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SUBJ: GOP AIDE MEMOIRE REPORTS PAK-AFGHAN TALKS CANCELLED  
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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED MFA AIDE MEMOIRE DATED FEBRUARY 15 WHICH REPORTS THAT PLANNED BILATERAL TALKS WHICH WERE TO BE HELD IN KABUL ON THAT DATE BETWEEN PAK FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI AND AFGHAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH HAVE BEEN POSTPONED INDEFIENITELY. THIS IS A REITERATION OF WHAT ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY NAIK LAST WEEK TOLD CHARGE' (REPORTED REFTEL): THAT TALKS WOULD NOT BE HELD AS RESULT OF WHAT PAKS SEE AS AN AFGHAN HAND IN ASSASSINATION OF NWFPP SENIOR MINISTER SHERPAO. AIDE MEMOIRE CONTAINS WHAT GOP CONSIDERS ARE DETAILS OF AFGHAN INTERFERENCE IN PAKISTAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND ALSO TIME TABLE WHICH GOP HAD HOPED TO FOLLOW TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS.

2. SIGNIFICANT POINTS OF AIDE MEMOIRE, WHICH MFA DIRECTOR FOR

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AFGHANISTAN TELLS US WAS PASSED TO MOST MISSIONS HERE, AS FOLLOWS:

BRUTAL ASSASSINATION OF SHERPAO HAS BE BE VIEWED AGAINST BACKDROP OF POLITICS OF VIOLENCE UNLEASHED IN FRONTIER BY NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY(NAP)WITH THE ACTIVE ENCOURAGEMENT OF RADIO KABUL.

FOR PAST YEAR THERE HAVE BEEN INCREASING NUMBER OF BOMB BLASTS IN PAKISTAN AND AGAINST POLITICAL WORKERS, WITH SHERPAO AS SPECIALLY SELECTED TARGET OF WELL-ORCHESTRATED TERRORIST CAMPAIGN OF ELEMENTS SWORN TO DESTROY TRNQUILITY AND HARMONY IN PAKISTAN.

IT WAS NOT INSIGNIFICANT THAT RADIO KABUL'S JANUARY 13 PUSHTU COMMENTARY THREATENED HIM WITH DIRE CONSEQUENCES.

THAT NAP IS BEHIND TERRORIST ACTIVITIES BORN OUT IN UTTERANCES OF ITS LEADERS, INCLUDING FORMER SECGEN AJMAL KHATTAK WHO HAS BEEN MASTERMINDING TERRORIST ACTIVITIES FROM HIS SANCTUARY IN KABUL WHERE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT TREATS HIM AS A POLITICAL DIGNITARY IN EXILE. IN RECENT INTERVIEW WITH BBC CORRESPONDENT KHATTAK CONFESSED TO HEADING TERRORIST FRONT OPERATING IN PAKISTAN.

IN FACE OF INCONTROVERTIBLE EVIDENCE ABOUT MALA FIDES OF NAP, GOP WAS FORCED TO BAN IT AS POLITICAL PARTY.

AFGHANISTAN'S INVOLVEMENT IN DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES IN PAKISTAN NO SECRET. AJMAL KHATTAK'S BASE IS IN KABUL. RADIO KABUL PUTS OUT THE MOST VITUPERATIVE AND VENEMOUS PROPAGANDA AGAINST PAKISTAN, ITS BROADCASTS MALIGN VERY BASIS OF PAKISTAN AND MADE ABUSIVE PERSONAL ATTACKS AGAINST PM AND OTHER GOVERNMENT LEADERS. AFGHAN OFFICIALS MISS NO OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE STATEMENTS INTERFERING IN PAK INTERNAL AFFAIRS NOR DO THEY CONCEAL THEIR SPECIAL RELATIONS WITH NAP LEADERS.

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GOP HAS ALWAYS SOUGHT IMPROVEMENT IN POLITICAL CLIMATE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, DESPITE VICIOUS GOA PROPAGANDA. GOP RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO PERSUASIONS OF BROTHERLY MUSLIM COUNTRIES AND

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AGREED TO TALKS TO AFGHANS WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS. INITIALLY, AFGHANS CHOSE TO INTERPRET BHUTTO'S DECEMBER INVITATION TO DAUD AS PROPAGANDA GIMMICK, LATER MODIFIED HOSTILE REACTION AND AGREED TO OPEN DIALOGUE. AN UNDERSTANDING THAT PAK FOREIGN SECRETARY TO VISIT KABUL FOR DIALOGUE WITH WAHEED ABDULLAH WAS REACHED. IF SUCCESSFUL, THIS WAS TO BE FOLLOWED BY MEETING BETWEEN AZIZ AHMAD AND MOHAMMAD NAIM. IF TWO MEETINGS GENERATED REASONABLE CLIMATE AND DEMONSTRATED AREAS POSSIBLE AGREEMENT, SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN PAK PM AND AFGHAN PRESIDENT TO BE HELD. FOLLOWING TIME TABLE PAK FOREIGN SECRETARY TO VISIT KABUL ON FEBRUARY 15.

GOP SINCERELY WANTED REPLACE PRESENT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WITH PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AS WAS CLEAR FROM READINESS TO TALK WITH AFGHANS DESPITE GOA'S HOSTILE, RECALCITRANT AND INTRANSIGENT PUBLIC POSTURE AND RADIO KAUBL'S CAMPAIGN OF VICIOUS LIES AND ABUSES AGAINST PAKISTAN.

WANTON MURDER OF SHERPAO HAS CAUSED SERIOUS SETBACK IN PROSPECTS IN DIALOGUE WITH AFGHANISTAN. PUBLIC ANGER AND AGITATION AGAINST KABUL HAS BEEN SPONTANEOUS; IT HAS BEEN AROUSED TO AN EXTENT THAT FORSEC VISIT TO KABUL AT THIS TIME WOULD CONSIDER DEEP AND WIDESPREAD RESENTMENT IN PAKISTAN. POLITICAL CLIMATE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES HAS BEEN UNPROFITABLE FOR DIALOGUE, WHICH WILL NOW HAVE TO PENDING UNTIL RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION INTO FACTS SURROUNDING SHERPAO'S ASSASSINATION ARE KNOWN AND DETERMINATION WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT KABUL BEARS DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CRIME HAS BEEN MADE.

3. COPIES OF AIDE MEMOIRE BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT AND KABUL.

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