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DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 12, 1988

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Date	November	3,	1988

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens Executive Secretary

The White House
REFERENCE:
To: President Reagan
From: Mr. Ahmed Shah
Date: September 22, 1988
Subject: Regarding Recognition of Interim Islamic Government
of Afghanistan
WH Referral Dated: October 13, 1988 NSC ID# (if any): 599594
The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State.
ACTION TAKEN:
A draft reply is attached.
A draft reply will be forwarded.
A translation is attached.
An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
Other (see remarks).

REMARKS: Ahmed Shah, whose government has no official standing and no diplomatic relations with any other government, may exploit any official correspondence with the USG to his advantage. The Department has decided not to respond to this letter.

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TO:

PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

MR. AHMED SHAH

HEAD AND PRIME MINISTER

INTERIM ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT OF

AFGHANISTAN KHATAK HOUSE

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SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING RECOGNITION OF THE ITERIM

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His Excellency
The President
United States of America
White House
Washington

Date: 22nd September 1988

Subject: RECOGNITION OF THE INTERIM ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT
OF AFGHANISTAN

Your Excellency,

- I have the honour to inform Your Excellency on behalf of and as Head of the Interim Islamic Government of Afghanistan:
- 1. That Afghanistan was a monarchy ruled by King Zahir Shah and his family as an autocratic tribal regime till July 1971;
- 2. That on 17th July 1973 the monarchy was overthrown by Sardar Dawood Khan with the help of some elements of the Armed Forces of Afghanistan trained in the USSR and a Republic was proclaimed;
- 3. That on the 27th of April 1978, the Communist Party of Afghanistan with the help of some elements of the Armed Forces of Afghanistan indoctrinated by it and trained in the USSR, through a coup de etat but without the support of the majority of the people of Afghanistan overthrew the regime of Sardar Dawood Khan and proclaimed Noor Mohammad Tarahki of the Khalq Group of the Communist Party of Afghanistan as the Head of the State and Government;
- 5. That subsequently the people of Afghanistan rose in revolt both against the minority Communist regime imposed on Afghanistan and against the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan;
- 6. That consequently a war of liberation was launched by the Mujahideen which ultimately culminated in a successful revolution in Afghanistan which resulted in the complete erosion and disappearance of all state machinary throughout Afghanistan the writ of the Kabul Regime being confined to Kabul and a few cities and not to the countryside which constitutes 80% of the territory of Afghanistan which is now controlled by the Mujahideen of the Interim Islamic Government of Afghanistan;

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- 7. That on Friday the 19th of February 1988, a historical and auspicious day in the annals of the history of Afghanistan the formation of the Interim Islamic Government of Afghanistan as well as the name of the Head of the Interim Islamic Government of Afghanistan as unanimously agreed to by the 7 party Islamic Unity Alliance of Afghan Mujahideen was announced at a press conference by Engineer Hikmat Yar Gullbaddin the then spokesman of the 7 Party Alliance;
- 8. That on thursday the 16th of June 1988, a cabinet which is the executive organ of the Interim Islamic Government of Afghanistan consisting of 15 ministers representing the 7 party Alliance was announced by Pir Syed Ahmed Shada Gilani, the then spokesman of 7 party Alliance;
- 9. That the the Cabinet of the Interim Islamic Government of Afghanistan consist of the following ministers:

Prime Minister - Head of the Government: Engineer Ahmed Shah,
Deputy Prime Minister: Dr. Zabihullah Mujadadi,
Deputy Prime Minister: Molvi Mohammad Shah Fazli,
Minister for Foreign Affairs: Mr. Najiullah,
Minister for Interior: Suyed Noorullah Emad,
Minister for Defence: Haji Deen Mohammad,
Minister of Education: Moulvi Meer Hamza,
Minister for Information: Mr. Mohammad Yassir,
Minister for Finance: Mr. Mohammad Ismail Siddiqui,
Minister for Justice: Mr. Ali Ansari,
Minister for Agriculture: Mr. Motiullah,
Minister for Planning: Mr. Abdul Aziz Farogh,
Minister for Educational Research: Professor Din Mohammad Gran,
Minister for Rehabilitation and Reconstruction: Dr.Farooq Azam.

- 10. That the Interim Islamic Government of Afghanistan is a representative government of the people of Afghanistan, representing the Mujahideen fighting inside Afghanistan, the five million Afghan refugees in Pakistan, Iran and the other parts of the world and the 7 party Islamic Unity Alliance of Afghan Mujahideen;
- 11. That the Afghan Mujahideen have now liberated more than 80% of Afghanistan from the Soviet Kabul Forces, have set-up local government executive and judicial institutions therein, exercise complete control and authority in these liberated areas, have set-up administrative machinery for the betterment and wellbeing of the common people of these liberated areas and have also set-up the Interim Islamic Government of Afghanistan which exercises sovereighty in these liberated areas;

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- 12. That the common people of the liberated area of Afghanistan which constitute 80% of its total area and population owe complete allegiance to the Interim Islamic Government of Afghanistan and fully support all its policies which are for the betterment and wellbeing of the common people;
- 13. That in accordance with the basic principles of international law as applied and practised by the Comity of Nations and in accordance with the pratique' of the United Nations, the Interim Islamic Government of Afghanistan fulfils all the basic pre-requisites for both de facto and de jure recognition, that is,
- i) That a successful revolution has taken place against the Soviet sponsored Government and has effectively replaced it;
- ii) That a de jure government has been established in the liberated areas;
- iii) That this Islamic revolutionary Government has now liberated and controls 80% of the territory of Afghanistan;
- iv) That this Islamic revolutionary Government enjoys the allegiance and support of more than 90% of the population of Afghanistan;
- It is, therefore requested that Your Exellency's Government grant de jure recognition to the Interim Islamic Government of Afghanistan as the Government of Afghanistan and establish friendly and cordial relations on the basis of sovereign equality of the two peoples.

