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CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR [redacted] FOR REASON  
 1.5 (D).

1. (C) SUMMARY. THE FATHER OF A [redacted] NATIONAL DETAINED  
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AT GUANTANAMO BAY HAS APPROACHED THE EMBASSY TO INQUIRE  
 ABOUT THE DETAINEES' STATUS. [redacted] WHO B6

IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS THE FATHER OF DETAINEE [redacted] B6, B7(C)

[redacted] TOLD US THAT HE HAS FORMED A GROUP OF [redacted] B1

DETAINEE FAMILIES WHICH SEEK ASSURANCES THAT THEIR SONS  
 ARE BEING PROPERLY TREATED AND WHICH HOPE TO EXPEDITE  
 THEIR RELEASE. [redacted] RELAYED HIS VERSION OF HIS SON'S B6

AND OTHER DETAINEES' ACTIVITIES TO POLCOUNS, CLAIMING  
 THAT THEY WERE ALL AID WORKERS MISIDENTIFIED AS  
 COMBATANTS. HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT OR WOULD NOT SPECIFY  
 WITH WHICH AID GROUPS THEY SUPPOSEDLY HAD WORKED.

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2. (C) POLCOUNS MET WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TO DISCUSS  
THE DETENTION OF [REDACTED] AT THE U.S. NAVAL BASE  
AT GUANTANAMO BAY. [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS THE  
FATHER OF [REDACTED] WHO HE SAID IS A  
DETAINEE AT GUANTANAMO. HE SAID HE WAS ALSO SPEAKING ON  
BEHALF OF A GROUP OF [REDACTED] FAMILIES (INCLUDING HIS  
OWN), SIX OF WHOM HAVE SONS IN U.S. DETENTION AT  
GUANTANAMO AND FIVE IN AFGHANISTAN (BAGRAM AND KANDAHAR).

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] THE TWO SAID THEY HAD  
BEEN ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE EMBASSY BY [REDACTED]

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3. (C) [REDACTED] SAID HE BECAME AWARE THAT HIS SON WAS  
BEING DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO BECAUSE OF LETTERS HE AND  
OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS RECEIVED FROM THEIR SONS THROUGH THE

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[REDACTED] FOREIGN MINISTRY.  
SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED THEIR STATUS AS DETAINEES WHEN THE  
FAMILIES INQUIRED ABOUT THEM. (NOTE: [REDACTED] DID NOT ASK  
POLCOUNS FOR CONFIRMATION OF HIS SON'S DETENTION NOR FOR  
THE REASONS THE U.S. MAY BE HOLDING HIM; POLCOUNS DID NOT  
OFFER ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE DETAINEES.)

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4. (C) [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT HIS SON HAD BEEN WORKING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WHEN HE WAS  
DETAINED BY U.S. FORCES. HE SAID HE BELIEVED HIS SON'S  
ERRONEOUS IDENTIFICATION AS A COMBATANT WAS INTENTIONAL;  
HE CLAIMED THAT PAKISTANIS HAD FINGERED INNOCENT ARAB AID  
WORKERS--INCLUDING HIS SON--AS "AFGHAN ARABS" WITH LINKS  
TO THE TALIBAN OR AL-QAIDA IN ORDER TO OBTAIN REWARD  
MONEY. HE ADDED THAT HIS SON HAD PREVIOUSLY MADE MANY  
SIMILAR TRIPS TO PAKISTAN TO DIG WELLS AND PROVIDE  
HUMANITARIAN RELIEF, GENERALLY LINKING UP WITH LOCAL  
PAKISTANI AID ORGANIZATIONS WHEN HE ARRIVED IN COUNTRY.  
HE SAID HE WAS NOT SURE WHICH ORGANIZATION HIS SON HAD  
BEEN WORKING WITH THIS TIME, AND THAT HE WAS MAKING

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INQUIRIES THROUGH FRIENDS IN PAKISTAN TO GAIN THIS AND OTHER EXCULPATORY INFORMATION ABOUT HIS SON'S CASE.

