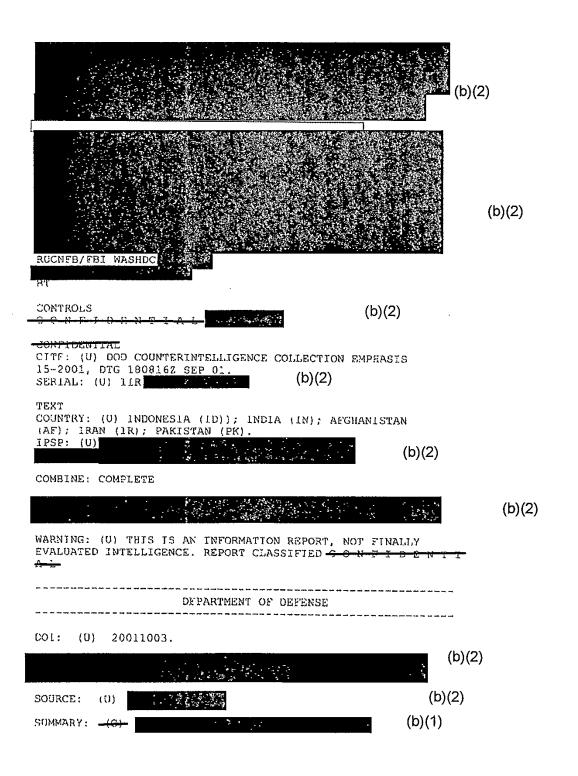
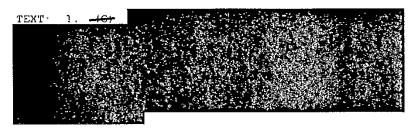
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MAINTAINS THE VAST MAJORITY OF PAKISTANIS ARE FIRMLY IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT MUSHARAFF; SAYS TNI SOUGHT A MEETING WITH UBL AND TALIBAN REPS TO ASK THEM . TO STOP SUPPORT FOR DOMESTIC INDONESIAN MUSLIM GROUPS; CLAIMS GOP CLOSED DOWN THE AL RASHID COMPUTER SCHOOL AND HARKAT UL MUJARADIN OFFICE IN LAHORE BECAUSE OF THEIR TIES TO THE TALIBAN; MAINTAINS AL QAEDA IS PRODUCING RUDIMENTARY CHEM/BIO AGENTS IN AFGHANISTAN. MUSLIM GROUPS DEMONSTRATE IN FRONT OF THE PAKISTAN EMBASSY.



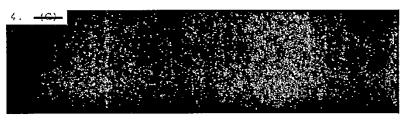
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2. +C: MAINTAINED THAT PRESIDENT MUSHARAFF IS FULLY COMMITTED TO SUPPORT THE INTERNATION FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM AND CONFIDENT THAT IT IS THE RIGHT COURSE OF ACTION THAT SERVES PAKISTAN'S SELF INTERESTS. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. PER SE, BUT OF COURSE PAKISTAN WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED AND ASSISTED BY THE U.S. AND REST OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR ITS COMMITMENT IN THE STRUGGLE. HE SAID MUSHARAFF AND OTHER PAKISTANI LEADERS SEE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A BETTER FUTURE AND EXPECT CONCRETE FORMS OF ASSISTANCE TO HELP PAKISTAN CLIMB OUT OF THE TERRIBLE ECONOMIC CONDITION THE COUNTRY PRESENTLY IS IN.

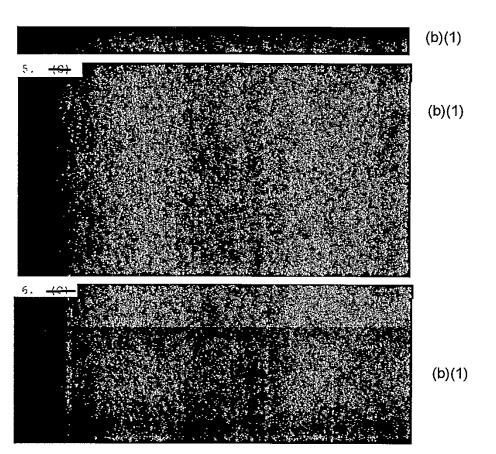
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3. -(6) SAID THE VAST MAJORITY OF PAKISTANIS ARE FIRMLY IN SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT. HE MAINTAINED THERE IS NO DIVISION WITHIN THE MILITARY AND NO HESITATION TO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT AMONG PAKISTAN'S MILITARY LEADFRS. ALL OF THE CORPS, DIVISION AND OTHER SENIOR MILITARY COMMANDERS HAVE ALREADY PLEDGED THEIR LOYALTY TO MUSHARAFF. ALMOST ALL OF PAKISTAN'S TRADITIONAL TRIBAL LEADERS HAVE ALSO PLEDGED SUPPORT. ONLY A FEW FRINGE ISLAMIC POLITICAL FIGURES ARE PROTESTING, BUT ACCORDING TO THESE POLITICIANS ARE CORRUPT AND DISCREDITED, WHILE MOST OF THEIR SUPPORTERS ARE IGNORANT, BEARDED VILLAGERS.

