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Presidential Remarks

MEETING WITH AFGHAN RESISTANCE LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1987

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Chairman Yunus Khan

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THIS INCREASING UNITY HAS ALREADY MADE ITSELF FELT ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

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DURING THE PAST 18 MONTHS, THE MUJAHEDIN FIGHTING INSIDE THE COUNTRY HAVE IMPROVED THEIR WEAPONS, TACTICS, AND COORDINATION. THE RESULT HAS BEEN A STRING OF SERIOUS DEFEATS FOR THE SOVIET ELITE UNITS AS WELL AS MANY DEFECTIONS FROM THE KABUL ARMY.

CHAIRMAN KHALIS AND HIS DELEGATION ARE VISITING WASHINGTON FOLLOWING THE NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTE, WHICH WITH A RECORD VOTE ONCE AGAIN CALLED OVERWHELMINGLY FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM AFGHANISTAN. THIS IS THE EIGHTH TIME SINCE THE DECEMBER 1979 INVASION THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS DECISIVELY CALLED UPON THE SOVIET UNION TO PULL ITS FORCES OUT OF AFGHANISTAN. AND LET THERE BE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT. THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET FORCES IS THE KEY TO RESOLVING THE AFGHAN CRISIS.

OTHER ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THIS FACT ONLY EXTEND THE COMBAT AND PROLONG THE SUFFERING OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE.

GENERAL SECRETARY GORBACHEV HAS PUBLICLY STATED A SOVIET READINESS TO WITHDRAW. BOTH IN APRIL AND SEPTEMBER OF 1987, I ASKED THE SOVIET UNION TO SET A DATE THIS YEAR WHEN THAT WITHDRAWAL WOULD BEGIN. I ALSO STATED THAT, WHEN THE SOVIET UNION SHOWED CONVINCINGLY THAT IT WAS READY FOR A GENUINE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE HELPFUL. AFTER ALL, THE SOVIET PRESENCE IN AFGHANISTAN IS A MAJOR IMPEDIMENT TO IMPROVED U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO REMOVE IT. THE SOVIETS SHOULD WANT TO DO SO AS WELL.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE SOVIET ANSWER ON A DATE FOR RAPID WITHDRAWAL HAS BEEN SILENCE.

INSTEAD WE HAVE SEEN THE KABUL REGIME ANNOUNCE A PHANTOM CEASEFIRE AND PROPOSE A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, ONE THAT WOULD LEAVE THIS DISCREDITED AND DOOMED GROUP IN CONTROL. THESE GAMBITS HAVE BEEN REJECTED BY THE ONLY VOICE THAT REALLY COUNTS, THAT OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE, SPEAKING THROUGH THEIR RESISTANCE REPRESENTATIVES. ANY PROPOSAL UNACCEPTABLE TO THE RESISTANCE IS DESTINED TO FAIL. AND AS THE RESISTANCE CONTINUES THE FIGHT, WE AND OTHER RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENTS WILL STAND BY IT. THE SUPPORT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PROVIDING THE RESISTANCE WILL BE STRENGTHENED RATHER THAN DIMINISHED SO THAT IT CAN CONTINUE TO FIGHT EFFECTIVELY FOR FREEDOM. THE JUST STRUGGLE AGAINST FOREIGN TYRANNY CAN COUNT UPON WORLDWIDE SUPPORT, BOTH POLITICAL AND MATERIAL.

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November 10, 1987  
3:30 p.m.

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**RESPONSE:**

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November 9, 1987  
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RESPONSE:

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 11/9/87 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00 11/10/87

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEETING WITH AFGHAN RESISTANCE LEADERS

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RESPONSE:

*called into Dolan's 11/10 8:00 AM*  
*no comments*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 9, 1987

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MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY R. DOLAN  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: C. DEAN MCGRATH, JR. *CDM*  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT.

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Meeting with  
Afghan Resistance Leaders

Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential remarks and has no legal objection to their presentation by the President.

cc: Rhett B. Dawson

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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RESPONSE:

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Stucky - no comments  
Kutner - no comments  
McAllister - no comments

*No comments*

(Robinson edits/ARD)  
November 9, 1987  
3:30 p.m.

