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Dear Bud:

I have attached a copy of USIA's latest publication on Afghanistan, which is part of our continuing public diplomacy effort to focus international attention on the facts and implications of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

"Afghanistan: The Struggle Continues" is a sequel to an earlier pamphlet, "Afghanistan: The Struggle to Regain Freedom," printed in the fall of 1981.

A total of 25,000 copies has been printed and distributed worldwide through our overseas posts in four languages: English, French, Arabic and Spanish.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Charles Z. Wick
Director

Attachment:

"Afghanistan: The
Struggle Continues"

The Honorable
Robert C. McFarlane
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The White House

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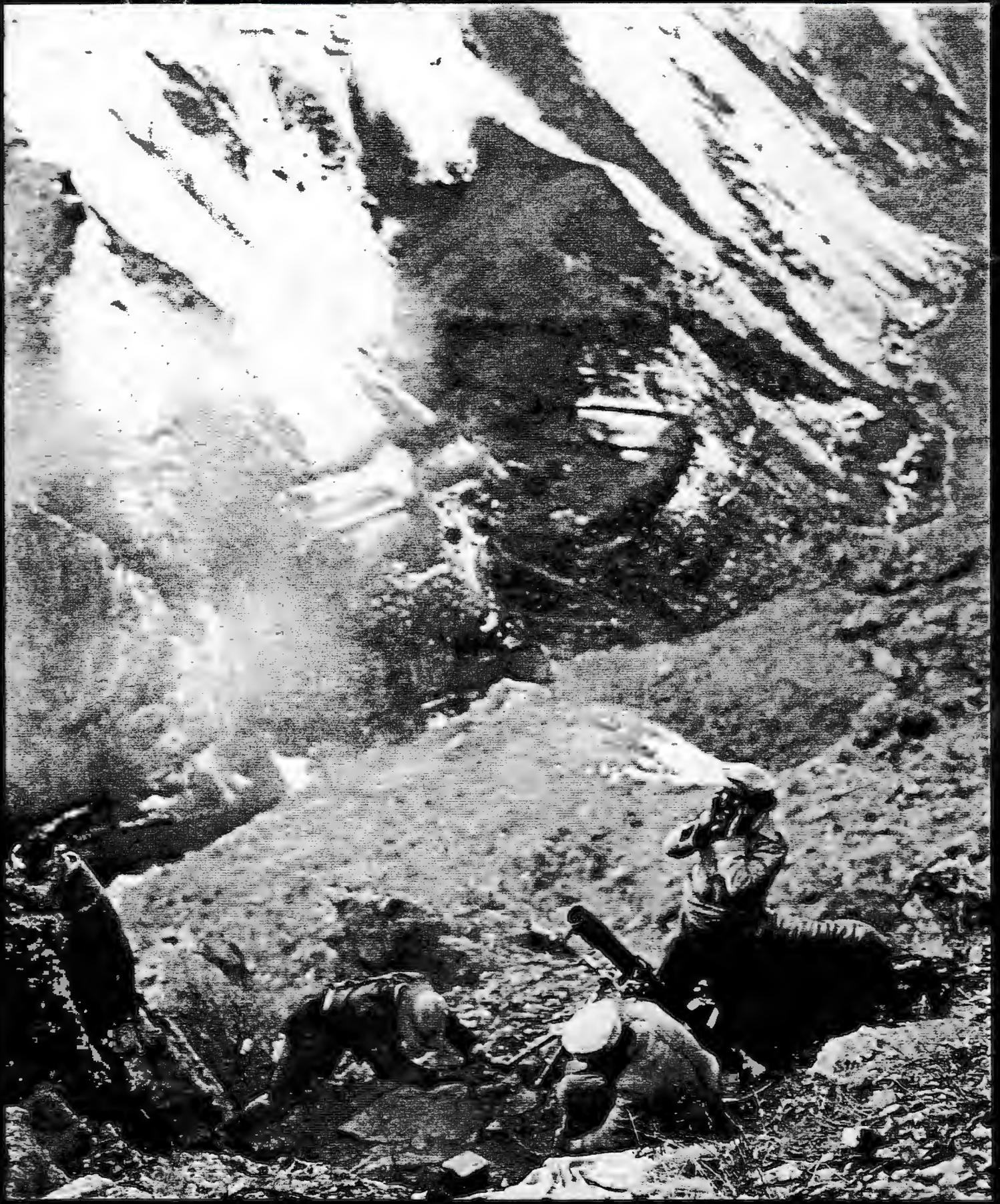
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Dear Jim:

AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR, USIA's latest television documentary on the Soviet invasion, has achieved remarkable success among international TV broadcasters.

- Produced in cooperation with 11 international television networks including CBS, ITV, NHK and ABC (Australia).
- Seen by over 100 million people in 77 countries.

For your information, I am attaching a report compiled by our Television Service detailing the effectiveness of this one hour program through the comments of our worldwide audience and broadcast clients. The report on the tape represents a milestone in USIA's efforts to keep world attention focussed on the Soviet invasion and occupation.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Charles Z. Wick
Director

The Honorable
James A. Baker III
Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President
The White House

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**THE FOLLOWING AV ITEMS HAVE
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MEDIA: 1 1/2" VHS Video Tape

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Program Concept



A black outline map of Afghanistan is centered on the page. The map shows the country's irregular borders, including the Pamir Knot in the west and the Hindu Kush mountains in the north. The text is overlaid on the western and central parts of the map.

**"Afghanistan:
The Hidden War"**

A Report to the Director

PROGRAM CONCEPT

"AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" IS A ONE HOUR USIA-TV DOCUMENTARY SPECIAL THAT WE HAVE DISTRIBUTED TO 77 COUNTRIES. IT HAS BEEN SEEN TO DATE BY AN ESTIMATED AUDIENCE OF OVER 100,000,000 PEOPLE.

AS A SPIN-OFF OF OUR HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TV CO-PRODUCTION FORMULA, WE DEVELOPED THIS NEW TECHNIQUE IN TV NEWS PACKAGING. USIA-TV PRODUCED THE PROGRAM FROM MATERIAL CONTRIBUTED BY TWELVE DIFFERENT BROADCAST ORGANIZATIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

"AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" IS DESIGNED TO INFORM FOREIGN TELEVISION AUDIENCES ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE. OUR GOAL IS TO MOBILIZE WORLD OPINION AGAINST ACTS OF TERROR AND DESTRUCTION IN AFGHANISTAN. STRESS IS PLACED ON THE HUMAN ASPECT OF THE SOVIET WAR AGAINST THE AFGHAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

THROUGH THE WORDS AND PICTURES OF RESPECTED INTERNATIONAL REPORTERS, IT PRESENTS CREDIBLE EVIDENCE THAT IS HARD TO REFUTE.

AFGHANISTAN:
THE HIDDEN WAR

An International
Retrospective of
Television Reporting

Produced by
USIA-TV

With the cooperation of:

ABC
Australian Broadcasting
Commission
Melbourne, Australia

ITV
Central Television
Thames Television
London, England

NHK
Japan Broadcasting
Corporation
Tokyo, Japan

PTV
Pakistan Television
Islamabad, Pakistan

TCN
Channel Nine Network, Ltd.
Sydney, Australia

USIA-TV
United States
Information Agency
Washington, D.C.

CBS
Columbia Broadcasting
System
New York, New York

KCRA-TV
Sacramento, California

ORF
Austrian Television
Vienna, Austria

RAI TG-1
Italian Television
Rome, Italy

TF-1
French Television
Paris, France

ZDF
German Television
Wiesbaden, FRG

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Highlights from the free world....

AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR

1. USIS BANGKOK Excerpts from program telecast on evening of August 31st to estimated audience of 13 million.
2. USIS BOGOTA VCR telecast Friday evening, September 2nd, to an estimated 2.5 million on one of National Colombian TV's most popular programs.
3. USIS MANILA In addition to placement in Manila and elsewhere, this program as well as other Afghan VCRs were telecast by all four Cebu TV stations as newsclips or documentaries. The Intercontinental Broadcasting Corporation has telecast the program twice. Though the Post found it to be excellent, they noted that a 30 minute program would be much easier to place.
4. USIS RIO DE JANEIRO Three minutes of excerpts used on TV Globo late-night news program to estimated audience of more than 10 million.
5. USIS ISLAMABAD December 26th the USIS documentary was telecast to a large audience of influential Pakistanis and drew many favorable comments from viewers.
6. USIS RIYADH September 13 Saudi TV aired a 45-minute panel discussion on Afghanistan which utilized 20 minutes of Agency VCR. Riyadh-based evening newspaper Al-Masaiya featured an unattributed news story with photos on the VCR.
7. USIS SEOUL Korean version was prepared for KBS-TV telecast Sept. 5th and use in Post programming beginning Sept. 6th.
8. USIS MOGADISHU "The Hidden War" was the first USIA production placed on the new Somali TV station on the 4th anniversary of the invasion, Dec. 27th at 9pm.
9. USIS MELBOURNE Held a successful program utilizing the VCR and a lecture by the Chairman on the Australian Relief Committee for Afghanistan.

10. USIS BONN Post has distributed copies of the program to television stations, the Federal Press Office, a member of the German Bundestag, and to the Mayor's office in Bremen which is sponsoring an exhibit on the subject.
11. USIS CANBERRA Program given to all local TV stations in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne. Program has been well received by TV channels in Sydney and Melbourne and will be programmed.
12. USIS JAKARTA Post appreciative of Indonesian language version and is programming this "excellent" VCR on Afghanistan.
13. USIS BOGOTA Telecast again December 27 on national networks, the estimated audience for "El Dia Historico" is 1.5 million.
14. USIS BUJUMBURA VCR shown to general public, radio and press, government employees and students. Some participants commented on plurality of views expressed by reporters from different countries.
15. USIS KAMPALA Programmed the VCR with DRS audience including Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director for Eastern European Affairs and the new Director of Television News for Uganda TV.
16. USIS KHARTOUM Arabic version used with broadcast journalists preparing future Sudanese TV special on Afghanistan.
17. USIS ANKARA Post produced Turkish language version and foresees multiple programs on Afghanistan with the VCR as centerpiece.
18. USIS MUSCAT Oman TV utilized visual and reporting materials from USIA's "Afghanistan Digest No. 2" and "Afghanistan: the Hidden War" to mark the fourth anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.



The Russians reacted immediately....

First evidence of the program's impact came from Moscow:

USIS MOSCOW

30 AUG 83

BOTH IZVESTIA AND PRAVDA OF AUGUST 28 RAN TASS ITEMS ATTACKING USIA FILM "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" THE IZVESTIA STORY, BY FAR THE LONGER OF THE TWO, IS TITLED "MASTERS OF FALSIFICATION." IN IT THE AFGHANISTAN PROGRAM IS DESCRIBED AS A POTPOURRI OF "MALICIOUS INVENTIONS...INTERVIEWS WITH THE VENAL LEADERS OF ARMED BANDS WHO SURVIVE ON CIA MONEY AND WORK OFF THEIR DEBT WITH CRIMINAL RAIDS INTO AFGHAN TERRITORY...PHOTOGRAPHS DOCTORED BY WESTERN SPECIAL SERVICES AND 'COMMENTARY BY PROFESSIONAL ANTI-SOVIETS.'"

ACCORDING TO ISVESTIA, "THIS IS FAR FROM THE FIRST EXAMPLE OF IDEOLOGICAL SABOTAGE UNDERTAKEN BY THE AMERICAN PROPAGANDA AGENCY FOR THE POISONING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE AND THE INCITEMENT OF ANTI-SOVIET HYSTERIA." THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO CITE DIRECTOR WICK'S INTERVIEW WITH U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, IN WHICH "...HE OPENLY DECLARED THAT THE PRINCIPAL TASK OF HIS AGENCY WAS THE SHARP ACTIVIZATION OF ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA 'ON ALL SIDES WITH ALL THE MEANS AVAILABLE IN THE ARSENALS OF USIA AND OTHER U.S. AGENCIES.' IT IS NO ACCIDENT THAT WICK WAS ONE OF THE INITIATORS OF SUCH BANKRUPT PROPAGANDISTIC FRAUDS AS THE FILM 'LET POLAND BE POLAND' AND THE BROCHURE 'THE SOVIET MILITARY THREAT' (SIC), WHICH ALSO PROVOKED AN OPENLY SKEPTICAL REACTION EVEN AMONG SEASONED 'BRAIN WASHERS' BOTH IN THE U.S. AND IN EUROPE."

"THE TRUE GOALS OF USIA'S DISINFORMATION SPECIALISTS," CONCLUDES IZVESTIA, "ARE NO SECRET. WASHINGTON, WITH THE HELP OF NAKED LIES AND SLANDERS, STRIVES TO DENIGRATE THE STRUGGLE OF THE AFGHANI FOR THEIR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, AND BY ANY--EVEN ADMITTEDLY WORTHLESS--MEANS TO POISON THE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE, SLANDER THE POLICIES OF THE SOVIET UNION, AND JUSTIFY THE INTERFERENCE OF AMERICA'S SPECIAL SERVICES IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE."

THE TWO PARAGRAPH PRAVDA ARTICLE NOTES THAT THE FILM, PRODUCED IN SEVEN LANGUAGES, WILL NOT BE SHOWN IN THE UNITED STATES: "THE REASON IS CLEAR. THE MASTERS OF PROPAGANDA FROM USIA DO NOT DARE PUT SUCH CRUDELY KNIT FALSIFICATION ON THE DOMESTIC MARKET."



Cable excerpts.....

[UNCLASSIFIED FIELD REACTION]

AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR

ANKARA

30 SEP 83

POST HAS COMPLETED DUBBING OF SUBJECT VTR INTO TURKISH. TWO HUNDRED MORE COPIES OF AGENCY PAMPHLET "AFGHANISTAN: THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES" HAVE BEEN ORDERED FROM RSC MANILA IN SUPPORT OF VTR SCREENINGS, WHICH WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK. IN ADDITION, POL/MIL OFFICER DOUG ARCHARD, FORMER AMERICAN CONSUL IN PESHAWAR FOR FOUR YEARS, WILL BE ON HAND AT MOST SCREENINGS IN ANKARA TO HELP WITH QUESTIONS. POST FORESEES MULTIPLE PROGRAMS ON AFGHANISTAN WITH SUBJECT VTR AS CENTERPIECE.

ANKARA

19 OCT 83

ONE IMMEDIATE BENEFIT OF USIS ANKARA'S SCREENING OF THE VIDEOTAPE "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" FOR 16 JOURNALISTS ON OCTOBER 7 WAS A COLUMN IN THE NATIONAL DAILY BULVAR (CIRCULATION 233,553) ON OCTOBER 10 BY ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS, GÜNGÖR YERDES. THE COLUMN NOT ONLY CALLED ATTENTION TO THE BRUTALITY OF THE SOVIET OCCUPATION AND THE NEED FOR TURKISH VIGILANCE BUT ALSO URGED TURKISH TELEVISION TO BROADCAST THE TAPE IN ITS ENTIRETY.

