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CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR WENDY CHAMBERLIN FOR  
REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).

1. ~~(S)~~ SUMMARY. IN A FORTY-MINUTE MEETING  
FOLLOWING THE AMBASSADOR'S CREDENTIALS  
PRESENTATION, PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF TOLD THE

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AMBASSADOR THAT PAKISTAN WAS "WITH YOU IN AN  
ACTION PLAN FOR AFGHANISTAN." HE EMPHASIZED  
SEVERAL TIMES THAT PAKISTAN "HAD BEEN A FRONT  
LINE STATE IN THE PAST AND WOULD BE A FRONT LINE  
STATE AGAIN." THE AMBASSADOR TOLD MUSHARRAF  
BLUNTLY THAT THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS HAD CHANGED  
THE FUNDAMENTALS OF DEBATE. THERE WAS NO  
INCLINATION IN WASHINGTON TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOG  
WITH THE TALIBAN. PAKISTAN NEEDED TO "ACT WITH  
THE UNITED STATES -- NOT TO URGE DIALOG BUT TO  
ACT." MUSHARRAF STATED EMPHATICALLY TO THE  
AMBASSADOR THAT "WE ARE TOGETHER IN THIS." ACTION  
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2. (U) AMBASSADOR PRESENTED HER CREDENTIALS JUST BEFORE NOON ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13. PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF INVITED HER INTO A PRIVATE MEETING FOLLOWING THE FIVE-AMBASSADOR CEREMONY. FOREIGN SECRETARY INAM UL HAQUE, MILITARY SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT BRIG. NADEEM TAJ, AND DCM (NOTETAKER) ALSO ATTENDED.

3. (N) REFERRING TO THE MEETING BETWEEN DEPUTY SECRETARY ARMITAGE AND ISID GEN. MAHMUD THE DAY BEFORE, AMBASSADOR TOLD MUSHARRAF BLUNTLY THAT THE U.S.-PAKISTAN RELATIONSHIP WAS "AT A TURNING POINT" FOLLOWING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. WORLD HISTORY WAS ALSO AT A TURNING POINT, SHE DECLARED, AND PAKISTAN HAD A CHOICE AS TO WHERE WE WOULD GO. THE SITUATION WAS "BLACK AND WHITE, NOT GRAY," THE AMBASSADOR

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TOLD MUSHARRAF, AND PAKISTAN WAS EITHER WITH US OR NOT WITH US." THIS WAS NO TIME FOR "DIPLO-SPEAK," SHE EMPHASIZED. MUSHARRAF AGREED, NOTING THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO TALK "MILITARY SPEAK."

4. (N) THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT NATO, THE UNITED NATIONS, THE U.S. CONGRESS HAD ALREADY ASSURED SUPPORT -- INCLUDING LOGISTICAL SUPPORT - FOR ACTION AGAINST THE TERRORISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 11 TRAGEDY. AMERICA'S ALLIES AND FRIENDS WERE BEHIND US, SHE SAID FIRMLY. CLEARLY, THERE WAS AN OPERATIONAL NEED TO GO AFTER THE TERRORISTS WHO LAUNCHED THESE HEINOUS ATTACKS. THE UNITED STATES WAS APPRECIATIVE OF MUSHARRAF'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS, SHE CONTINUED. THE AMBASSADOR TOLD MUSHARRAF THAT LAST NIGHT'S STATEMENT, WHICH WAS STRONGER THAN HIS FIRST STATEMENT ON THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS, [REDACTED] AND HAD BEEN NOTICED. BUT NOW WE EXPECTED MORE. THE CHOICE WAS CLEAR, SHE REPEATED: PAKISTAN WAS EITHER WITH US OR NOT.

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5. (N) THE DEPUTY SECRETARY HAD TOLD GEN. MAHMUD YESTERDAY THAT IT WAS STILL NOT CLEAR WHAT MIGHT BE ASKED OF PAKISTAN BY THE USG. THIS OFFER OF SUPPORT WOULD BE TESTED SHORTLY, SAID THE AMBASSADOR. THE DEPSEC HAD MADE NO SECRET OF THE FACT THAT THE ACTIONS REQUIRED MIGHT CAUSE PAKISTAN "DEEP INTROSPECTION." THIS TRAGEDY HAD AFFECTED NOT ONLY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE BUT THE

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ENTIRE WORLD. IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE

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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN UNDERSTOOD THAT MANY IN  
WASHINGTON BELIEVED PAKISTAN WAS SYMPATHETIC TO  
THE TALIBAN AND BY ASSOCIATION, SYMPATHETIC TO  
USAMA BIN LADEN AND HIS TERRORIST NETWORK, WARNED  
THE AMBASSADOR. WE BELIEVED STRONGLY THAT THE  
TALIBAN ARE HARBORING THE TERRORISTS RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS. PRESIDENT BUSH  
WAS, IN FACT, REFERRING TO THE TALIBAN IN HIS  
SPEECH PROMISING TO GO AFTER THOSE WHO HARBORED  
TERRORISTS.

