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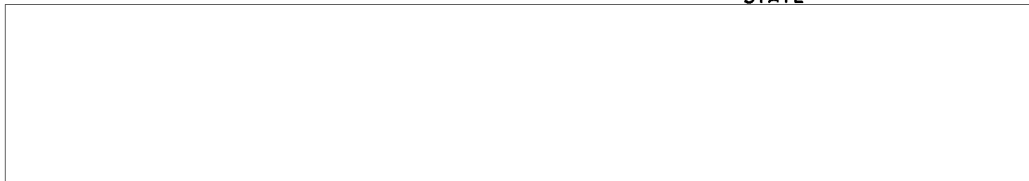
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SUBJECT: CROSS-BORDER ASSISTANCE: ROLE OF PVO'S

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2. WE ASSUME THAT , IN CONNECTION WITH CODEL HATCH'S VISIT, QUESTION OF CONTINUING PVO ROLE IN CBA WILL BE RAISED. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THERE HAVE BEEN CONTINUING EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN FROM EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS, FROM CONGRESS, AND FROM PVO'S THEMSELVES ABOUT THEIR FUTURE ROLE AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO WHATEVER NEW CBA REGIME IS ESTABLISHED IN CONNECTION WITH PAKISTAN WELFARE INTERNATIONAL. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO FIND AN OCCASION, WHETHER IN CONNECTION WITH CODEL HATCH OR SEPARATELY, TO REITERATE OUR POSITION WITH ZIA, YAQUB KHAN, OR OTHERS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

-- WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT GOP IS TAKING STEPS TO ESTABLISH A BASIS FOR LONG-TERM CROSS-BORDER HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE AFGHANS. AS GOP IS AWARE, WE HAVE DONE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO OUR FULL SHARE IN SUPPORTING SUCH AN EFFORT. WE BELIEVE IT IS CRITICAL TO ANY LONGER TERM STRATEGY TOWARD AFGHANISTAN.

-- PRIVATE VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS HAVE UP TILL NOW PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN CBA OPERATIONS. THEY HAVE SHOWN GREAT RESOURCEFULNESS AND COURAGE AND HAVE EARNED OUR RESPECT AND -- WE ARE SURE -- THAT OF THE AFGHANS.

-- LOOKING TO FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS THE POINT WE WOULD LIKE TO STRESS IS A POLITICAL ONE. THE PVO'S NOT ONLY BRING A SIGNIFICANT MEASURE OF COMMITMENT, SKILL AND EXPERTISE TO CBA, THEY ALSO ACT TO RALLY BROAD SUPPORT FOR THE AFGHANS AND FOR THE WORK OF THE GOP IN ASSISTING THE AFGHANS. BOTH IN EUROPE AND IN THE UNITED STATES, THE WORK OF THE PVO'S HAS STRONG SUPPORT ON A POPULAR LEVEL, IN PARLIAMENTS AND GOVERNMENTS. THIS MAKES IT POSSIBLE BOTH FOR RESOURCES TO FLOW AND FOR POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO REMAIN FIRM.

-- WE ENCOURAGE GOP TO BEAR THESE FACTORS IN MIND IN

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ADDRESSING THE ROLE OF THE PVO'S AND IN DEALING WITH THEM  
AND THE GOVERNMENTS SUPPORTING THEM. IT IS A MATTER OF  
IMPORTANCE TO US AND, WE ASSUME, TO OTHER WESTERN  
GOVERNMENTS AS WELL.    SHULTZ  
END OF MESSAGE

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