BANGKOK

16 SEP 83

PROGRAMMING ON AFGHANISTAN HAS BEEN HAMPERED BY FOCUS OF MEDIA ATTENTION AND PUBLIC INTEREST ON FIRST THE AQUINO ASSASSINATION AND THEN THE KOREAN AIRLINE INCIDENT. NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE MADE GOOD USE OF AGENCY PRODUCTS TO REMIND THAIS OF THE CONTINUING STRUGGLE IN AFGHANISTAN.

TO COMMEMORATE JESHYN WE PLACED THE VTR "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" ON TV CHANNEL 7, A MAJOR STATION IN BANGKOK WITH SUB-STATIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY. EXCERPTS OF THE PROGRAM WERE BROADCAST ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 31 DURING PRIME TIME TO AN ESTIMATED AUDIENCE OF THIRTEEN MILLION. IN ADDITION, THE SAME VIDEOTAPE WAS SEEN IN SEPARATE SCREENINGS BY STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT THE NATIONAL SECURITY COLLEGE, ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE WAR COLLEGE, THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY AND PRASARNMITR UNIVERSITY. WE ALSO ARRANGED A SPECIAL SCREENING FOR GENERAL SAIYUD KEROPOL, SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE THAI ARMED FORCES, AND THIRTY HIGH-RANKING MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF.

BOGOTA

3 SEP 83

AGENCY-PRODUCED RETROSPECTIVE "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" WAS BROADCAST ON NATIONAL COLOMBIAN TELEVISION FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 2 ON "ENVIADO ESPECIAL" PRODUCED AND NARRATED BY GERMAN CASTRO CAICEDO.

THE PROGRAM, WHICH WAS AIRED PRIME TIME, WAS EDITED INTO EIGHT-MINUTE SEGMENTS ALLOWING CASTRO TO INCORPORATE HIS OWN EDITORIAL COMMENTS. NOTING THAT THE AFGHANS HAVE SUFFERED MORE THAN SEVEN CENTURIES OF INVASIONS BY FOREIGN POWERS, CASTRO SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS ENGAGED IN "INDISCRIMINATE SLAUGHTER" SINCE ITS 1981 INVASION. HE EXPLAINED THAT MEMBERS OF THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, WHICH INCLUDES CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS SEVEN YEARS, OFTEN FIGHT WITH THEIR BARE HANDS AND WITHOUT WEAPONS. THE BRAVERY OF AFGHANS IN THE FACE OF "MURDEROUS ACTIONS" BY THE SOVIETS PROVIDES AN EXAMPLE TO ALL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD WHO SEEK TO RESIST COMMUNIST DOMINATION AND INFILTRATION, HE DECLARED.

"ENVIADO ESPECIAL," WHICH IS BROADCAST WEEKLY AND FOCUSES ON IMPORTANT CURRENT EVENTS TOPICS, IS ONE OF COLOMBIA'S MOST POPULAR TELEVISION PROGRAMS. IT ENJOYS A NATIONWIDE AUDIENCE OF OVER 2.5 MILLION.

COMMENT: THE COINCIDENTAL AIRING OF "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" IN THE WAKE OF THE KOREAN AIRLINER INCIDENT, SHOULD SERVE TO HEIGHTEN PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SOVIET DISRESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ITS REPEATED ATROCITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

BOGOTA

28 DEC 83

THE USIA-PRODUCED VCR "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" WAS BROADCAST ON NATIONAL COLOMBIAN TELEVISION AT 5:30 P.M. DECEMBER 27, ON THE PROGRAM "EL DIA HISTORICO". THE FILM, WHICH WAS ALSO AIRED ON COLOMBIAN TV SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, SERVED AS ANOTHER REMINDER TO COLOMBIAN VIEWERS THAT THE SOVIETS ARE STILL IN AFGHANISTAN FOUR YEARS AFTER THE INVASION. THE ESTIMATED AUDIENCE FOR "EL DIA HISTORICIA" IS 1.5 MILLION.

BONN

30 AUG 83

WE RECEIVED AND ARE DISTRIBUTING THE AGENCY'S PRODUCTION "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" TO TELEVISION. WE HAVE SENT COPIES TO THE FEDERAL PRESS OFFICE, TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE IN BREMEN WHICH IS SPONSORING AN EXHIBIT BY AFGHAN REFUGEES IN GERMANY, TO A MEMBER OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG WHO WAS HIMSELF IN AFGHANISTAN WITH THE MUJAHEDIN, AND TO ALL OUR BRANCH POSTS.

BUJUMBURA

28 SEP 83

AFGHANISTAN VTR SHOWN TWICE, SEPTEMBER 16 TO GENERAL PUBLIC AND STUDENTS (50 PERSONS) AND SEPTEMBER 21 TO ABOUT 45 INVITED GUESTS FROM RADIO AND PRESS, GRB EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS. SOME PARTICIPANTS COMMENTED ON EXCELLENT PRESENTATION AND PLURALITY OF VIEWS EXPRESSED BY REPORTERS FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES COVERING AFGHANISTAN DEVELOPMENTS.

CANBERRA

14 SEP 83

JESHYN PERIOD COINCIDED WITH RETURN OF AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT AND THE TABLING OF THE BUDGET. THAT AND THE KOREAN AIRLINE DISASTER DOMINATED AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 10. HOWEVER, AGENCY PRODUCTION "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY TV CHANNELS IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE AND WILL BE PROGRAMMED.

USIS SYDNEY REPORTS THAT BOTH CHANNEL 9 AND CHANNEL 28 (ETHNIC TV) ARE REVIEWING "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR". AUSTRALIAN TV SETS PROGRAMMING MONTHS IN ADVANCE AND SELDOM WILL INSERT ON SHORT NOTICE.

USIS MELBOURNE HAS HAD SEVERAL AFGHAN PROGRAMS AND WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO AGENCY ON THESE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 16.

CANBERRA

15 SEP 83

CANBERRA, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE PROVIDED FILM TO ALL LOCAL TELEVISION STATIONS. ALL NOTED THAT INSUFFICIENT LEAD TIME WAS PROVIDED TO PROGRAM IT AUGUST 27-31. AT LEAST ONE MONTH'S ADVANCE NOTICE IS REQUIRED. AT THE MOMENT CHANNEL 9 AND 28 IN SYDNEY ARE REVIEWING THE FILM FOR POSSIBLE USE. CHANNEL 10 IN MELBOURNE MAY BE USING EXCERPTS THIS WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH INTERVIEW WITH LEADER OF AUSTRALIAN RELIEF COMMITTEE FOR AFGHANISTAN. BPAO WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO YOU ON THIS AND OTHER EXPECTED AFGHANISTAN PROGRAMMING THIS WEEK BY COB AUGUST 16.

NETWORKS HERE ARE WELL SUPPLIED WITH SATELLITE NEWS COVERAGE ON 24-HOUR BASIS, INCLUDING AFGHANISTAN COVERAGE, ALTHOUGH PERTH CONTINUES TO DEPEND ON SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE NETWORKS FOR INTERNATIONAL NEWS FEATURES.