6. (S) AT THIS POINT, MUSHARRAF -- VISIBLY  
TAKEN ABACK BY THE AMBASSADOR'S FORCEFUL AND  
BLUNT PRESENTATION -- JUMPED IN TO POINT OUT THAT  
PAKISTAN HAD BEEN A "FRONT LINE STATE IN THE  
PAST" AND WOULD BE A "FRONT LINE STATE IN THE  
FUTURE." PAKISTAN WAS NOT SYMPATHETIC TO THE

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TALIBAN, HE ARGUED. MUSHARRAF EXPLAINED THAT HE  
HAD TOLD MANY U.S. VISITORS THAT PAKISTAN "IN NO  
WAY HAD ANY DESIRE TO ACCEPT THE TALIBAN WAY OF  
THINKING OR THE TALIBAN WAY OF LIFE." THE

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TALIBAN'S "ATTITUDES, BEHAVIOR, AND THOUGHT PROCESS: WAS "TOTALLY OPPOSITE" TO THOSE OF ANY MODERATE IN PAKISTAN. THE ONLY ISSUE PAKISTAN QUESTIONED WAS "HOW TO DEAL WITH THE TALIBAN;" THERE WAS NO SYMPATHY FOR THE TALIBAN AUTHORITIES, HE REPEATED.

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7. (S) THE AMBASSADOR INTERRUPTED MUSHARRAF TO DECLARE THAT THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS HAD CHANGED THE FUNDAMENTALS OF DEBATE. THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO INCLINATION IN WASHINGTON TO ENTER INTO A DIALOG WITH THE TALIBAN. THE TIME FOR DIALOG WAS FINISHED AS OF SEPTEMBER 11. THERE WAS ONLY ONE RESPONSE TO THE TERRIBLE EVENTS: PREVENTING THE TERRORISTS RESPONSIBLE FROM EVER REPEATING SUCH ACTIONS AGAIN. WE WERE FAIRLY SURE AS TO WHO WAS GUILTY: UBL AND HIS AL QAIDA NETWORK OF TERRORISTS. THERE WAS NO NEED FOR DISCUSSION, SHE STATED FLATLY; "ACTION IS NOW THE ONLY LANGUAGE THAT MATTERS." PAKISTAN NEEDED TO "ACT WITH THE UNITED STATES -- NOT TO URGE DIALOG BUT TO ACT."

8. (S) PAKISTAN "DOES UNDERSTAND THAT," MUSHARRAF REPEATED TWICE. THE SITUATION HAD INDEED CHANGED. "WE CERTAINLY WILL ACT WITH YOU. PAKISTAN WAS A FRONT LINE STATE IN THE DAYS OF THE SOVIETS AND WILL BE A FRONT LINE STATE AGAIN. I HASTEN TO ADD THAT PAKISTAN'S FRONT-LINE STATUS WAS NOT ALWAYS A HAPPY ONE. PAKISTANIS ASK THEMSELVES WHAT PAKISTAN GAINED." THE UNITED STATES, IN THE EYES OF THE PAKISTANI PEOPLE, HAD "DITCHED US," COMMENTED MUSHARRAF. THIS WAS NOT HIS OWN LANGUAGE, THE PRESIDENT HASTENED TO ADD, BUT THE GENERAL FEELING OF THE PAKISTANI PEOPLE. PAKISTAN HAD SUPPORTED THE UNITED STATES IN AFGHANISTAN AND SOMALIA AND IN MANY OTHER AREAS.

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9. (S) THE AMBASSADOR REMINDED MUSHARRAF THAT THE DEPSEC HAD STATED QUITE CLEARLY TO GEN. MAHMUD YESTERDAY THAT PAKISTAN HAD AN IMPORTANT CHOICE TO MAKE, AND THAT PAKISTAN, IF IT MADE THE RIGHT CHOICES, FACED A VERY POSITIVE FUTURE -- BEGINNING TODAY. SHE URGED MUSHARRAF TO "PLEDGE

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LOGISTICAL COOPERATION TO FIGHT THE WAR" AGAINST THE TERRORISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR TUESDAY'S ATTACKS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. TODAY PRESENTED PAKISTAN WITH "A WHOLE NEW PAGE" OF HISTORY.