Should Your Excellency accede to our request for recognition we would request Your Excellency to support our claim for admission to the United Nations and other international forums and organisations.

And in pursuance of Your Excellency's recognition we shall send a goodwill delegation to promote goodwill and friendship between the two countries and open a diplomatic mission in your country.

Assuring Your Excellency of our highest considerations,

We remain,

Very singerely yours,

Engineer Ahmed Shah,

Head and Prime Minister,

Interim Islamic Government of Afghanistan.

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 26, 1988

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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Colin:

It was a pleasure to see you this morning at the White House. I appreciate your willingness to follow-up on the issue that I raised with the President.

As I discussed with the President, I believe the Government of Pakistan is seriously considering recognition of the Afghan Resistance Alliance once they establish an interim government inside Afghanistan. I recommend that the United States convey to the Government of Pakistan that we would support such a move, and would be prepared to follow Pakistan's lead.

On June 18, 1986 the New York Times reported that a senior Administration official cited several criteria that the Alliance must meet before we consider recognition: greater cooperation, greater control over their territory, and greater international visibility. As you know, the Alliance has made tremendous progress in each of these areas. The Resistance now controls almost 80% of the territory of Afghanistan. The have represented the Afghan people at the United Nations and the Islamic Conference. As the President noted on March 20, 1987, "the Alliance has also become the focal point for the distribution of social services and humanitarian resources inside the country." The President has also praised their cohesiveness on the battlefield, which has secured a Soviet commitment to withdraw their forces from Afghanistan.

Recently, the Alliance announced plans for an interim government. They have selected a president and a vice president. They have indicated that leaders from all of the seven parties will participate in the interim government, along with some Afghans outside the current Alliance structure. I realize that there may be concerns with some elements of the Alliance - however I am calling for recognition of the interim government that includes leaders from all of the parties. I do not in any way suggest that we confer recognition on only one faction of the Alliance.

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157 Main Street Berlin, NH 03570 (603) 752-2600 Lt. General Colin L. Powell April 26, 1988 Page #2

The interim government is merely a first step to restoring a government in Afghanistan that enjoys the broad support of the Afghan people. It seems that we could provide an important incentive to the Alliance to establish a broad based government inside Afghanistan, if they knew that the United States would be willing to move toward recognition.

We should not hold the Alliance to a "text book" standard. The United States maintains ambassadors in nations all over the world that do not meet a perfect "democratic standard," and that are far less representative of their people than the Resistance Alliance. But if we sincerely believe -- as we have stated repeatedly -- that the Alliance is the true representative of the Afghan people, then we should move to confer recognition.

I look forward to hearing your views on this issue.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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September 23, 1988

Dear Mr. Forrest:

Thank you for forwarding a copy of your recent report on Afghanistan, which I received through Chuck Bernard. I have passed it on to appropriate members of my staff for their review. I appreciate the opportunity to have the benefit of your efforts to track the situation in the region.

Sincerely,

Colin L. Powell

Mr. Vaughn S. Forrest 1507 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

September 19, 1988

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL

FROM:

WILLIAM J. BURNSW

SUBJECT:

Afghan Material from Vaughn Forrest

Chuck Bernard forwarded to you material on Afghanistan (Tab II) prepared by Vaughn Forrest, Administrative Assistant to Representative McCollum (R - FL). We have looked at the papers by Forrest, and find that they are not especially enlightening. A short note of thanks to Forrest would be appropriate (draft at Tab I); no further contact is necessary.

Mike Andricos and Shirin Tahir-Kheli concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab I.

Prepared by: Stephen E. Benko

Disapprove___

Attachment

Tab I Powell Letter to Forrest Die Gemel Paull,

Knowing of your interest in Ofganista I thought your mught be interested in this report.

> Propostfully, Vaughen Formest

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30 August 1988

TO: LIG COLIN L. POWELL

Vaughn Forrest is one of the unsung heros of the war in Afghanistan. He travelled there on numerous occasions, and understood the political picture better than most of the people who were making a living at it. He is pouring his heart out in these papers. I would highly recommend that you give him a call and have him visit with you and describe to you his view of that world.

Sincerely,

CHUCK BERNARD

I have been analyzing and reporting my findings on Afghanistan since 1985. Hundreds of interested parties and organizations have been interviewed by myself during that time in the United States, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

I would like to report some concerns regarding the current situation in Afghanistan. First, the pre-mature unilateral cessation of the most tactically important weapons has not accomplished the wished for goal of allowing the Soviets to withdrawal unimpeded and thereby expedite the fall of the Najibullah regime. Instead, the structured withdrawal by the Soviets from their outer perimeter bases has assisted in consolidation of DRA forces and gives those DRA forces tactical supremacy by the nature of changing from an offensive to a defensive mode. The Soviets service those abandoned bases by long range artillery and high altitude bombing. The Soviets held in reserve the two Soviet trained DRA Divisions until it was absolutely appropriate for their engagement i.e. when mujahideen threatened outlying principal cities and became more desperate as supplies decreased but supply lines grew longer and more vulnerable to artillery and air power interdiction. The Soviets have accomplished all of the above.