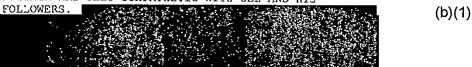
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7. -(C) SAID THE SITUATION IN PAKISTAN REMAINS CALM. THERE IS NO SYMPATHY FOR THE TALIBAN AMONG THE ROUGHLY 2 MILLION AFGHAN REFUGEES INSIDE PAKISTAN.
MANY OF THE REFUGEES FLED THE TYRANNY OF THE TALIBAN AND MOST ARE FED UP WITH THE TALIBAN LEADERSHIP.
NEITHER ARE THEY SYMPATHETIC WITH UBL AND HIS



8. (C) SAID MOST OF THE AFGHANS IN PAKISTAN ARE COMPLETELY DESTITUTE AND FORCED TO ACCEPT ANY TYPE OF MENIAL LABOR OR BEG TO SURVIVE. HE SAID THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD WORK WITH PAKISTAN TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT TO THESE PEOPLE - "TO WIN THE HEARTS AND MINDS" OF THE AFGHANS BY TELLING THEM, "WE ARE NOT AGAINST THE AFGHAN PEOPLE AND WANT TO HELP

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YOU,"

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SAID IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE FOR THE U.S. TO BACK THE MOPTHERN ALLIANCE IN AFGHANISTAN. HE MAINTAINED THAT THE NORTHERN ALLIANCE IS OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE. IT HAS PRIMARY ALLIEGENCE TO IRAN AND PAKISTAN TRADITIONALLY HAS NEVER HAD CLOSE TIES TO THIS GROUP.

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CLOSING OF THE AL RASHID COMPUTER SCHOOL IN LAHORE
BECAUSE OF ITS CONNECTIONS TO THE TALIBAN. HE SAID THE
PRESIDENT ALSO ORDERED AUTHORITIES TO SHUT DOWN THE
HARKAT UL MCJAHADIN OFFICE IN LAHORE. HE SAID HARKAT
UL MUJAHADIN IS A KASHMIRI GROUP WITH CONNECTIONS TO
TALIBAN THAT HAD BEEN COLLECTING MONEY IN LAHORE.
ACCORDING TO
OCT. HE SAID THE CLOSING OF THE HARKAT UL MUJAHADIN
OFFICE WAS CONTROVERSIAL BECAUSE SOME PAKISTANIS WERE
ACCUSING MUSHARAFF OF BOWING TO U.S. PRESSURE TO CUT
OFF SUPPORT FOR KASHMIRI FREEDOM FIGHTERS. BUT,

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SAID THE HARKAT UL MUJAHADIN WAS CLOSED PURELY BECAUSE OF ITS TIES TO THE TALIBAN.

CATEGORICALLY DENIED INDIAN ALLEGATIONS THAT KASHMIRI MUJAHADIN WERE TRAVELLING TO AFGHANISTAN TO SUPPORT THE TALIBAN.

11. (C) SAID HE WAS SURE THAT UBL AND AL QAEDA HAVE MADE EFFORTS TO PRODUCE CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE AGENTS, BUT FELT THAT THESE PROGRAMS WERF VERY RUDIMENTARY. HE ASSUMED THAT THE GOP WAS SHARING ANY DETAILS ON THESE FACILITIES, ALONG WITH OTHER UBL ACTIVITIES IN AFGHANISTAN, WITH THE U.S.

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12. (C) SAID NEITHER INDIAN NOR PAKISTANI MILITARY FORCES WERE CONDUCTING DRY SLASON TRAINING MANUEVERS NEAR THE BORDER THIS YEAR. PAKISTAN'S ONLY CONCERN WITH INDIA IS THE SITUATION IN KASHMIR. IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE SERIOUS CAR BOMB INCIDENT IN INDIAN WASHMIR, SAID PAKISTANI LEADERS ARE CONCERNED THAT THE U.S. WILL AGREE TO INDIA'S DEMANDS THAT KASHMIR BE TREATED AS A GLOBAL TERRORISM PROBLEM. HE MAINTAINED THAT INDIAN LEADERS ARE NOW FEELING POLITICALLY AND MILITARILY STRONG. THEY ARE LIKELY TO EXPLOIT THE SITUATION BY ACTIVELY LOBEYING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OVER KASHMIR. SAID PAKISTANI LEADERS ALSO EXPECT THAT INDIA MIGHT TAKE SOME MILITARY ACTION IN KASHMIR DURING THE CURRENT CRISIS.

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