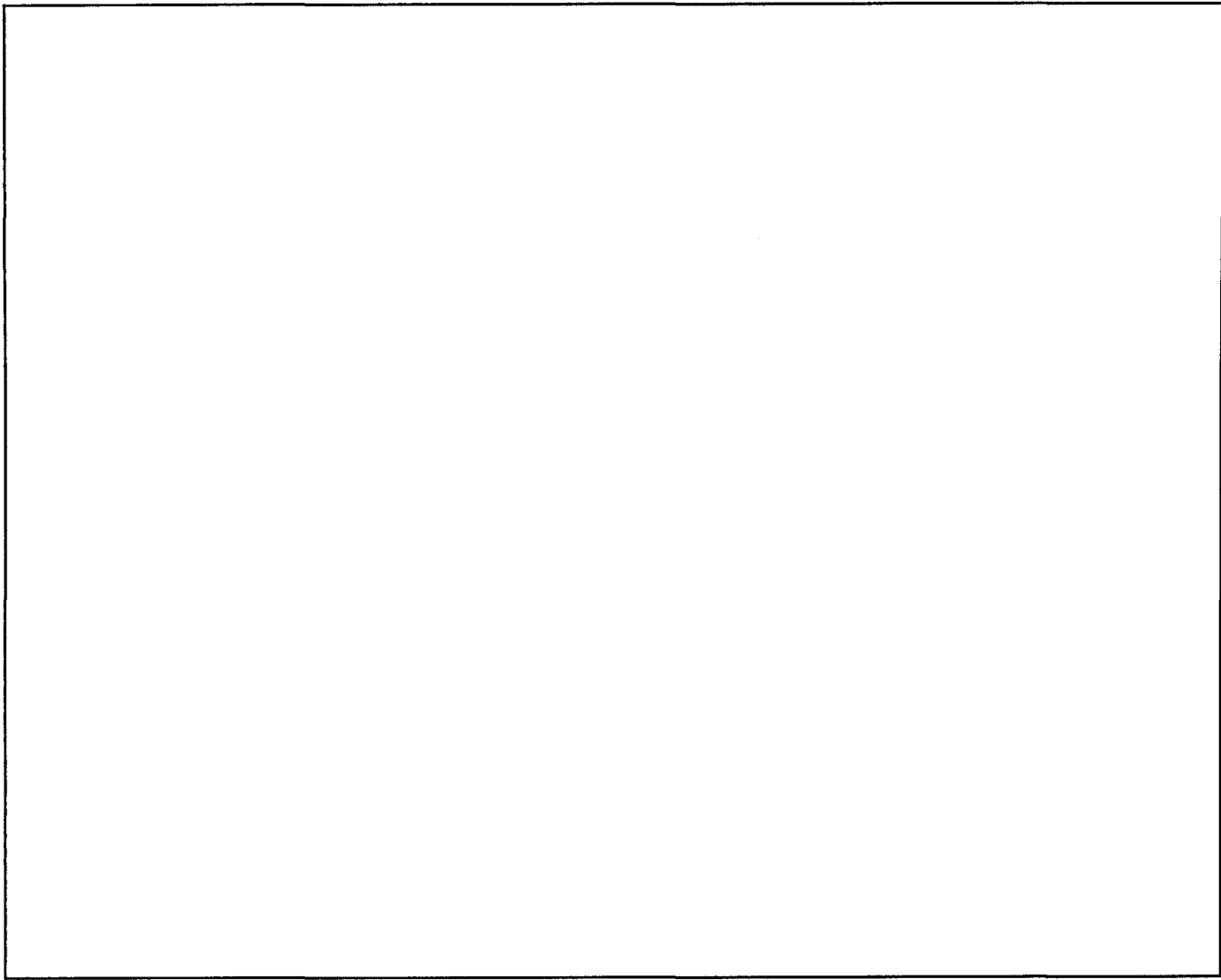


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2. (C) FM VAN AARTSEN'S JANUARY 21 STATEMENT ON DUTCH TELEVISION CALLING ON THE U.S. TO OBSERVE THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS IN ITS TREATMENT OF AL-QAEDA AND TALIBAN PRISONERS HAS BEEN CITED IN THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS AS AN EXAMPLE OF DUTCH GOVERNMENT CRITICISM OF U.S. POLICY.





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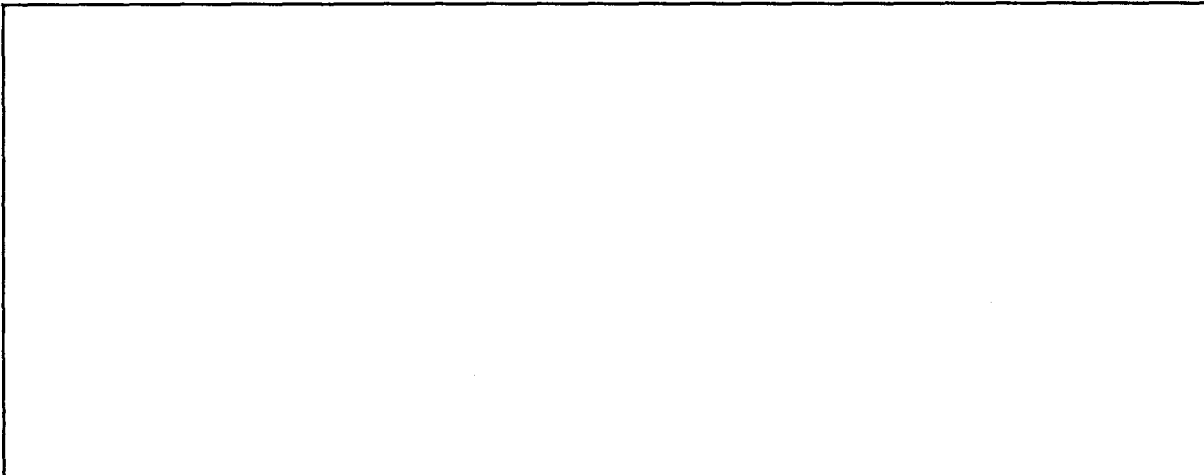
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DUTCH MFA LETTER TO PARLIAMENT