The end result being that each major population center is ringed with an iron moat of anti-personnel mines with interdicting fields of fire between outposts, unbreechable and unreachable to

any meaningful mujahideen military effort. A Soviet reserve of all munitions for 10 Soviet divisions for one year is in place. This reserve in the current DRA configuration will enable the current level of fighting by DRA ground and air forces to continue for two to two and one half years. This allows harassment and interdiction of mujahideen supplies and operations with high DRA successes. Concurrently the farther away the mujahideen are forced to operate from city centers without adequate supplies of long range weapons 120 mm mortar and 122 mm rockets and even with adequate supplies there will be a dramatic increase in civilian casualties. Each civilian death increases the staying power of the Najib regime. Regardless of the interparty fighting of this regime the professional DRA Army will remain unified in this modern day version of the medieval castle under siege. Under seige is actually a misnomer in that resupply will continue by air with even more regularity as the air corridor widens proportionately to the decline in available Stingers to keep the corridor as narrow as possible. Simultaneously, the DRA and WAD are making deals with each tribe and village further dividing and denying both the political and military support required by an effective guerrilla force attempting to transfer into a conventional army just as the guerrilla political apparatus must transfer into a conventional government. The guerrilla political apparatus cannot without a method and plan serve the populace that is now the status of the seven mujahideen political parties therefore, Najib grows

stronger within the city centers. The Pakistani, expecting firm directions from Washington, but receiving none, have proceeded along their normal short-sighted approach -- driven by domestic political concerns and old military prejudices -- continuing to divide and then favor certain Afghan commanders and parties. The Pakistanis instigated the tribal groups in the Chaman, Spin Buldak, and Qandahar regions into inter tribal fighting as well as inter DRA and Mujahideen fighting, not with the goal of winning but in making it impossible to win Qandahar. Zahir Shah is from the Qandahar area, if Qandahar would fall first there would be a general call for the Kings return. The Pakistanis more specifically Gen. Agtar does not want Zahir Shah because of old bills of revenge due from the 1960-1970's tribal wars between the Pathans and Pakistan. Zia himself would not object to Zahir Shah if two conditions were met: one, that Zahir Shah recognize the Durand line as the legitimate border; two, that all treaties old and new with the Soviet Union are declared null and void. Zia cannot defy Gen. Agtar and the other past and current Pakistani intelligence officers. ISI has become a domestic intelligence operation with information on both supporters and opponents of Gen. Zia. Zia remains in power as long as ISI allows it. ISI is split between the old and new groups and could be neutralized to some extent. Pakistan's intentional efforts to keep Qandahar under Soviet control affects all the political parties but for Saayaf and Gulbadeen.

Concurrently, the Pakistanis are now courting Ahmed Massoud

-- further splitting Jamiat Islami and further dividing the two
majority ethnic groups the Tajiks and the Pashtus (Mahaz - Jamiat

- Khalis) Pakistanis would prefer a Tajik ruled Afghanistan,
which may well be the case but not the way the Paks are currently
going.

Additionally, the Pakistanis believe that by supporting Massoud they can convince him to do their bidding. Pakistanis bidding entails the capture of a major city. The Pakistanis must have this for domestic political consumption. Gen. Zia must create the perception that the war is winding down and the refugees are returning to Afghanistan. Gen. Zia's failure to do this will signal the end of his control. This situation has been exacerbated by Zia's calling for elections in November. Zia must win the war by November. Consequently, the Paks will increase pressure on Massoud to save the day. Massoud will not save the day, if pressured too hard he will cut a deal with Najib. will take away the threat of a northern offensive and keep Najib in power. Massoud will eventually turn on Najib but in his own time. Meanwhile the Pathans will turn on Zia inside Pakistan, the Baluchis likewise and the Indians will gain ground on Pakistan's eastern borders. The Iranians are continually growing into this Pakistan-created division among the mujahideen, adding another dimension of uncertainty.

Political and military manipulation by various Pakistani,

Iranian, Saudi and radical fundamentalists the least of which is
Libya not to mention the DRA, WAD, the Soviet GRU as well as KGB
can only spell disaster for Afghanistan, Pakistan the region and
nearby regions both east and west of the conflict.

The United States has taken a public hands-off policy. That
policy is not believed by any Afghan political leaders or
commander I've interviewed. Conversely, the mujahideen believe
that every Pakistani initiative either militarily or politically
is directed or approved at the highest levels of the American
government. It is inconceivable to the Afghans that after
investing the time, effort, blood, sweat and American national honor

The vacuum created by the real hands-off policy allows all the aforementioned groups to rain havoc and in the end, insures Najib's communist regime in all facets.

that it could be otherwise.

That is the present situation with the caveat that the reader has the details through cable traffic and a working knowledge of the Afghan/Russian war. The continuation of this undirected mob will be chaos. Unfortunately, the U.S. standing in the Islamic world will decrease considerably. This decreased influence will affect the moderate Arab states ability to keep in check their more radical fundamentalists, increase Israeli vulnerability (at an

already difficult time) and fuel the fires of Islamic fundamentalism in Malaysia, Indonesia and particularly the moslem areas of the Philippines. We once again, as in Viet Nam, are allowing defeat to be snatched from the jaws of military victory and entrench a communist regime in what would otherwise be a representative -- if not democratic -- government.

Congressional staffers, Members and Senators have asked the CIA repeatedly what the plan is for winning this war. The CIA has never answered the question directly. Congressional investigation has uncovered a simple but incredible fact: there is no plan. This reminds me of Clark Clifford's quote about walking into government a hawk on Viet Nam but walking out of the Pentagon a dove when he discovered there was no coherent plan to win the war.

That is why we should insist on the military and political structure and plans that will carry the mujahideen to victory, the Paks toward domestic stability and the United States to a principal place as a world power.

I would like to make several recommendations.

