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 FOR ARTICLE 98 AGREEMENT

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 1.4 B AND D.

1. (C) THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA HAS SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE
 <<UNITED>> <<STATES>> AND UNITED KINGDOM OVER THE CONDUCT OF MILITARY
 PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MISTREATMENT OF IRAQI <<DETAINEES>>
 AT ABU GHRAIB, AND POSSIBLY ELSEWHERE. PRIME MINISTER
 ABDULLAH TOLD REPORTERS MAY 3 THAT THE <<UNITED>> <<STATES>> AND THE
 UNITED KINGDOM SHOULD SWIFTLY PUNISH THOSE RESPONSIBLE. HE
 ACCUSED THE U.S. OF SWEEPING HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES "UNDER THE
 CARPET" AND SAID MALAYSIA WOULD "NOT LISTEN" TO FUTURE U.S.
 CRITICISM OF MALAYSIAN HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES. ABDULLAH ADDED
 THAT MALAYSIA WOULD SEND A "PROTEST NOTE" TO THE UNITED

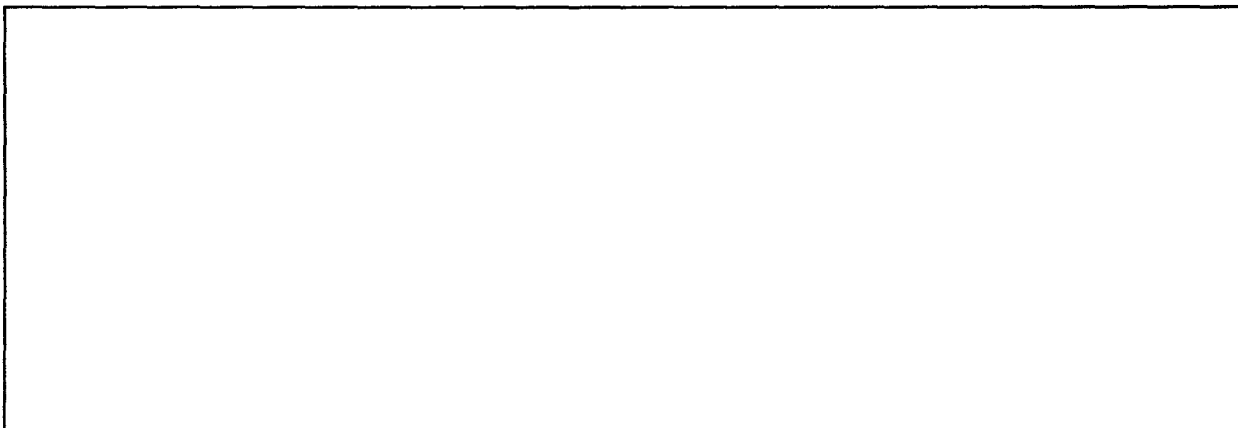
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NATIONS ON THE "ILL-<<TREATMENT>>" OF THE <<DETAINEES>>. "WE ARE NOT AGAINST THE U.S. OR U.K.'S PRESENCE IN <<IRAQ>>, BUT WE ARE AGAINST THE BRUTAL <<TREATMENT>> OF PRISONERS," HE SAID.

2. (U) EDUCATION MINISTER HISHAMMUDDIN, A LEADING FIGURE WITHIN THE UNITED MALAYS NATIONAL ORGANIZATION (UMNO), THE PRIMARY PARTY IN MALAYSIA'S GOVERNING COALITION, WAS EVEN MORE FULL-THROATED IN HIS CONDEMNATION OF U.S. AND BRITISH ACTIONS. HE DESCRIBED THE <<TREATMENT>> OF THE <<DETAINEES>> AS THE "MOST UNCIVILIZED AND DESPICABLE ACTION IN THE MODERN HISTORY OF MANKIND," AND SAID U.S. AND U.K. TROOPS SHOULD LEAVE <<IRAQ>> "AT ONCE."



B7(C)

4. (C) ACTION REQUEST AND COMMENT: WE HAVE SEEN FROM DOD AND MEDIA SOURCES THAT SIX SOLDIERS OF THE 800TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE HAVE BEEN CHARGED, SIX OTHER SOLDIERS HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS OF REPRIMAND, AND THAT INVESTIGATIONS AND REMEDIAL ACTIONS ARE ONGOING. WE AWAIT STATE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON THIS TOPIC.

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