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NIE - AFGHANISTAE Principal Conclusions

- 1. AFCHAN ROYAL FAMILY CAN PROBABLY MEET ANY CHALLENGE TO ITS AUTHORITY IN FORESERABLE FUTURE.
- 2. AFGHAN SHORTAGE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE MAY

 BECOME CRITICAL IN NEXT THAN YEARS. IF

 FOREIGN EXCHANGE DIFFICULTIES SURMOUNTED,

 AFGHAN WOULD HAVE REASONABLY GOOD PROSPECTS

 FOR MODEST DEVELOPMENT.
 - 3. AFGHANISTAN/SIGNIFICANTLY STRATEGIC
 BUFFER STATE, SEPARATING USSR FROM NOWCOMMUNIST WORLD BUT DOMINATED BY NEITHER.
 - 4. HOWEVER, AFGHANISTAN IS HIGHLY VULNERABLE TO SOVIET PRESSURES.

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- SOV ATTENTIONS TO AFGHAN PARTICULARLY

 SOURCE DISTRIBUTION TO COUNTRY WESTERN

 ATTENDANCE IN AREA. SOV ATTENTIONS

 THE TO DESCRIBE, ESPECIALLY IF AFGHAN

 ASSESSED IN MESTERN DEPRESE AREANGEMENT

 CORPOR SUB STANTIAL WESTERN RILLTARY
- 6. GROWTH OF SOV INCLUDENCE WOULD REDUCE AFGHAN
 PREDICT OF ACTION, BUT USER WILL PROB NOT
 GAIN CONTROL OF COUNTRY WITHIN NEXT FEW
 TEARS. SMALL AFGHAN PRO COMM ELEMENT TOO
 WEAK TO OVERTHROW RECIDE. USER COULD
 TAKE OVER AFGHAN, BUT OVERT AGGRESSION
 WOULD ENTAIL AN TI-SOV REACTIONS ELSEWHERE
 IN AREA WHICH USER WOULD AVOID.



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- 7. AFGHAN WILL SEEK WESTERN ECONOMIC AID TO COUNTERBALANCE THAT RECEIVED FROM USSR.

 HOWEVER, UNLIKELY THAT AFGHANS WOULD JOIN WESTERN DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT.
- 8. AFGHAN WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO ACCEPT SOV AID AND MAY MISJUDGE ITS ABILITY TO CURB ACCOMPANYING SOV SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY. MAY ALSO OVERESTIMATE WESTERN ABILITY AND WILL TO ASSIST THEM IN EVENT OF MILITARY OR DIP CRISIS.
- 9. IMPROVEMENT IN PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS,

 DOMINATED BY AFGHAN—INSTIGATED PUSH
 TUNISTAN CONTROLLEY, UNLIKELY.

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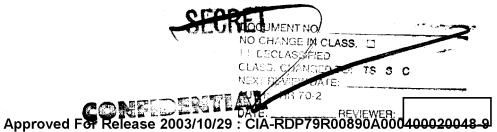
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PROSPECTS FOR AFGHAN-PAKISTAN CONFEDERA-TION FROM NIE-AFGHANISTAN

ACTUALLY SOME TALK IN AFGHAN AND PAK-ISTANI OFFICIAL CIRCLES OF SOME FORM OF CONFEDERATION

(THIS PLAN URGED ON PAKISTAN BY AGHA

HOWEVER, RESPONSIBLE KARACHI AND KABUL AUTHORITIES UNLIKELY TO AGREE ON MERGER BECAUSE OF BASIC INTERNAL COMPLICATIONS AND SOVIET AND INDIAN OPPOSITION



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