Can the Communist Army of Afghanistan hold the strategic centers and safeguard Najib's regime? The answer is yes, because the

THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN

The Government of Afghanistan, including an 18-month long Zahir Shah regime, is organized on the basis of the following premises:

- All institutions are defined in accordance with Islamic tradition and are recognized as legitimate by traditional Islamic writings on government and rulling; and
- The true power of implementation rests with the local power, that is, the commanders inside, the tribal authorities and any other source of local power who is loyal to the new regime.

The Government of Afghanistan is organized around a centralized center of power, a separate legislating institution and a separate implementing and supervising body. The legitmacy of the government is reached by locally-based elections and the Jirga process. In addition, there are two independent supreme institutions guaranteeing the implementation of law and justice ans well as the Islamic character of Afghanistan.

The Head of State is the AMIR [1] or the KHEDIVE. [2]

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The Amir is a traditional Islamic title who cerives his authority from military achievement. "Jihad is incumpent upon you under every amir," said the Prophet. Amir is a traditional title of leaders in Islamic Central Asia and Persia. The title of the Afghan rullers during the 19th Century who built and consolidated independent Afghanistan in its current boundaries was 'the Amir of Afghanistan.' Therefore, Amir will be acceptable to both Pushtuns and Pharsi-speakers in the northern provinces. However, in Pharsi, Amir is a royal title which can be transferred from father to son.

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The <u>Kherive</u> is a traditional title for a subreme leader from eastern Iran and Western Afghanistan. In modern time, it was used by Muhammad Ali in the early 19th century as a demonstration of his break from the Turkish Empire. The <u>Khegive</u> is a title preferable to the commonly used <u>Rais</u>. At present, the <u>Rais</u> is associated with anti-Islamic secular regimes in the Arab world such as Nasser's who burged the Islamic Brotherhood. Therefore, any ruller seeking the support of the Islamists of Afghanistan must not have a totally secular title with anti-Islamic conotations.

He rules with the aic of two <u>Wazirs</u> (or <u>Sacril Azam</u>) who are in charge of the smooth and effective running of the government. One <u>Wazir</u> will be a cistinguished Pushtun with traditional legitmacy as a leader as well as capabilities. The other <u>Wazir</u> will come from the northern provinces and his authority and legitmacy will be determined by his knowledge in juribrudence. Pir Sayed Ahmad Gaylani and Burhanucdin Rabbani should be the first wazirs in the Zahir Shah regime.

The <u>Amir/Khedive</u> chairs a <u>diwan</u> [3] of eight for the solution of major crises and disagreements in the country. The <u>diwan</u> should convene periodically in order to examine the state of the nation and ensure the correct implementation of the policy of the government. The members of the <u>diwan</u> are the <u>Amir/Khedive</u>, the two <u>Wazirs</u>, and additional five key figures in the country. In the Zanir Shan regime, the heads of the seven main Resistance Parties will constitute the diwan.

The Government of Afghanistan is deviced into two arms — a legislative branch with strong Islamic identity and an executive branch which power is based on local legitmacy and support.

The legislative branch is comprised of a <u>hukuma</u> [4] which answers to a <u>squra</u>. [5] The <u>hukuma</u> is chaired by a Prime Minister. The <u>hukuma</u> ministers are elected from among the ranks of the <u>squra</u>. The <u>nukuma</u> is answerable to the <u>squra</u> whose members approve all legislation and decisions of the <u>nukuma</u>. The members of the <u>squra</u> are nominated from the ranks of the Afghan notables in Afghanistan, Pakistan. Iran and the West. They will include the key religious scholars and juriprudents. experts in fields required for the republicing of the country (education, agriculture, industry, health and public services, etc.), as well

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A ruller's court or council. <u>Diwan</u> also has an organizational connotations as it is also used for major government departments and officers (especially in Persian). Therefore, it cenotes acherence to constitutional discipline.

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Hukuma is the more modern term in Islam for an institutionalized government which exercises the authority through ministers and legislative activities. It has, nowever, a traditional positive connotation which identifies it as a political rulling body based on wisdom, knowledge and religious judgement.

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Shura is a council of nominated elders and men of integrity and knowledge. Their role in traditional Islam is to supervise and oversee the actions of the ruller and/or the rulling body (government), ensuring adherence to the Law and providing expert assistance and acvice.

as some of the key commanders.

The executive branch of the Government of Afghanistan is pased on the <u>mailis</u>. [6] The deputies of the Afghan <u>Mailis</u> will be elected on a localized basis so that they represent the power structure throughout the country. The true power of the local resistance commanders and tribal chiefteins will be best represented in the <u>mailis</u>. These deputies will translate the policy and decisions of the <u>hukuma</u> and <u>shura</u> into specific actions and will implement them in their own regions.

THE LEGISLATION PROCESS AND STRUCTURE OF POWER

The <u>nukuma</u> cetermins the general policy of Afghanistan through its legislative activities. The outlines for the solution of the major challenges facing Afghanistan is determined in principle by the <u>nukuma</u>. The related laws and decisions have to be approved by the <u>spura</u> by vote. The experts among the members of the <u>spura</u> provide the oversight and support for the <u>hukuma</u>. The Islamic guriprudents guarantee the Islamic character and legitmacy of the legislative and policy formulation processes.

The various ministries of the <u>hukuma</u> are in charge of the organization and providing of the professional support for the implementation of their legislation. For example, the ministries will provide the expert training of individuals required to implement a certain repullding function. The acquisition (on a national level) of new equipment will also be conducted through the <u>nukuma</u>. The <u>nukuma</u> will also provide the professional and quality control functions (inspectors and instructors) throughout the implementation of its policies and quicelines in the field. The <u>hukuma</u> will also be in charge of national issues such as foreign policy and international-economic cooperation. The <u>squra</u> will ratify all treaties and international agreements by vote.