6. (SBU) THE MFA'S RESPONSE TO MP VAN BOMMEL'S QUESTION WAS INCLUDED IN A LONGER LETTER ON DUTCH AFGHAN POLICY, AND APPEARED DESIGNED TO MATCH THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S PREVIOUS STATEMENT. FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION:

"THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM IS A FIGHT FOR OUR NORMS AND PRINCIPLES. THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT TALIBAN AND AL-QAEDA COMBATANTS TAKEN PRISONER SHOULD BE TREATED IN CONFORMITY WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW, AS EMBODIED, INTER ALIA, IN THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS. ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN THAT THIS CONCERNS PEOPLE WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF BELONGING TO A NETWORK DEEMED RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACKS OF SEPTEMBER 11, THE RIGHTS OF THESE PEOPLE SHOULD BE RESPECTED.

THE NETHERLANDS SHALL PRESENT THIS POINT OF VIEW IN ITS CONTACTS WITH THE UNITED STATES."

7. (C) ANOTHER PASSAGE IN THE SAME PARLIAMENTARY LETTER,



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EXPLAINS THAT DUTCH NAVAL VESSELS SUPPORTING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) IN THE PERSIAN GULF AND INDIAN OCEAN CANNOT BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN MARITIME LEADERSHIP INTERDICTION OPERATIONS

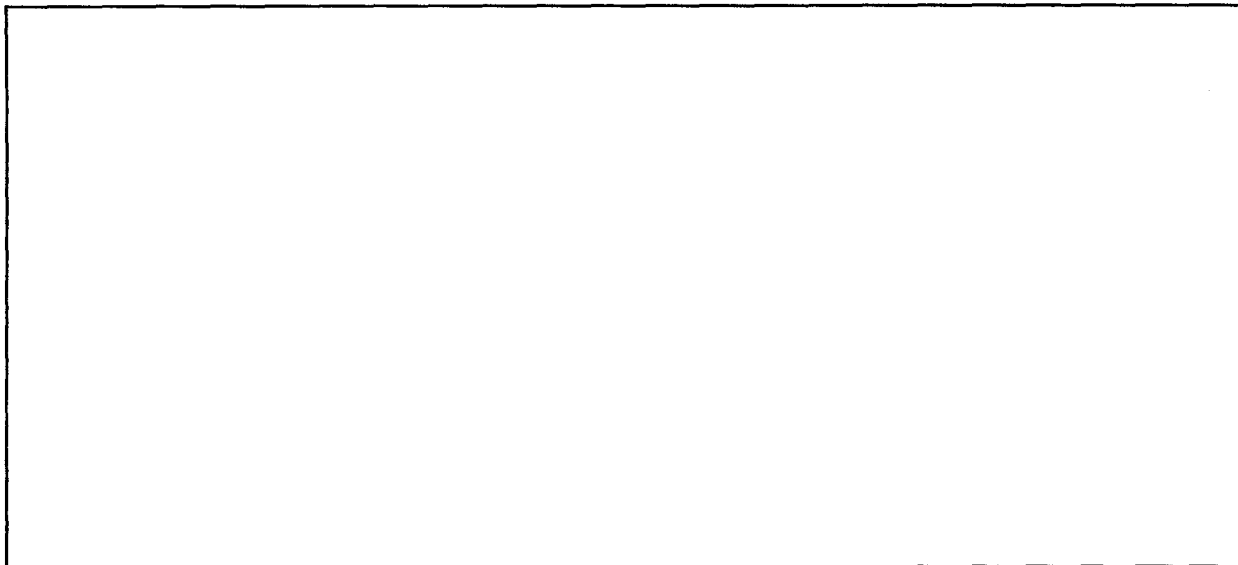


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THOSE DUTCH VESSELS TO HOST U.S. BOARDING PARTIES WHICH COULD CONDUCT THE ACTUAL LEADERSHIP INTERDICTION OPERATIONS.





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10. (SBU) NOTWITHSTANDING THE LACK OF INTEREST EXHIBITED IN THESE FORA, PAO HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS QUERIES FROM ACADEMICS, DUTCH AND AMERICAN, OVER THE DETENTIONS. FAR FROM VIRULENT OR CONDEMNATORY, THESE INQUIRERS ARE PRIMARILY SEEKING INFORMATION TO UNDERSTAND AND EVEN TO DEFEND U.S. POLICY AND PRACTICE.

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COMMENT

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WE ENCOUNTER ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE USG POLICY, MORE -- SEEMINGLY -- TO ENABLE THEM TO UNDERSTAND THE U.S. RATIONALE AND MAYBE EVEN DEFEND IT, THAN TO REFLEXIVELY CONDEMN IT. [REDACTED]

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12.(U) PDAS RIES CLEARED ON THIS MESSAGE.
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