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Gameplan for Polmil Strategy for Pakistan and Afghanistan

WHAT WE WANT FROM THE TALIBAN?

Tuesday's attacks clearly demonstrate that UBL is capable of conducting terrorism while under Taliban control--something the Taliban had repeatedly assured us was not the case--and therefore we want the Taliban to act immediately to end its support for UBL. We want the Taliban to:

- Turn over UBL and all his associates responsible for terrorist attacks against the U.S., including senior deputies Ayman al-Zawahiri, Mohammed Atef, and Abu Zubaidah.
- Tell us everything they know about UBL and his Al Qaida associates, including their whereabouts, resources, plans for future terrorist acts, and access to WMD materials.
- Close immediately all terrorist training camps and expel all terrorists.
- Free all detained SNI workers (Americans, foreigners and Afghans) and allow the foreigners to leave the country.
- Comply with all relevant UNSCR resolutions.

Channel for communication: We should have the Pakistanis carry the message directly to the Taliban leadership in Kandahar. Simultaneously, we could have a representative from US Embassy Islamabad deliver it to the Taliban representative there. At the same time, we could go public with our demands, possibly via a Presidential statement.

HOW DO WE OPERATIONALIZE IF THEY ACCEPT?

We should give the Taliban 24 - 48 hours to turn over Bin Ladin and his chief lieutenants, and close down all of Al Qaida's training camps. There are three possible responses from the Taliban:

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- They agree to use their own forces to execute this plan. Since UBL is unlikely to go voluntarily and has heavily armed forces around him, the result would be firefight, with UBL possibly getting killed. Taliban could begin a process of dismantling camps and expelling terrorist trainees to countries of origin. Expulsions would be through Pakistan. We must look carefully for those indictable here and consider ways to transfer them into U.S. custody.
- They refuse to do the job themselves but allow our own forces to operate freely on their soil. Need from the Taliban: intel on location of network, finances and individuals; overflight/transit permission; public relations support; protection for U.S. forces and citizens. Involve broad international coalition, including NATO, moderate Muslim states, Asians, to underscore this is a global police operation to eradicate a common threat.
- They refuse any cooperation and we must proceed in the face of the Taliban's political and military opposition.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] we should focus much of our efforts on an international effort aimed at capturing UBL and his associates and destroying his infrastructure. We have some intelligence about location of camps, but will need to intensify our search efforts to follow targets which are mobile and actively seeking to evade us.

- [REDACTED]

WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE?

- Should the Taliban leadership fail to take decisive action against terrorists in Afghanistan within 24 - 48 hours, we should tell them the US will take all necessary means to see that terrorist infrastructure

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is destroyed despite them and we will begin to work with our friends and allies to remove the Taliban leadership from power. (We should also find subtle

ways to encourage splits within the leadership if that could facilitate changes in their policy toward terrorism.)

POLITICAL ACTIONS

- Ask Saudis, UAE, Pakistan to break relations with Taliban.
- Detain/expel all Taliban representatives outside of Afghanistan.
- End all assistance to Afghanistan (though we need to look to live-sustaining assistance just as soon as we can ensure that this does not serve to support the Taliban itself)
- Strengthened UNSC Resolution will cut off Taliban completely, ban aviation fuel, etc. Provide for strengthened monitoring force on Afghan borders.

POLITICAL/MILITARY

- US will provide assistance to Northern Alliance to allow it to successfully resist, and then push back Taliban.
- US will bring together non-Taliban Afghans and Northern Alliance to form broad-based coalition government with broad appeal across geographic and ethnic lines.

MILITARY

- US will build international coalition to enter Afghanistan and destroy terrorist infrastructure, capture UBL and others.
- US will strike against Taliban military targets by air and ground attack to degrade Taliban ability to oppose our counterterrorism effort.

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TIMING AND SEQUENCE FOR OPTIONS

BEGIN IMMEDIATELY

- Consultations with countries who would be involved in capture of UBL and associates, especially Pakistan and the Central Asian states.
- Consultations with P-5 regarding UNSC resolution.
- Consult with Pakistan, Saudis, UAE regarding break in relations.
- Consultations with countries involved in possible military operations, including NATO allies, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Russia, Gulf and Asian States.
- Consult with Russia, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, India, and possibly Iran on coordinated assistance to Northern Alliance.

Option One: M-Day Message delivered to Taliban with deadlines for reply (24-48 hours), for actions to begin (72 hours) and to carry out the operation (10-14 days).

Should Taliban fail to meet our deadlines, within three days we begin planning for Option three, [REDACTED]

Option Three: Begins on M-Plus Three days, and continues until a force is ready to move against the terrorist threat in Afghanistan

CONCLUSION: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

We also assess that at this point Pakistan is unwilling to send its troops into Afghanistan, but will provide all other operational and logistical support we ask of her. [REDACTED]

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