Once a law or a policy guideline are approved, they are submitted for final approval by the two wazirs, or the full diwan if necessary. The members of the diwan are: The Amir/Khedive, the two wazirs, the Prime Minister, the Chairmen ('Speakers') of the source and the mailie, and the Chief Jurist and Chief Mullan

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The <u>majlis</u> is the modern term for Parliament whose members are elected by the public. In Islamic political thought, the <u>majlis</u> is in charge of concrete details in state affairs as well as concerning their application to, and implementation in, worldly affair. The <u>majlis</u> deputies deliberate state affairs within their interest, expertese and knowledge. They oversee and supervise the implementation of their decisions and regulations.

of Afgnanistan. In the Zahir Shan regime, these seven positions will be held by the heads of the seven parties of the resistance. Following approval, the appropriate <u>wazir</u> then takes the law to the <u>mailis</u> for implementation.

The <u>majlis</u> is organized along regional lines. Its committees and subcommittees will reflect common interest and priorities in provinces and regions of the countries. The members of the <u>majlis</u> are the local resistance commanders, tribal and clan chiefteins, as well as other local leaders and notables. The leading resistance commanders, such as Anmad Shah Massud, Ismail Khan and Amin Wardak, will be able to retain their power and position by becomming the chairmen of the <u>majlis</u> committees concerning the regions of Afghanistan where their influence and power are undisputed. Regional treaties and existing cooperation formented during the fighting can be transferred into the <u>majlis</u> in the form of arrangements between locally elected members.

The law or policy guideline submitted to the <u>mailis</u> will be dealt with by the entire house or by specific committees depending on its merits. For example, a programme for the rebuilding of the irrigation system in one province will be dealt with only by the deputies from that province and hearpy regions. Once the specific steps for the implementation of the programme are approved by the deputies, they are in charge of carrying out the programme in their home districts. The applicable ministries of the <u>hukuma</u> will provide the experts and expertese, but the enforcement of cooperation and implementation of the programme in question is solely in the nands of the members of <u>mailis</u>.

ELECTION AND NOMINATION

The people elect their representatives for local <u>lingas</u> and the local deputies for the <u>mailis</u>. These elections are conducted in the districts, villages and valleys of Afghanistan. The population is expected to elect the inclviduals believed to best represent local interests and power. Therefore, the winners of such elections will reflect the distribution of power inside Afghanistan as consolidated during to last decade of fighting.

The local <u>jirgas</u> and the <u>mailis</u> together constitute the <u>joya</u> <u>Jirga</u>, which is the Afghan traditional and popular method for reaching significant decisions. The <u>Loya Jirga</u> will be conviened periodically to elect key individuals for subreme positions in the Afghanistam. The <u>Loya Jirga</u> will elect the <u>Amir/Khedive</u>, the seven members of the <u>diwan</u>, and half the deputies of the <u>spura</u>. The <u>Amir/Khedive</u> and the members of the <u>ciwan</u> must come from among the ranks of the <u>Loya Jirga</u> in order to ensure that they recreved popular votes and thrust at least in their own district. Since the deputies of the spura are selected for their

expertese and knowledge, they can be nominated from among the academia, intelligentsia, etc. and not necessarily from among the members of the Loya Jirga. Each of the offices of Chief Jurist and the Chief Mullah selects a quater of the deputies of the shura. The Chief Jurist will select becole notable for their honesty as well as the professionals and technocrats. The Chief Mullah will select the religious leadership of the shura. The mailis votes to approve the final composition of the shura.

The Prime Minister, who is personally nominated by the Lova Jirca, builds his hukuma from among the leading members of the sours. The shura votes its trust in the composition of the bukuma. Both the giwan and the mailis have to give their final approval for the bukuma before it can start functioning. Both institutions can order the firing of the bukuma and direct the Prime Minister (which they cannot change) to organize a new bukuma.

Each of the <u>Amir/Khedive</u>, the <u>wazirs</u>, the <u>diwan</u> and the entire <u>mailis</u> can order the convening of the <u>Lova Jirga</u>, which can order the disruption of the <u>shura</u>, the <u>mailis</u> as well as call for new elections.

THE MILITARY

The Military of Afgnanistan is comprised of a centralized force under the command of the <u>diwan</u> and the oversight of the <u>soura</u> and a host of locally-based paramilitary (militia) forces, each under the command of a <u>mailis</u> ceputy. The <u>Amir/Khecive</u> is the Commander in Chief (CiC) and the two <u>wazirs</u> are his Deputy-CiC. Such an organization is aimed at institutionalizing the retention of the military forces of the local commanders and chiefeins in their hands. It is highly unlikely that any of these warlords would agree to the dismemberment of their forces, which constitute the key to their power, under any circumstances.

The centralized force will include the high performance elements requiring specialized training and maintenance such as air force. armour and artillery. The military academies and schools will also be in the national-level. Of special significance are the Corps of Engineers and the Medical Corps which will paly a central role in the repuilbing of Afghanistan, thus gaining legitmacy and authority to the new Armed Forces.

The on going functioning of the Armed Forces, including training and maintenance, are under the responsibility and supervision of the <u>shura</u>. However, only the <u>diwan</u> has authority to activate the military and order the conduct of military operations. Under conditions of extreme national emergency, such as a supprise attack, the <u>Amir/Khedive</u> along with the two wazirs

will be able to order a military reaction in the absence of the other members of the diwan.