ISLAMABAD

29 DEC 83

GOP-CONTROLLED TELEVISION, IN PRIME TIME FOLLOWING THE EVENING NEWS PROGRAM, FEATURED AFGHANISTAN-RELATED PROGRAMS DECEMBER 25, 26 AND 27. ON DECEMBER 25, THE 30-MINUTE BBC DOCUMENTARY ENTITLED "AFGHANISTAN FIGHT FOR FREEDOM" WAS TELECAST NATIONWIDE, ALONG WITH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE TRANSMISSION DECEMBER 26 OF "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR". THIS USIA-PRODUCED DOCUMENTARY INCORPORATING SEGMENTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, DREW MANY FAVORABLE COMMENTS FROM VIEWERS. RESPONSE AND TALK ABOUT PRE-BROADCAST PUBLICITY INDICATE THAT THE PROGRAM REACHED A RELATIVELY LARGE AUDIENCE AMONG INFLUENTIAL PAKISTANIS.

THE AMERICAN CENTER IN PESHAWAR FEATURED SPECIAL PROGRAMMING DECEMBER 26 THROUGH JANUARY 1, WITH DAILY SHOWINGS OF AGENCY-SUPPLIED VCRS (AFGHAN EXODUS, THANKSGIVING IN PESHAWAR, AND THE HIDDEN WAR).

JAKARTA

9 SEP 83

POST HAS RECEIVED AND IS PROGRAMMING THIS EXCELLENT AFGHANISTAN VTR. POST ESPECIALLY APPRECIATES INDONESIAN LANGUAGE VERSIONING WHICH IS MOST PROFESSIONALLY DONE. HOWEVER, PAL VERSION WE ORDERED DOES NOT SATISFY ALL OUR PROGRAM NEEDS. POST ALSO ORDERS ONE NTSC UMATIC CASSETTE SUBJECT VTR WITH BOTH ENGLISH AND INDONESIAN SOUND TRACKS.

KAMPALA

15 SEP 83

POST SUCCESSFULLY PROGRAMMED VTR "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" WITH 25 PERSONS MOSTLY DRS AT USIS CENTER SEPTEMBER 13. MOST ATTENDEES WERE FROM MEDIA INCLUDING UGANDA TELEVISION, RADIO UGANDA AND FIVE NEWSPAPERS. THERE WERE NO REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT-OWNED "UGANDA TIMES" PRESENT, MOST PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY AFTERNOON RAINS AND USUAL LACK OF TRANSPORT.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS WAS MOST IMPORTANT PARTICIPANT. AT CONCLUSION OF PROGRAM HE SAID THAT THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH OCCASIONS LIKE THIS TO SEE THE OTHER SIDE OF THINGS. WE PLAN TO PRESENT HIM MANY SUCH OCCASIONS IN FUTURE.

ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT ATTENDEE IS NEW DIRECTOR OF TELEVISION NEWS. HE APOLOGIZED FOR NOT COMING TO USIS FOR MONTHS AND EXPLAINED HE HAS BEEN TOTALLY INVOLVED WITH ESTABLISHING HIS NEWS ROOM AS DISTINCT ENTITY FROM RADIO UGANDA. HE TOO WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH PROGRAM AND SAID THAT VTR PRESENTS MUCH DIFFERENT PICTURE OF PLIGHT OF REFUGEES AND CONDUCT OF WAR THAN HE HAS BEEN LED TO BELIEVE FROM OTHER SOURCES.

HE PROMISED TO BEGIN COMING TO WEEKLY CBS NEWS PROGRAMS AGAIN. HE ALSO ASKED THAT WE ARRANGE SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR HIM AND HIS STAFF THAT WILL PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT EVENTS AS WELL AS PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR WRITING AND PRODUCING TV NEWS.

MOST OTHER COMMENTS ALSO CENTERED ON FACT THAT PROGRAM REVEALED WHAT IS NOT REPEAT NOT APPEARING IN UGANDA MEDIA AND COUNTERS SOVIET PROPAGANDA BEING DISTRIBUTED IN UGANDA.

ONE INTRIGUING REQUEST CAME FROM SUB-EDITOR OF VERNACULAR NEWSPAPER "NGABO" WHICH IS SUPPORTIVE OF SOVIET BLOC. HE ASKED FOR PHOTOS OF "HEALTHY REFUGEES." THE STAFF MEMBER WHO TRIED TO HELP HIM INDICATED THAT THE TERM SEEMED A CONTRADICTION. WE, OF COURSE, HAVE NO SUCH PHOTOS. WE ASSUME HE PLANNED TO SHOW THAT REFUGEES ARE NOT AS BADLY OFF AS SOME SAY. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EDITOR'S MOTIVES AT FOLLOW-UP PROGRAMS.

INFORMATION ASSISTANT RICHARD OTEE THROUGH HIS PERSISTENCE AND A GREAT DEAL OF LEGWORK IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRAM'S SUCCESS. BUT SUCH EFFORTS IN PAST HAVE NOT GUARANTEED AN AUDIENCE OF THIS SIZE AND CALIBRE.

IT IS TOO EARLY TO BE CERTAIN BUT AUDIENCE REACTION TO THE AFGHAN PROGRAM CONSIDERED WITH COMMENTS FROM OTHER SOURCES INDICATES THERE MAY BE A GROWING NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT "THE OTHER SIDE" OF MANY INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. WE FIND IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO PRESENT THE U.S. POSITION ON IMPORTANT ISSUES TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH UGANDA MEDIA. THE SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING PLACEMENT BUT PERHAPS NOT AS SUCCESSFUL IN GAINING CREDIBILITY. INTELLIGENT THINKING PERSONS ARE AWARE THAT THEY ARE NOT GETTING THE WHOLE STORY. PERHAPS WE ARE EXPERIENCING THE FIRST MANIFESTATIONS OF THIS AWARENESS.

KHARTOUM

15 SEP 83

POST HAS SUCCESSFULLY USED TV PRODUCTION "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" IN ARABIC WITH SELECTED BROADCAST JOURNALISTS IN PREPARATION OF FUTURE SUDAN TELEVISION SPECIAL ON AFGHANISTAN.

KINSHASA

USIS KINSHASA USED THE OCCASION OF HUMAN RIGHT'S DAY TO ORGANIZE A SHOWING AT THE CULTURAL CENTER OF "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" TO AN INVITED AUDIENCE OF FIFTY SENIOR ZAIRIAN MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

TO A NUMBER OF THE EDITORS PRESENT, THE ATROCITIES OF AFGHANISTAN CAME AS A REVELATION, AND MOST EXPRESSED SHOCK AND OUTRAGE.

SEVERAL SAW THE NUMBER AND VARIETY OF TV TEAMS WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE FILM'S PRODUCTION AS EVIDENCE OF ITS CREDIBILITY.

THE KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA CARRIED A LENGTHLY COMMENTARY OF THE SHOWING TWO DAYS LATER. TV ZAIRE HAS PROMISED TO TELECAST.

LIMA

13 JAN 84

CHANNEL 2 CARRIED A DIFFERENT SEGMENT FROM "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" EACH NIGHT DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26.

MANILA

30 AUG 83

CHANNEL 13 (INTERCONTINENTAL BROADCASTING CORP., MANILA) HAS TWICE BROADCAST HOUR-LONG PROGRAM. IT WAS AIRED 4:30 - 5:30 P.M., SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, AND 11 P.M. - 12 MIDNIGHT, SUNDAY AUGUST 28. OF MANILA'S FIVE STATIONS, CHANNEL 13 IS THE ONE MOST NOTED FOR ITS "MASS AUDIENCE" APPEAL.