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RESPONSE:

  
Rhett Dawson  
Ext. 2702

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**RESPONSE:**

*Called into Dolan's 11/10 8:00 AM*

*no comments*

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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November 10, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY R. DOLAN

FROM: GRANT S. GREEN, JR. 

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Meeting with Afghan  
Resistance Leaders, November 12, 1987

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Attachment

Tab A Presidential Remarks

cc Rhett Dawson

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

November 12, 1987

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
IN MEETING WITH  
AFGHAN RESISTANCE LEADERS

The Roosevelt Room

10:16 A.M. EST

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

November 10, 1987

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

FROM: ROBERT B. OAKLEY *RO*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Meeting with Afghan  
Resistance Leaders, November 12, 1987

Attached at Tab I for your signature is a memo to Tony Dolan,  
forwarding the amended version of the President's remarks  
following his meeting with Afghan Resistance Leaders on  
November 12, 1987.

*WR* Peter Rodman, *WR* Fritz Ermarth and Marybel Batjer concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

Tab I Memo to Tony Dolan  
Tab A Departure Statement

cc: Rhett Dawson

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FROM DAWSON, R

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ACTION OFFICER: Oakley DUE: 1200, 10 Nov

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CONCURRENCES/COMMENTS\*

DUE: ASAP

\*PHONE to action officer at ext. 6900

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 11/9/87 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00 11/10/87

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEETING WITH AFGHAN RESISTANCE LEADERS

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REMARKS:

Please return any comments/recommendations directly to Tony Dolan's office with an info copy to my office by 2:00 Tuesday, November 10th. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

(Robinson edits/ARD)  
November 9, 1987  
3:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEETING WITH AFGHAN RESISTANCE LEADERS  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1987

I've just held a very useful -- and, I might add, a very moving -- discussion with Chairman Yunis Khalis of the Islamic Union of Mujahedin of Afghanistan and other members of his distinguished delegation. I expressed our Nation's continued strong support for the Resistance, and our satisfaction with the large step the Afghan Resistance took toward unity in choosing a Chairman for the first time. This new political milestone demonstrates that the people of Afghanistan speak with one voice in their opposition to the Soviet invasion and occupation of their homeland.

This increasing unity has already made itself felt on the battlefield. During the past 18 months, the Mujahedin fighting inside the country have improved their weapons, tactics, and coordination. The result has been a string of serious defeats for the Soviet elite units as well as many defections from the Kabul army.

Chairman Khalis and his delegation are visiting Washington following the November 10th U.N. General Assembly vote, which once again called overwhelmingly for the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Afghanistan. This is the eighth time since the December 1979 invasion that the General Assembly has decisively called upon the Soviet Union to pull its forces out of Afghanistan. And let there be no mistake about it. The withdrawal of Soviet forces is the key to resolving the Afghan

crisis. Other issues that have been raised to divert attention from this fact only extend the combat and prolong the suffering of the Afghan people.

General Secretary Gorbachev has publicly stated a Soviet readiness to withdraw. Both in April and September of 1987, I asked the Soviet Union to set a date this year when that withdrawal would begin. I also stated that, when the Soviet Union showed convincingly that it was ready for a genuine political settlement, the United States would be helpful. After all, the Soviet presence in Afghanistan is a major impediment to improved U.S.-Soviet relations, and we would like to remove it. The Soviets should want to do so as well.

Unfortunately, the Soviet answer on a date for rapid withdrawal has been silence. Instead we have seen the Kabul regime announce a phantom ceasefire and propose a transitional government, one that would leave this discredited and doomed group in control. These gambits have been rejected by the only voice that really counts, that of the Afghan people, speaking through their Resistance representatives. Any proposal unacceptable to the Resistance is destined to fail. And as the Resistance continues the fight, we and other responsible governments will stand by it. The just struggle against foreign tyranny can count upon worldwide support, both political and material.

The goal of the United States remains a genuinely independent Afghanistan, free from external interference. An Afghanistan whose people choose the type of government they wish.

An Afghanistan to which the 4 million refugees from Soviet aggression may return in safety and, yes, in honor.

On behalf of the American people, I salute Chairman Khalis, his delegation, and the people of Afghanistan themselves. You are a nation of heroes. God bless you.