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5. (C) [redacted] SAID SOME OF THE OTHER [redacted] DETAINEES HAD BEEN PICKED UP IN CIRCUMSTANCES SIMILAR TO HIS SON'S, BUT OTHERS HAD TRAVELED TO PAKISTAN AS A GROUP SPONSORED BY A [redacted] (WHICH HE WOULD NOT NAME). THE FAMILY MEMBERS HAD APPROACHED THIS SOCIETY SEEKING AN AFFIDAVIT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GROUP HAD BEEN SENT TO DO HUMANITARIAN WORK ONLY. ACCORDING TO [redacted] THE UNNAMED SOCIETY REFUSED TO ISSUE THE AFFIDAVIT ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT MIGHT BE ACCUSED OF BEING A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION BY THE U.S. (NOTE: THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSION, [redacted] CONSISTENTLY SAID THAT THE [redacted] HAD TRAVELED TO PAKISTAN, NOT AFGHANISTAN. HE CLAIMED THAT THEY HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED INTO AFGHANISTAN AFTER THEY WERE DETAINED.)

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6. (C) [redacted] EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE TREATMENT OF THE DETAINEES AT GUANTANAMO, REFERRING TO INITIAL PHOTOS RELEASED TO THE MEDIA AND COMPLAINTS BY EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS THAT HE SAID SUPPORTED ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE AND TORTURE. POLOFF NOTED THAT ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DETAINEES' CONDITION WAS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PRESS: THEY WERE RECEIVING ADEQUATE FOOD, CLOTHING AND HOUSING AND HAD EXCELLENT MEDICAL CARE; SPIRITUAL COUNSEL WAS PROVIDED BY A MOSLEM CHAPLAIN AND THEY WERE ENCOURAGED TO PRAY FIVE TIMES EACH DAY; THEY WERE NOT BEING TORTURED OR ABUSED. POLCOUNS NOTED THAT THE ICRC

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HAD VISITED GUANTANAMO TO CONFIRM THAT THE DETAINEES WERE  
BEING PROPERLY TREATED.

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7. (C) [redacted] ASKED SIX QUESTIONS ABOUT  
THE [redacted] DETAINEES:

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- HOW LONG WOULD THEY BE DETAINED?
- HAD THEY BEEN ACCUSED OR CONVICTED OF ANY CRIMINAL OFFENSES?
- COULD FAMILY MEMBERS VISIT THEM AT GUANTANAMO?
- COULD THE FAMILIES MAKE CONTACT WITH THEM THROUGH THE U.S. EMBASSY?
- WHY WERE U.S. CITIZENS BEING TREATED DIFFERENTLY FROM NON-U.S. CITIZENS (I.E. NOT BEING HELD AT GUANTANAMO)?
- IF ULTIMATELY EXONERATED, WOULD THE DETAINEES RECEIVE FINANCIAL COMPENSATION?

8. (C) POLCOUNS OFFERED TO CONVEY THESE QUESTIONS TO WASHINGTON, THOUGH HE DID NOT PROMISE AN ANSWER, NOTING THAT THE ICRC WAS THE USUAL CHANNEL FOR INFORMATION ABOUT DETAINEES. HE EXPLAINED THAT THOSE BEING HELD AT GUANTANAMO WERE DETAINED AS ILLEGAL COMBATANTS IN THE CONFLICT AGAINST TERRORISM THAT WAS STILL IN PROGRESS, AS HAS BEEN PUBLICLY REPORTED. THE US MILITARY WAS STILL INVESTIGATING THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE DETAINEES AND NO DETERMINATION HAD YET BEEN MADE ON WHETHER OR WHEN TO PROSECUTE THEM; THERE WAS NO WAY TO PREDICT HOW LONG THEY MIGHT BE DETAINED. POLCOUNS SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION INDICATING THAT FAMILY MEMBERS WOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT THE DETAINEES, THAT EMBASSIES WOULD BE CONVEYING INFORMATION TO FAMILY MEMBERS, NOR THAT SOME DETAINEES MIGHT BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL COMPENSATION SOMEDAY. HE

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ENCOURAGED [redacted] TO FULLY DISCLOSE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HE MIGHT HAVE ABOUT THE DETAINEES'

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9. (C) [redacted]

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