ALTHOUGH A HALF-HOUR PRODUCT WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH EASIER TO PLACE, POST HAS FOUND THE PRODUCTION EXCELLENT AND BELIEVES IT WILL BE EFFECTIVE IN BRINGING THIS "FORGOTTEN WAR" TO PUBLIC ATTENTION.

MANILA

2 SEP 83

MBS-CHANNEL 4, THE GOVERNMENT STATION IN MANILA BROADCAST SUBJECT PROGRAM AT 9:30 P.M., SEPTEMBER 1.

CATV-CHANNEL 5 (SINING MAKULAY, MANILA) USED SUBJECT PROGRAM TWICE -- AT 6 P.M. ON AUGUST 31 AND AT NOON ON SEPTEMBER 1.

IBC-CHANNEL 13 (DAVAO) AIRED SUBJECT PROGRAM AT 5 P.M. ON AUGUST 30. ALSO, SBN-CHANNEL 8 (DAVAO) AIRED A POST-EDITED THREE-AND-ONE-HALF MINUTE SEGMENT (BASED ON KCRA FEATURE IN SUBJECT PROGRAM) ON ITS 7 P.M. NEWSCASTS ON AUGUST 29.

FROM SEPT. 1-8, THE THOMAS JEFFERSON CULTURAL CENTER IS SPONSORING AN AFGHAN RETROSPECTIVE PROGRAM FEATURING AGENCY'S 17 PANEL POSTER DISPLAY AND SCREENINGS OF SEVEN AGENCY-PRODUCED OR ACQUIRED AFGHANISTAN-RELATED VCRS, INCLUDING SUBJECT PROGRAM (SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 3 AND 8 SHOWINGS).

MANILA

9 SEP 83

THIS IS THE POST'S THIRD VTR USAGE REPORT ON "JESHYN" INITIATIVES. IT FOCUSES ON ACTIVITIES IN CEBU.

SUBJECT PROGRAM, AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER AFGHAN VTRS, WERE BROADCAST BY ALL FOUR CEBU TELEVISION STATIONS AS EITHER NEWSCLIPS OR DOCUMENTARIES. PLACEMENT BREAKDOWN WAS AS FOLLOWS:

CHANNEL 3: AUG 3 - "THE HIDDEN WAR" NEWSCLIP USED IN 6:30 P.M. NEWS. FULL TAPE WAS BROADCAST EARLIER AS SPECIAL PROGRAM (4 TO 5 P.M.).

CHANNEL 3: SEPT 1 - "CAUGHT IN A STRUGGLE" 4 P.M.

CHANNEL 9: AUG 30 - "HIDDEN WAR" NEWSCLIP IN 9 P.M. AND 11:30 P.M. NEWSCAST. FULL TAPE AS SPECIAL PROGRAM 5 TO 6P.M.

CHANNEL 9: AUG 31 - "CAUGHT IN A STRUGGLE" 5:30 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

CHANNEL 7: AUG 30 - "HIDDEN WAR" NEWSCLIP IN "NEWS AT SEVEN." FULL TAPE WAS BROADCAST LATER IN THE EVENING.

CHANNEL 7: AUG 31 - "CAUGHT IN A STRUGGLE" IN AFTERNOON SLOT.

CHANNEL 13: AUG 31 - 3 MIN OF "CAUGHT IN A STRUGGLE" USED IN 6:30 P.M. NEWS SHOW.

CHANNEL 13: SEPT 1 - "WHEN NIGHT COMES TO KANDAHAR," "AFGHAN EXODUS" AND "AFGHAN DIGEST '83" BROADCAST IN TANDEM BEGINNING 4 P.M.

OTHER USAGE: "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" AND "AFGHANISTAN: CAUGHT IN A STRUGGLE" WERE SHOWN AT USIS AUDITORIUM IN THREE SESSIONS ON AUG. 30 AND AUG. 31 TO A TOTAL OF ABOUT 300 PERSONS, MOSTLY STUDENTS AND OFFICE WORKERS. POST ALSO ISSUED PRESS RELEASE TO MARK "JESHYN" OBSERVANCE.

MANILA

19 SEP 83

CHANNEL 5 (SINING MAKULAY, CABLE TELEVISION, MANILA) USED "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" ON AUGUST 24.

MANILA

23 NOV 83

OF THE SEVERAL AFGHANISTAN PROGRAMS THAT THE POST HAS SYNDICATED, "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" AND "AFGHANISTAN: CAUGHT IN THE STRUGGLE" WERE AIRED IN DAVAO CITY, WHERE CHANNEL 13 RAN THE FORMER AT 5 P.M., OCT. 3, AND THE LATTER AT 4:30 P.M, OCT. 11. THE FORMER PROGRAM ALSO AIRED IN 6 P.M. SLOT ON MANILA'S CABLE TV CHANNEL 5.

MELBOURNE

15 SEP 83

USIS MELBOURNE SEPT 13 HELD A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM FEATURING A LECTURE BY ABDUL KHALIQ FAZAL, CHAIRMAN OF THE AUSTRALIAN RELIEF COMMITTEE FOR AFGHANISTAN. FOLLOWING HIS REMARKS ON AFGHAN RESISTANCE, THE AGENCY'S DOCUMENTARY FILM "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" WAS SHOWN. FAZAL THEN CONDUCTED A BRIEF BUT LIVELY QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD.

THE AUDIENCE OF 20 INCLUDED ACADEMICS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE AND FROM MONASH UNIVERSITY, THE EDITOR IN CHIEF OF THE "SUN" AND "HERALD" NEWSPAPERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LABOR AND LIBERAL PARTIES AND THE NATIONAL CIVIC COUNCIL, TWO YOUNG UNION OFFICIALS, AND AN I.V. DESIGNATE, WHO IS AN AIDE TO A FEDERAL SENATOR.

AS RESULT AN INVITATION TO THE USIS PROGRAM, TV CHANNEL 10 ASKED TO INTERVIEW FAZAL AND PLANNED TO USE EXCERPTS FROM USIS FILMS AS WELL. DUE TO OTHER EVENTS, THIS WAS POSTPONED. ALSO LEADING "AGE" NEWSPAPER REQUESTED INTERVIEW. ARTICLE HAS NOT YET APPEARED.

ON HIS REQUEST, USIS HAS PRESENTED FAZAL WITH A COPY OF AGENCY'S DOCUMENTARY FILM. HE PLANS TO SHOW FILM DURING PROGRAMS BEING PLANNED AT UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE AND AT MONASH UNIVERSITY.

MELBOURNE

20 OCT 83

RAFFAELE FAVERO, YOUNG (ABOUT 37) ITALO-AUSTRALIAN FILM PRODUCER, WAS KILLED OCTOBER 10 IN ORGON, IN SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN, WHILE FILMING AN ATTACK BY THE MUJAHIDIN ON A RUSSIAN GARRISON. USIS MELBOURNE OCTOBER 20 WAS INFORMED OF FAVERO'S DEATH BY HIS CLOSE FRIEND, ABDUL KHALIA FAZAL, OF THE AUSTRALIAN RELIEF COMMITTEE FOR AFGHANISTAN. THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA ALSO REPORTED HIS DEATH.