10. (S) MUSHARRAF AGREED THAT THE UNITED STATES AND PAKISTAN NEEDED TO STRIKE AT THE ROOTS OF EXTREMISM. THE AMBASSADOR AGREED THAT BOTH COUNTRIES NEEDED TO LOOK AHEAD AT THEIR LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP. MUSHARRAF, GLANCING AT FOREIGN SECRETARY HAQUE, ASKED FOR "SPECIFICS OF THE REQUIREMENTS" RELATED TO THIS "LOGISTICAL COOPERATION." THE USG NEEDED TO TAKE PAKISTAN "ON BOARD" WITH REGARD TO "ALL DECISIONS AND ACTIONS, EVERYTHING THAT IS BEING CONTEMPLATED." THE PRESIDENT NOTED THAT HAVING THE UNITED NATIONS "ON BOARD" WITH A COLLECTIVE DECISION WOULD MAKE GOP LOGISTICAL COOPERATION "MORE SELLABLE" TO PAKISTANIS. PAKISTAN TOOK ITS COMMITMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS A UN MEMBER AND MEMBER OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY SERIOUSLY, HE STATED. BUT PAKISTAN NEEDED TO KNOW "WHAT THE PLAN IS" IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A RESPONSE. NOTICING THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS FROWNING,

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MUSHARRAF STOPPED HIMSELF AND QUERIED, "WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?"

11. (S) AMBASSADOR TOLD MUSHARRAF THAT WASHINGTON WAS PUTTING THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE ACTION PLAN IN PLACE. GEN. MAHMUD WOULD HAVE A SERIES OF MEETINGS TODAY, INCLUDING ANOTHER SESSION WITH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AT NOON (2100 ISLAMABAD TIME). HOWEVER, SHE WARNED EMPHATICALLY, SHE DID NOT WANT TO "WALK OUT OF THIS ROOM WITH WHAT I CAME IN WITH -- EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN ABOUT THE HUMAN TRAGEDY OF SEPTEMBER 11. THAT IS NOT WHAT I CAME FOR. I NEED A FIRM STATEMENT FROM YOU REGARDING ACTION AND LOGISTICAL COOPERATION TO COMBAT THE TERRORISTS WHO HAD ATTACKED THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

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12. (S) PERHAPS SURPRISED AT THIS FORTHRIGHT  
APPROACH, MUSHARRAF STATED CLEARLY THAT PAKISTAN  
"WOULD COOPERATE IN ACTION AGAINST THOSE WHO  
PERPETRATED THESE ACTS AND THOSE WHO SUPPORTED  
THEM." THERE WERE MANY WAYS "TO TAKE SUCH  
MILITARY ACTION," HE SAID, AND HE SIMPLY NEEDED  
TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT HE WAS BEING ASKED.

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THE AMBASSADOR TOLD MUSHARRAF THAT THE  
USG REQUESTS WOULD PRESENT PAKISTAN WITH TOUGH  
CHOICES, BUT WOULD BE REALISTIC AND PRACTICAL.  
MUSHARRAF REPLIED -- WITHOUT HESITATION -- THAT  
"WE ARE WITH YOU IN YOUR ACTION PLAN IN  
AFGHANISTAN." THIS WAS NO "DIPLOMACY TALK,"  
MUSHARRAF STATED, "WE ARE WITH YOU." AS THE  
TELEVISION SET DIRECTLY BEHIND FOREIGN SECRETARY  
HAQUE SHOWED A PTV RE-BROADCAST OF MUSHARRAF'S  
9/11 STATEMENT ON THE ATTACKS -- WITH THE U.S.  
AND PAKISTANI FLAGS SUPERIMPOSED OVER THE FOOTAGE  
OF MUSHARRAF SPEAKING -- THE PRESIDENT TOLD  
AMBASSADOR THAT "WE NEED TO BE CLEAR; WE ARE  
TOGETHER IN THIS."

13 (S) ACTION REQUEST: FOLLOWING THE DEPUTY  
SECRETARY'S 9/13 MEETING WITH ISID GEN. MAHMUD,  
WE RECOMMEND THAT THE SECRETARY TELEPHONE  
PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF DIRECTLY TO REINFORCE OUR  
POINTS ON PAKISTAN'S COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE ALL

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NECESSARY LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR ANY PLANNED U.S.  
ACTIONS. ISLAMABAD IS NINE HOURS AHEAD OF EST.

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