The bulk of the military forces in the country will be local forces based on the resistance and tribal forces. Each of these units is under the command of a local commander who is a <u>mailis</u> debuty. These forces will be organized into larger formations on a regional basis in barallel with the organization of their <u>mailis</u>—debuty commanders in subcomittees and comittees with a distinct order of senioirity. Each of the local <u>mailis</u>—debuty commanders will contribute a bortion of his force to the centralized command in order to organize and facilitate the local subply for the local forces. These troops will also participate in the engineering and construction projects (roads, garissons, etc.) in their own area.

The <u>majlis</u>-deputy commanders will be obliqued to use their forces for the defense of their own areas against internal and external threat to the Government, as well as actively participate in the defense of the country against all threat in accordance with the orders of their superiors in the <u>majlis</u>. Unly the full <u>diwan</u> can order a national mobilization and activation of the local forces even in case of a major emergency. Such an order can be overturned only by the entire <u>Loya Jirga</u>.

The military professionalism of these local forces will be ensured by the presence of representatives of the central command in the local forces. These representatives will facilitate the supply of weapons and ammunition to the local forces, conduct and supervise advance training, as well as oversee their overall capabilities, so that their loyalty to the Government is always checked independently. Such a mechanism of close supervision and oversight would allow for local forces that cooperated with the Kabul authorities to be integrated into the new Armed Forces without fear of anti-Government rebellion. Afginanistan will have to cope with the ex-resistance and sarandoy forces, integrating them into the new national order. These forces are too large to be effectively confronted by the resistance, and their commanders are the legitimate leaders of the population in the areas where they operate.

GANDAHAR

The establishment of Qandahar as the first capital of Zanir Shah is a multi-stage operation. It is imperative that the operation is conducted with minimum casualties to the civilian population in order to ensure a genuine surge of popular support for the restoration of a Zahir Shah regime. Militarily, each stage of the operation is conducted by a quality core which engages the enemy, incites, and gains support of, the local population and irrecular forces.

The main stages of the operation:

- Insertion of Zanir Shah and the leadership of the resistance to Akhtarzi.
- Laying siege on the regional military infrastructure and capturing Qandanar.
- 3. A series of diversionary attacks and isolation of the region.

Description:

Stage 1: A resistance force (preferably ISI's 1,500-man strong Afghan force) advances from Chaman and buts pressure on Spin Buldak. Once the DRA's attention is fixed on the escalation there, the massive insertion of the Afghan leadership begins. The central insertion will get Zahir Shah and his escort from Kurduna through a bass to Sar Khalizhay and on to Loy Karez, and if possible, to Akhtarzi. The leaders of the seven parties will be inserted simultaneously in adjacent basses.

The forces of Zanir Shah and the seven leaders will advance simultaneously in basses No. 277 through 287, each with a VIP Escort Force, and converge on San Khalizhay. Forward headcuarters in Pakistan — Kurduna.

Zanir Shan declares the independence of Afghanistan and the establishment of a non-communist/non-PDPA government. Messengers are sent to indite the local population for a march on Gandanar.

Quality resistance forces will bloc the main roads to Kabul and to Lashkar-Gah, diverting forces to clearing the roads and preventing the arrival of Soviet-DRA reinforcements.

Stage 2: The booular march on Qandahar shields and covers the advance of quality forces that will lay siege on the main Soviet-DRA bases, break into the city and secure it. The assault on the city will be conducted from several direction simultaneously: The masses will advance from the Spin Boldak basin, the Sar Khalizhay/Akhtarzi area, and the Kako Killi area along the water system. Simultaneously, quality forces for the blocking of Soviet-DRA operations from the airbases will advance from Loy Kalay in the east and from the Band-e Arghandab Dam in the north-east. The overwhelming force that will break into Qandahar itself will advance from around the Dam and approach the city from the north-west, shielded by the myriad of military activities.

Once the city is secured and the main bases neutralized. Zahir Shan and the leaders of the seven parties can make a triumphant entry into the city, emphasise their legitmacy as the Government of Afghanistan and call for a march on Kabul.

The Quality Forces

Principles: As many identical forces as possible so that complete units and components are interchangable. Each force/unit can operate autonomously as well as control and quice/lead locally available popular forces and even ex-DRA forces who decide to join them. The popular force will build around the quality force like solidification of crystals around a string. Each force/unit is devided to a core fighting element and a reinforcement component for the delivery of reinforcements and supplies according to the principles of reflexive control (rate of resupply determined by the superiors in the rear and pushed forward so that the resupply and reinforcements are not dependent on communication and/or the incapacitation of the local commanders).

<u>Stage 1:</u> 10 VIP Escort Forces of 300 fighters each for the insertion of the leaders:

- Fighting force of 200 (from the party of the escorted leader) including a Stinger detachment (of 20 men) and a reconnaissance detachment (of 10 men) on motocycles and horses.
- Reflexive support force of 100 (from the party of the escorted leader) to arrive with heavy weapons required to establish the base of the leader in the 'capital'.

3-2 Quick Reaction Forces of 50 fighters each for the protection of the main axes of advance and engagement with Soviet-DRA forces. SPETSNAZ-ambushes. etc.:

- 10 fighters on horses and motorcycles for reconnaissance of road and flanks.
- 40 fighters with 10 4X4 trucks, with 9 84mm Carl-Gustav snoulder-fired recoilless guns (diversified shells); 3 Milan launchers: 20 Stingers: 3 120mm mortars: 3 ZU-23-2 automatic guns (installed on the trucks); 3 BM-14s (installed on the trucks); and 10 DShK/ZPU (in removable turret above the cabin). The trucks are organized and equipped:
 - * 1 command vehicle.
 - * 3 AT vehicles each with 2 Carl Gustavs and 1 Milan launcher:
 - * 3 Fire support vehicles each with 1 BM-14 and 1 120mm mortar; and
 - * 3 Air defence and fire support vehicles each with 1 ZU-23-2 and 1 Carl Gustav.
 - * Each vehicle is equipped with I DShK/IPU and 2 Stingers.