ACCORDING TO FAZAL, WHO RECEIVED A TELEPHONE REPORT FROM PAKISTAN, WITHIN A FEW MINUTES AFTER THE ATTACK BEGAN, A SOVIET MIG FLEW OVER AND DROPPED 500 KILOGRAM BOMBS. FAVERO WAS FATALLY WOUNDED AND DIED WHILE BEING RUSHED BY JEEP TO THE NEAREST MUJAHIDIN HOSPITAL. HE HAS BEEN BURIED IN THE MARTYRS CEMETERY, A BURIAL PLACE INSIDE AFGHANISTAN FOR ALL MUJAHIDIN WHO DIE IN BATTLE AGAINST THE SOVIETS.

PART OF AGENCY'S DOCUMENTARY FILM "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" WILL BE USED OCTOBER 20 IN TV CHANNEL 10'S NEWS COVERAGE OF FAVERO'S DEATH. THE DOCUMENTARY INCLUDES FOOTAGE FROM HIS FILM "THE AFSAT FILM".

MOGADISHU

28 DEC 83

USIS MOGADISHU RECORDED ITS FIRST PLACEMENT ON SOMALIA'S NEW TELEVISION STATION DECEMBER 27 WHEN THE USIA-PRODUCED VCR "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" WAS BROADCAST IN ITS ENTIRETY TO COMMEMORATE THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN. THE BROADCAST WAS PRIME TIME 9 P.M. AND WAS PROBABLY SEEN BY AT LEAST TWENTY THOUSAND SOMALIS IN THE MOGADISHU AREA. SINCE TELEVISION IS NEW AND THERE IS NO ACCURATE ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF SETS IN USE, IT IS DIFFICULT TO GIVE A PRECISE ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF VIEWERS.

THIS VCR PLACEMENT IS A SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMMING FIRST FOR THE POST. THE TV STATION, BEING ONLY TWO MONTHS OLD, IS STILL IN A SHAKEDOWN PHASE. WE EXPECT THAT AS TV OVERCOMES ITS INITIAL ORGANIZATIONAL AND TECHNICAL PROBLEMS, USE OF USIA PROGRAMS WILL BECOME ROUTINE.

MOSCOW

30 AUG 83

BOTH IZVESTIA AND PRAVDA OF AUGUST 28 RAN TASS ITEM ATTACKING USIA FILM "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR". THE IZVESTIA STORY, BY FAR THE LONGER OF THE TWO, IS TITLED "MASTERS OF FALSIFICATION". IN IT THE AFGHANISTAN PROGRAM IS DESCRIBED AS A POTPOURRI OF "MALICIOUS INVENTIONS...INTERVIEWS WITH THE VENAL LEADERS OF ARMED BANDS WHO SURVIVE ON CIA MONEY AND WORK OFF THEIR DEBT WITH CRIMINAL RAIDS INTO AFGHAN TERRITORY...PHOTOGRAPHS DOCTORED BY WESTERN SPECIAL SERVICES AND 'COMMENTARY' BY PROFESSIONAL ANTI-SOVIETS."

ACCORDING TO ISVESTIA, "THIS IS FAR FROM THE FIRST EXAMPLE OF IDEOLOGICAL SABOTAGE UNDERTAKEN BY THE AMERICAN PROPAGANDA AGENCY FOR THE POISONING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE AND THE INCITEMENT OF ANTI-SOVIET HYSTERIA." THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO CITE DIRECTOR WICK'S INTERVIEW WITH U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, IN WHICH "HE OPENLY DECLARED THAT THE PRINCIPAL TASK OF HIS AGENCY WAS THE SHARP ACTIVIZATION OF ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA 'ON ALL SIDES WITH ALL THE MEANS AVAILABLE IN THE ARSENALS OF USIA AND OTHER U.S. AGENCIES'. IT IS NO ACCIDENT THAT WICK WAS ONE OF THE INITIATORS OF SUCH BANKRUPT PROPAGANDISTIC FRAUDS AS THE FILM 'LET POLAND BE POLAND' AND THE BROCHURE 'THE SOVIET MILITARY THREAT' (SIC), WHICH PROVOKED AN OPENLY SKEPTICAL REACTION EVEN AMONG SEASONED 'BRAIN WASHERS' BOTH IN THE U.S. AND IN EUROPE."

"THE TRUE GOALS OF USIA'S DISINFORMATION SPECIALISTS," CONCLUDES ISVESTIA, "ARE NO SECRET. WASHINGTON, WITH THE HELP OF NAKED LIES AND SLANDERS, STRIVES TO DENIGRATE THE STRUGGLE OF THE AFGHANI FOR THEIR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, AND BY ANY--EVEN ADMITTEDLY WORTHLESS--MEANS TO POISON THE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE, SLANDER THE POLICIES OF THE SOVIET UNION, AND JUSTIFY THE INTERFERENCE OF AMERICA'S SPECIAL SERVICES IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE."

THE TWO PARAGRAPH PRAVDA ARTICLE NOTES THAT THE FILM, PRODUCED IN SEVEN LANGUAGES FOR 60 COUNTRIES, WILL NOT BE SHOWN IN THE U.S. "THE REASON IS CLEAR. THE MASTERS OF PROPAGANDA FROM USIA DO NOT DARE PUT SUCH A CRUELY KNIT FALSIFICATION ON THE DOMESTIC MARKET."

MUSCAT

5 JAN 84

THE OMANI NEWS MEDIA MADE GOOD USE OF USIA MATERIALS IN THEIR DECEMBER 1983 COVERAGE OF THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN. OMAN TELEVISION MARKED THE OCCASION WITH A SPECIAL HALF-HOUR BROADCAST ON THE CONTINUING WAR IN AFGHANISTAN. THE LOCALLY PRODUCED PROGRAM BROADCAST AT THE END OF DECEMBER UTILIZED VISUAL AND REPORTING MATERIALS FROM USIA'S "AFGHAN DIGEST NO. 2" AND "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR".

RIO DE JANEIRO

15 SEP 83

BRAZIL'S DOMINANT TELEVISION NETWORK, TV GLOBO, USED SOME THREE MINUTES OF EXCERPTS FROM THE SUBJECT PROGRAM ON ITS LATE NIGHT (11:30 PM) NEWS PROGRAM "JORNAL DO GLOBO" ON SEPTEMBER 13. THE NEWS THAT NIGHT FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRST EVER SHOWING ON BRAZILIAN TV OF THE CLASSIC FILM "GONE WITH THE WIND" AND WE EXPECT THE AUDIENCE WAS SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER THAN THE USUAL 10 MILLION. POST STILL HAS HOPES OF PLACING SOME PART OF THE PROGRAM ON OTHER TV OUTLETS AND WILL ADVISE USAGE IF SUCH PLACEMENT OCCURS.

RIYADH

8 SEP 83

SEPTEMBER 3 EDITION OF THE RIYADH-BASED EVENING NEWSPAPER, AL-MASAIYA, PROMINENTLY FEATURES ON PAGE 11 UNATTRIBUTED NEWS STORY ON USIA-PRODUCED FILM, "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" COMPLETE WITH THREE PHOTOS SHOWING SCENES FROM THE AFGHAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE. HEADLINED "AMERICAN FILM DEPICTS THE EPIC OF AFGHANISTAN'S STRUGGLE," THE STORY CREDITS USIA WITH PRODUCING THE FILM AND SUMMARIZES ITS CONTENTS. THE NEWSPAPER NOTES THAT USIA "HAS BEGUN DISTRIBUTING THE FILM TO 62 COUNTRIES." ARTICLE ACCURATELY REFLECTS CONTENT AND TONE OF FILM.

