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TO: DIRECTOR

INFO DDCI OFFICE AND DDO

IN [] I HAD SEVEN HOURS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH

[] DEFENSE AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS. MOSTLY THEY

WERE CONCERNED WITH US RELIABILITY, STEADFASTNESS, ETC.,

THEY LIKE MANY OTHERS IN AREA HAVE BEEN DRAWING ON THOSE

PARTS OF U.S. MEDIA THAT STRESS VIETNAM TRAUMA, ISOLATIONISM

AND SO FORTH. I POINTED OUT THAT THE U.S. IS MOVING OUT OF

THIS PHASE AS IT HAS IN THE PAST AND THAT IT WOULD BE WRONG

TO OVERESTIMATE AMERICAN ISOLATIONISM. PARTICULARLY THEY

SHOULD NOT DO ANYTHING TO FEED IT. THEY INDICATED TO ME

THAT GROUP OF ANALYSTS LARGELY OF YOUTHFUL ACADEMIC ORIGIN

HAD DONE PAPER FOR [] GOVERNMENT STRESSING UNRELIABILITY

OF U.S. COMMITMENT TO DEFENSE OF [] AND PUSHING A

SORT OF MINI GAULLIST LINE. I POINTED TO POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS

IN U.S., I.E., VOTE NOT TO PUBLISH PIKE REPORT, REFUSAL TO

DISCLOSE OUR BUDGET. LIKELIHOOD THAT RUMSFELD WOULD GET

DEFENSE BUDGET CONGRESS WOULD NOT GIVE SCHLESINGER. I SAID

U.S. WOULD BE RELIABLE FRIEND TO THOSE WHO WANTED TO BE OUR

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FRIENDS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH WHOM WE HAD SO MUCH IN COMMON

[REDACTED]

IN [REDACTED] SAW DIRECTORS AND STAFFS OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] COULD NOT HAVE BEEN FRIENDLIER AND MORE DESIROUS OF CONTINUING PRESENT CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH U.S. AND US IN PARTICULAR.

I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED THROUGHOUT THIS TRIP AT UNCERTAINTY SO MANY PEOPLE FEEL IN THESE COUNTRIES REGARDING THE RELIABILITY AND STAYING POWER OF U.S. [REDACTED] HAVE TOLD ME THAT THEY VOICED VERY MUCH SAME CONCERNS TO VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER WHEN HE WAS IN THE AREA ALTHOUGH PERHAPS MORE CAUTIOUSLY IN SPEAKING TO HIM THAN TO ME, SO I AM CONFIDENT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF HIGHEST POLICY MAKERS IN U.S. I HAVE DONE BY BEST TO REASSURE THEM AND FEEL THAT OVERALL RESULT OF MY TALKS WITH THEM SOMEWHAT LIKE REACTION OF

[REDACTED] NAMELY, "IF YOUR PURPOSE WAS TO REASSURE ME, YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED -- MARGINALLY". RELATIONSHIPS WITH BKHHERALD EXCELLENT. IT IS NATIONAL IMAGE WE HAVE TO WORK ON. [REDACTED] ARE SOMEWHAT LONELY VICTIMS OF

[REDACTED] ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN NATIONAL

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THAN IT WAS PREVIOUSLY.

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