S-4 Main Fighting Forces each of 600 fighters for oberations in the flanks of the main insertion zone in order to establish the perimeter, engage Soviet-DRA forces and prevent them from reaching the VIPs, assault DRA posts, etc. These forces operate in pairs so that they are interchangable in case of heavy losses and/or repeated Soviet-DRA assaults.

- 1 Guick Reaction Force of 50 fighters (see above):
- 1 Air Defense Force of 50 fithters in 10 teams for capturing and holding controlling neights, each edutobed with 1 launcher/3 Stincers and 1 DSMK/ZPU:
- 2 Blocking Forces of 100 fighters each for establishing semi-static defenses and containing enemy armoured forces; with 6 Milans. 18 Carl Gustavs, 12 DShK/ZPU, 3 120mm mortars. extensive mine laying and obstacle building capabilities.
- . Genera. force of 200 fighters with small arms and some mine laying and oostacle building capabilities.

- 1 Reflexive support force of 100 fighters to arrive with heavy weapons required to establish the perimeter and reinforce and defenses.

Stage 2: 10 Main Fighting Forces each of 600 fighters (TO&E as above) for the following operations: 2 units for each airbase (total of 4); i unit for assault on the controlling posts: 1 unit for assault on the citadel inside Gandahar: 1 unit in the Band-e Arghandab Dam area for perimeter security and command reserve; 1 unit to spearhead each of the popular marches on the city (a total of 3).

- 6 Air Defense Siege Forces each of 150 fighters deployed with each Main Fighting Force attacking the air bases (a total of 4) and for covering the southern and western approaches to Qandahar (a total of 2):
 - 10 teams of 10 fighters each for the blocking of Soviet-DRA air operations, capturing and holding controlling heights, each equipped with:
 - * 1 launcher/3 Stingers,
 - * 2 DSHK/ZPU. and
 - * 1 barrage saloon.

5 teams of 10 fighters each for the reflexive control resupply and reinforcement of the above teams.

15-12 Guick Reaction Force of 50 fighters (TC&E as above) for the following operations: 2 units for securing the axis and area of operations of each Main Fighting Force against the airbases and the controlling bosts (a total of 10); 2 units for securing the abbroaches to Gandahar from the west; and 1 unit spearheading each of the booklar advance routes (a total of 3).

Stace 3: The series of amousnes and diversionary attacks along the roads from Gandanar to Kabul and Lashkar-Ban should be conducted by the local forces in the interior (advancing from the west and north) with whatever forces and weapons that are available to the local commanders. Any attempt to significantly reinforce and resupply these forces will give away the surprise factor.

The Air Goerations

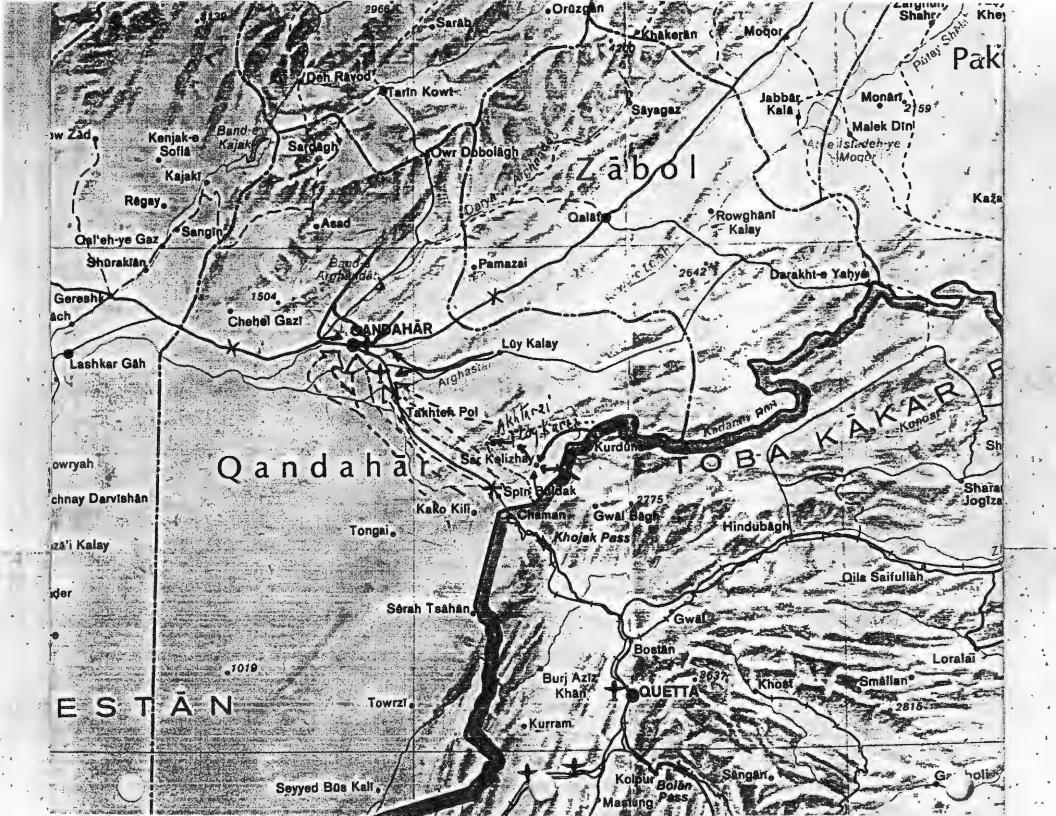
For the above offensive to succeed, both the Soviet-DRA air operations and the fears of the resistance from airpower must be significantly reduced. In order to secure the VIP insertion and establish the siege around the airbases, the initial stages must be completed with little or no nostile air activity. The only viable way to curtail the Soviet-DRA air operations is by subjecting them to a massive surprise that will compell the Soviet command to unilaterally reduce or even cease air operations for a few days.