WE HAD EARLIER DELIVERED A SPECIALLY ORDERED 2-INCH SECAM COPY OF THE FILM, WITH ARABIC AND ENGLISH SOUND TRACKS, TO SAUDI TV, URGING OFFICIALS THERE TO SHOW IT DURING THE HIGHLY IMPORTANT HAJJ SEASON. USING AL-MASAIYA STORY TO RE-EMPHASIZE FILM'S IMPORTANCE, WE AGAIN URGED TV OFFICIALS TO RUN IT. TO DATE, HOWEVER, SAUDI TV HAS NOT DONE SO, PERHAPS BECAUSE MOST KEY OFFICIALS ARE NOT IN RIYADH. WE WILL KEEP TRYING.

CONCERNED EDITOR OF AL-MASAIYA IS OUT OF COUNTRY. ANOTHER OFFICIAL AT PAPER GUESSED ARTICLE WAS PROVIDED BY AL-MASAIYA OFFICE (WHICH IS ALSO AL-JAZIRA OFFICE) IN WASHINGTON. WILL CONFIRM SOURCE WHEN EDITOR RETURNS PROBABLY LATE SEPTEMBER.

RIYADH

27 SEP 83

WE HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM SAUDI TV OFFICIALS, JUST RETURNED FROM THE HAJJ AND EID AL-ADHA HOLIDAYS WHICH ENDED SEPT 23, THAT ON SEPT 13 (THE SIXTH DAY OF THE HAJJ SEASON) SAUDI TV AIRED A 45-MINUTE PANEL DISCUSSION ENTITLED "THE STRUGGLE IN AFGHANISTAN" DURING WHICH SCENES FROM THE AGENCY-PRODUCED FILM "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" WERE SHOWN TO ILLUSTRATE THE MUJAHIDEEN STRUGGLE. AN OFFICIAL TOLD US SAUDI TV AIRED OVER 20 MINUTES OF THE FILM'S FOOTAGE IN ARABIC DURING THE PANEL DISCUSSION, WHICH CAME IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PRIME-TIME ARABIC NIGHTLY NEWS ON CHANNEL ONE AT 2130 HOURS LOCAL. AS TO THE SOURCE OF THE MASA'IYA DAILY'S ACCOUNT OF THE AGENCY FILM (REF RIYADH 2943), THE EDITOR OF AL-MASA'IYA, WHO IS JUST BACK FROM HAJJ-EID VACATION, TOLD US THE ACCOUNT IS A COMPOSITE STORY BASED ON SEVERAL MATERIALS AND PHOTOGRAPHS PROVIDED BY USIS RIYADH.

COMMENT: NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE ARE PLEASED WITH LOCAL SHOWING OF MAJOR PORTIONS OF AGENCY FILM DURING THE HIGHLY IMPORTANT HAJJ SEASON AND IN PRIME TIME SLOT. WE FEEL THAT USING SEGMENTS OF THE FILM IN A SAUDI PROGRAM ON ITS MAIN CHANNEL PROBABLY ENHANCED THE FILM'S IMPACT. WE HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN FAVORABLY TO AL-MASA'IYA EDITORS ON THE ARTICLE THE PAPER CARRIED ABOUT THE FILM. WITH THESE PLACEMENTS PERSONAL CONTACTS WERE A KEY ELEMENT.

RIYADH

17 JAN 84

SEGMENTS TOTALING AT LEAST 15 MINUTES FROM THE AGENCY'S FILM "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" WERE USED IN A SPECIAL HALF-HOUR PROGRAM AIRED BY SAUDI TV THE EVENING OF JANUARY 16. THE SPECIAL TV PROGRAM ON AFGHANISTAN'S STRUGGLE COINCIDED WITH THE OPENING OF THE ISLAMIC SUMMIT IN CASABLANCA.

SEOUL

8 SEP 83

POST RECEIVED VTR AUG. 24 AND PREPARED KOREAN VERSION FOR USE IN POST PROGRAMMING BEGINNING SEPT. 6. POST HAS ARRANGED FOR BROADCAST OF VTR ON KBS-TV FOR NATIONWIDE AUDIENCE EVENING OF SEPT. 5. UNFORTUNATELY, THESE PROGRAMMING PLANS WERE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY BECAUSE OF UNUSUAL AND EXTENSIVE COVERAGE ON KOREAN TELEVISION OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS RELATED TO THE KAL AIRLINER ATTACK. WILL ADVISE AT LATER DATE WHEN BROADCAST SCHEDULES ARE FIRM.

STOCKHOLM

7 OCT 83

POST PROVIDED SWEDISH TV CHANNEL TWO COPIES OF AGENCY VCR "AFGHANISTAN: THE HIDDEN WAR" FOR VIEWING AND POSSIBLE USE IN MAGAZINE FORMAT PROGRAM. TO DATE, TV2 HAS NOT MADE ANY DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO USE VTR.

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Dear Mr. Glagolev:

Mr. McFarlane has asked me to answer your letter of May 22 concerning Central Asia, specifically Afghanistan, and the Soviet Union.

The United States remains strongly opposed to the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. Our goal continues to be the earliest possible negotiated political settlement to get the Soviets out of Afghanistan, and to end the suffering the increasingly brutal occupation and fighting have brought to the Afghan people. In over four and a half years of occupation, many thousands of Afghans have been killed and wounded, and over a fifth of the population has fled as refugees to Pakistan and Iran. The devastation caused by the Soviet invasion to the country itself is also enormous.

We believe that the unprecedented military action of the latest Soviet offensive in the Panjsher Valley which began April 21 reveals Soviet frustration at not being able to subjugate the Afghan people or to create an Afghan government and army that have the support of the Afghan people. The Panjsher Valley had obviously become a symbol to the Soviets of their lack of progress in Afghanistan and they were hoping for a noteworthy success. They seem not to have achieved it. The Soviets with some forces from the Afghan regime may control the Valley floor, but they have not found the resistance commander, Ahmed Shah Masood, nor have they defeated his followers.

The will and morale of the Afghan resistance or mujahidin remains strong. They have no intention of giving in to the Soviet invader, and the country-wide resistance shows every sign it is prepared for a long struggle. You may be sure that the question of how we can further bring home to the Soviet Union the full cost of its aggression is one which remains under constant review. It is worth noting that fighting occurs throughout Afghanistan, especially in the West at Herat, at

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Kandahar in the South, in the Eastern provinces and in the North near the Soviet border. We believe we will see a long and casualty-filled summer of sporadic, intense fighting that will not basically change the military stalemate.

With regard to your statement that "internal conditions in the Central Asian part of the USSR are favorable for an insurrection," and your suggestion that the United States should promote revolution within the Soviet Union, we have the following comments. It is the policy of the United States to support the right of national self-determination, and the free exercise of those human rights which all signatories of the Helsinki Final Act -- including the Soviet Union -- have pledged to uphold. However, it is not the policy of the United States to intervene in the internal affairs of the Soviet Union by attempting the overthrow of the Soviet State. As Vice President Bush noted in an address in Vienna on September 21, 1983, concerning similar policy questions regarding Eastern Europe, "the United States does not seek to destabilize or undermine any government, but our attitude is informed by a sense of history ... for this reason we support and will encourage all movement toward social, humanitarian and democratic ideals".

I hope you will find this information regarding Afghanistan and the Soviet Union helpful. Thank you for your interest in these important foreign policy questions.

Sincerely,

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Date June 18, 1984

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: Robert McFarlane From: Igor Glagolev

Date: May 22, 1984 Subject: Association For Cooperation

of Democratic Countries re Destabilization of USSR/Afghanistan

WH Referral Dated: June 8, 1984 NSC ID# 8404518

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Department of State.

Action Taken:

_____ A draft reply is attached.

_____ A draft reply will be forwarded.

_____ A translation is attached.

X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

_____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.

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proposed travel.

_____ Other.

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Dear Mr. McFarlane,

The United States has a unique chance to destabilize the Soviet military machine, to prevent nuclear destruction of this great country and to stop the military expansion of the Soviet bloc.

The Afghan anti-communist guerillas, including those of Tadzhik, Uzbek and Turkmen origin, have practically defeated the Afghan communist army and liberated a major part of Afghanistan from the Soviet troops. Some guerillas cross the Soviet border and cooperate with the mass anti-communist movement in the USSR itself. Hundreds of Soviet soldiers and even some officers defect to the guerillas or otherwise help them.

It has become possible for the anti-communists in the Soviet armed forces and in the Soviet Union in general to begin an insurrection.

The internal conditions in the Central Asian part of the USSR are favorable for such an insurrection. There is a high concentration of the members of political, economic, nationalist and religious opposition there. Local mountains can be used for secure guerilla camps. The guerillas have already shown that they can break through the Soviet border from Afghanistan to the USSR and back.

History of many former insurrections has proved that they can be successful, if the guerillas have reliable communications with foreign countries and receive systematic aid from abroad.

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There are some measures which can be taken at once to intensify the resistance to the Soviet aggressors in Central Asia.

1. The present U.S. financial aid to the Afghan refugees through the KGB-controlled channels of the United Nations should be immediately stopped. The U.S. aid should be sent directly to the representatives of such commanders as M. A. Wardak among the refugees. Those commanders who organize raids into the USSR should always have the priority.
2. Credits and loans to the communist regimes of Poland, Hungary, Romania and other members of the aggressive Soviet bloc should be discontinued. The saved resources should be used for additional aid to the guerillas in Afghanistan and the USSR. This aid should not be discussed in the Congress. If it is discussed there, those members of the Congress who are friendly to the USSR will easily stop the aid.
3. The guerillas should be supplied not only with food, clothes, medical kits, radio transmitters and regular arms, but also with camouflage nets, portable anti-aircraft missiles, mines and incineration weapons. The Soviet military bases, barracks, tanks and fuel should be burned. The roads should be mined.
4. Private anti-communist organizations such as our Association should print leaflets in Russian for the Soviet military (potential defectors) and for the members of the resistance movement in the USSR. Those emigrants from the USSR who have come to the West with the approval of the KGB (D.Simes, V.Chalidze, E.Lozański, V.Maksimov and others) should not be requested to do it. The NTS and other organizations which have had numerous contacts with the KGB should not participate in this work, either.
5. In the leaflets and in the broadcasts of the guerilla radio transmitters the Soviet soldiers and officers should be promised financial rewards for their defection and for the arms they would bring with them. They should be also promised jobs and a possibility to study at Western colleges.
6. The insurrection in Russia should have the following slogans very popular among the democratic opposition:

Land--to the peasants !
 Plants--to the workers !
 Freedom--to the whole people !
 Down with the socialist dictatorship and wars !

Insurrections in the Soviet Union and mass defections from the Soviet army would be probably sufficient to destabilize the USSR and to prevent a nuclear war, even if the communist dictators manage to keep their power in Moscow.

I. Glagolev

Dr. Igor S. Glagolev
Director

Enclosure : paper Insurrection in Central Asia;

Insurrection in Central Asia

At the beginning of the 1980s the anti-communist insurrection in Afghanistan spread to the Soviet Central Asian republics.

Afghans of Tadzhik origin crossed into the Soviet Union to stage raids that resulted in the capture of much-needed ammunition for their AK-47 rifles. Tadzhik guards on the Soviet border reportedly looked the other way and were later replaced by guards of other nationalities.

A communist Afghan secret police officer who defected to the guerillas reported clashes between guerillas and the Soviet militia inside the USSR in September 1982.*

Another indication of resistance in Turkmenkaya SSR was gleaned from the Soviet newspaper Turkmenkaya Iskra which said on December 8, 1982: "We must be vigilant against terrorist actions and economic contraband, and attempts to infiltrate into our country anti-Soviet literature, as well as the carrying out of ideological and other forms of subversion from across the border."

Guerilla groups have reported growing support in the Soviet republics bordering Afghanistan (Tadzhik, Uzbek and Turkmen SSR). They distributed thousands of their membership cards and publications in Tadzhik and Uzbek SSR

* FPI International Bulletin, January 5, 1983.

in 1982-84. One guerilla group claimed to have 3,000 members within the Soviet Union in 1984.*

Guerilla groups launched raids inside the Soviet Union, laying mines on roads, attacking isolated customs posts and ambushing patrols.**

The Central Asian "republics" of the USSR have a high concentration of victims of socialism. This is the region where the armed resistance to the Soviet power continued for more than 15 years after 1917 -- longer than in other regions of the USSR. The mountainous territory is suitable for guerilla actions. But the most important advantage for the anti-socialist insurrections there is the connection of it with the Free World through Afghanistan and Pakistan. The present and potential support of the Free World is a major factor in the democratic anti-socialist movement in the Soviet Union as a whole.

The resistance in Central Asia will spread to other regions of the USSR if its slogans are not limited by the principles of Islam. The majority of the citizens of Russia are not religious at all. Most believers are Christians. The suggestion to pray several times a day and for women to wear long black robes will not be supported by

* Washington Inquirer, April 6, 1984.

** FPI International Bulletin, February 1, 1984.

the mass democratic opposition in Russia; it will not be supported, for example, by the educated Russian and Ukranian youth. Socialism cannot be conquered with the help of such slogans. Dictatorship of a socialist kind is promoted by Khomeini, Quaddafi and other Moslim terrorists.

Only the goals of free enterprise and democracy can mobilize the anti-socialist opposition in Russia and bring it to a final victory.

The attitude of the Soviet soldiers is very important for the anti-socialist insurrections. Hundreds of thousands of Soviet soldiers have already participated in the war in Afghanistan. Tens of thousands of them have been killed or wounded. The costly war has become unpopular both in the army and in the population of the USSR. Many Soviet soldiers surrendered. Hundreds of them are with the Afghan guerillas. Former Soviet soldiers of Russian origin N. Ryzhkov and A. Voronov have managed to come to the United States and to participate in the work of our Association for Cooperation of Democratic Countries.

The former Soviet soldiers and officers fighting with the guerillas have formed the nucleus of the future Liberation Army of Free Russia.

The present Soviet military forces should be gradually disbanded through desertion and defection to the Liberation Army. This is the only way to achieve the final victory in the anti-socialist revolution.

The example of the Solidarity movement in Poland shows that a resistance movement which has no armed forces and which is ready to negotiate with the communist dictators is doomed to failure. It cannot come to power because it will be suppressed by the communist military forces.

N. Ryzhkov and A. Voronov told us that dissatisfaction with the Soviet regime is very strong in the military forces of the USSR. Soviet soldiers in Afghanistan receive only 9 rubles a month. They are sometimes beaten by their officers. Some of the soldiers even commit suicide.*

In answer to my question, the former Soviet soldiers declared that they preferred the democratic system of the United States to the socialist dictatorship in the USSR. Many other Soviet soldiers, including myself, when I was in the Soviet army, share this conviction.

There is already now a basis for the anti-socialist movement in the military forces of the USSR.

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* Novoye Russkoye Slovo, December 6, 1983.

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