It is highly likely that once a major build-up is detected alone the Pakistani border, the Soviets will commit high-altitude pombers for saturation bombing of the large penetration. If at least one of these bombers is shot down by a what abbears to be a rebelling DRA MiG-21, air operations will be ceased until the KGB-WAD burge the DRA Air Force. In reality. 4 MiG-21s and/or F-7Ms in DRA colors can take off from Zaroocha without radar and in radio silence in the middle of an F-16 exercise. These aircraft must be equipped with all aspect IR AAMs (advance Sidewinders or Pithon 3s) to ensure a kill under less than perfect conditions. Pakistani GCI can lead them into ambush intercept of the Soviet pompers. Afterwards, the MiG-21s/F-7Ms will to on the air (abordoriate channels) and identify themselves as defecting DRA pilots acvancing toward. Pakistan in order to cefect. The PakAF F-16s will be in position to protect these "defectors" once they reached the viscinity of the border. With supporting asyops and different laxis of advance it would be possible to repeat the act for another time. albeit with friendly losses.

The success of the resistance quality forces — as well as the legitmacy of the Zahir Shan Government — will be greatly enhanced if the resistance can conduct air support missions of its own. Soviet-DRA air defense is negligent because they were never challenged from the air. Therefore, a surprise attack from the air will have a severe impact on the local units and will preatly reduce their ability to react to and counter the advancing resistance forces on the pround.

Such operations can be conducted with the Pakistani-broduced MFI-17 Mushsak — a STOL 2-seat light attack aircraft which can carry air-to-surface and anti-tank rockets. ATGMs, light guns, and supply occs. The MFI-17 can operate from forward sites with little or no maintenance. Pakistan has an active production line in Kamra and a closed line in Risalbur which can be activated.

One should expect the resistance to initially shoot at anything that flies, shooting down a few friendly aircraft. However, once it becomes clear that the aircraft are the resistance's Air force, shooting will be greatly reduced. Moreover, the Zahir Shah Government will then be in a unique position, having been able to deliver something no other resistance commander and leader could — an air force challenging the Soviet-DRA domain in the sky.



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October 31, 1988

President Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As your second and final term as President of the United States is approaching its end, I wish to thank you and your administration for your support of the Afghan mujahideen during the last eight years and the cause of freedom and peace with justice for ALL. This, as you very well know, can only be attained from a position of strength, by those who profess belief in Allah (God Almighty) and the accountability for their actions.

I know that when you will leave your office, you will continue to do all you can to support human rights, which are given to mankind at birth by The Almighty, and which are from time to time, and from place to place taken away from some by the greedy oppressors of the un-Godly governments and their puppets.

I am sure you will be interested in the following quotation of a few decades ago, which was said by Allame Muhammad Iqbal, who was not even an Afghan, and points out the importance of Afghanistan and the necessity of its freedom:

"The continent of Asia is like a body alive. The heart that throbs in it is the Nation of Afghans. The destruction of the Afghans would mean the destruction of Asia. And in their progress and prosperity lies the well-being of Asia. So long as the heart is free, the body also enjoys freedom. If otherwise, it becomes like a straw adrift in the wind."

May Almighty bless not only this land, not only Afghanistan, but the world and its peoples with faith in and obedience to THE CREATOR; conditions requisite for prosperous nations to grow morally and spiritually and for moral and spiritual nations to grow prosperous in peace, freedom and harmony. Amen. I would also like to thank you for the opportunity I had in meeting you at the White House and pray for your, your wife Nancy Reagan's, your children's and their families health, well-being and eternal prosperity.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

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- AFGHANISTAN ASSISTANCE COUNCIL

December 2, 1988

President Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

We are writing to you at a critical period of the history of the ongoing war in Afghanistan. As you know, Mr. President:

While the war has been intensified by the Soviet Army against the Afghan people,

While the Soviets have brought in many heavy and new weapons into Afghanistan, including the SS1 Scud missiles, Mig 27s, and deploy their Backfire bombers, both in Afghanistan and from Soviet territory, against the civilians,

While the Soviets have delayed the withdrawal of the remaining 50% of their troops from Afghanistan indefinitely,

While the Soviet KGB has kidnapped an additional 1700 Afghan children in recent weeks from the kindergardens in Kabul,

While the results of the latest Soviet atrocities have been thousands of additional deaths and tens of thousands of new refugees and further destruction and levelling of urban areas;

The Soviets have made peace gestures to meet with the Mujahideen as the Soviet delegation under the First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Yuli Vorontsov, is holding talks in Taif, Saudi Arabia, with the Mujahideen leaders, Professors Rabbani and Mojaddedi.

Mr. President, we have several concerns that we want to convey to you and to President Elect Bush:

The Mujahideen are ready to carry on with the war effort, as Professor Rabbani must have conveyed this general message from the Mujahideen to you when he visited you in Washington in November. Our concern is that if the Soviets are insincere and do not meet the deadlines for completing the withdrawal of their troops by February 15, 1989, as stated in the Geneva Accords; the outcome would be a prolongation of the war with continued sufferings on the part of the Afghan people.

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