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Remarks

Executive Secretary
21 Feb 86

Date

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Rodney B. McDaniel
Executive Secretary
National Security Council

Mr. Donald Gregg
Assistant to the Vice President
for National Security Affairs
Office of the Vice President

Mr. Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary
Department of State

Colonel David R. Brown
Executive Secretary
Department of Defense

FROM: Ronald J. Post
Acting Chief
Executive Secretariat

SUBJECT: Senior Interagency Group
Meeting on Afghanistan

For discussion at the SIG meeting on Afghanistan, attached is USIA's status report on the USIA Afghan Media Project.
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STATUS REPORT
TO THE SENIOR INTERDEPARTMENTAL GROUP
USIA AFGHANISTAN MEDIA PROJECT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In consultation with a number of interested parties, USIA has developed a plan to assist Afghan groups to establish and carry out effective international public information activities. The project was mandated by PL 99-88 (Attachment A.) We hope that, with the assistance of this project and the efforts of other nations, Afghan freedom fighters will be able to gain greater global public understanding and support.

By September 30, 1986, the project will:

- Help existing Afghan information groups improve their news gathering/media production skills and press relations.
- Help the formation of an Afghan News Agency, directed by an outstanding Afghan public affairs leader.
- Assist the ANA to conceive and develop a core group of printed informational products.
- Assist the ANA and, if desirable, other groups to develop still photography and begin to develop TV skills and products.
- Help the ANA, and, as desired, other groups to distribute their products to visiting journalists and to media users overseas.

Emphasis throughout will be on development of skills and human resources, with the introduction of equipment when and as skills and clear needs exist. Training and advisory services will be product-oriented, seeking to upgrade current information materials, or help in the development of new ones. To the extent possible the very limited funds available from USIA will be spent on skills development and software, rather than on capital expenses such as buildings or administrative overhead.

Funds for this project are very limited. USIA will encourage financial support from any overt source within the USG, other governments and private groups. We have already started to consult with leaders of foreign private groups supporting the Afghan cause. The Agency will seek continued funding from the Congress for FY 1987 and FY 1988. We have already indicated informally to interested Congressional leaders that additional funding will be needed.

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One cautionary note: the ultimate effectiveness and success of this endeavor will rely on the ability of involved Afghans to organize politically and professionally, to absorb training and advice and develop products and services perceived to be current, informative and credible by media and publics abroad.

I. ACTION ITEMS PROJECTED: FEBRUARY 20 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1986

Based upon the present overview of the project, it appears reasonable to expect that the following could be carried out by September 30, 1986, assuming the cooperation of the Government of Pakistan and the ability of project grantees and involved Afghans to carry out their objectives, and given inevitable unknowns:

1. Beginning c/a 20 February, in the next three months, USIA will send three experienced Agency media specialists on TDY to Peshawar to assist existing Afghan information centers. Workshops will be held in print, still photography and TV Branch news gathering and production. These will be coordinated by the USIA Branch Public Affairs Officer in Peshawar with the cooperation of the AIC, AIDC, and possibly others. This will help fulfill recommendations by the Koehler Report that at least limited support be made available to existing groups.

(The USIA Media specialists will also, to the extent possible, develop ideas and materials for USIA coverages and media products.)

2. Upon the advice of Agency media specialists and our Branch PAO in Peshawar, modest ($5,000 to $10,000) grants will be awarded by USIA to the AIC and AIDC and others for necessary equipment/software needs. Although requiring assistance, these groups should not come to rely on ongoing USIA funding. The media specialists will also provide the Agency an inventory of needs that will be referred by USIA to the SIG for possible McCollum Amendment support, as well as to other private/governmental bodies interested in supporting these endeavors.

3. Grants will be awarded to Boston University and King Features Syndicate (Hearst) in late February or early March to promote the development of an independent media service by the Afghan people and to provide for training of Afghans in media and press relations. Proposals by these two organizations were deemed most responsive to the terms of the Afghan Media Project as announced by USIA in the Federal Register. (See attachment B for a brief synopsis of the two grant proposals, and lists of the senior staff of each grantee.)
The USIA Review Panel and Afghan Media Project Staff involved in the selection process have identified relative strengths and weaknesses of the two proposals. Elements will be selected from each for this project. Fruitful discussions have been held with both Boston University and King Features representatives. They have agreed to work cooperatively on the project, with Boston University being the grantee focusing on training and King Features Syndicate contributing its special media development, communications, marketing expertise and project coordination.

Three other groups with special regional background submitted proposals that were partially responsive to the Agency solicitation, but none was considered by the USIA Review Panel and AMP Staff to have either developed adequate concepts or demonstrated organizational abilities to carry out the project.

However, because the grantees lack Afghan or regional expertise, they have agreed to enlist outstanding individuals with such expertise, most likely specialist (s) associated with one of the three other groups (See attachment C for list of possibilities.)

The grantees will:

a. Help establish an independent Afghan News Agency, directed by an outstanding Afghan public affairs professional, operating out of Peshawar. To direct the Agency, Mr. Sabahuddin Kushkaki, formerly a senior public affairs officer in the Government of Afghanistan, and currently Director of a project funded by the National Endowment for Democracy, is preferred by the US Mission, Government of Pakistan, and our AMP Staff. His credentials are excellent (see Attachment D) and his work on the NED project to date, according to NED Director Gershman, is excellent.

b. Prepare and translate instructional materials. (Beginning with inception of grant and continuing through this spring.)

c. Conduct classroom and field training in news gathering, print and still-photo journalism (writing and editing), TV production, press relations, media marketing and distribution. (Beginning this spring and continuing through the summer, at least two six-week training sessions will be held by the grantees for individuals assigned by the ANA and possibly other organizations.)

4. Through the US grantee, King Features Syndicate, a grant will be made to facilitate the development and program of the ANA. Through the US Mission, we are pressing the GOP to absorb costs of building rental and maintenance. We will also seek outside financial support for the ANA from organizations in the FRG, and possibly from other outside sources if necessary.
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Although a vigorous Afghan News Agency is clearly desirable, from the very outset it should be established — and most important be perceived — as an autonomous Afghan entity, not merely an instrument of the United States. This desire is shared by Mr. Kushkaki and the GOP. US assistance will be evident, overt and attributable, if unobtrusive. Support from other sources will lend credibility to the ANA.

5. Based on a continuing inventory of equipment/software needs — both for training and production by the grantees, USIA will endeavor to provide needed items. Initial grants to the AIC, AIDC, ANA through BU and King Features, will include limited funds for necessary basic equipment. Wherever possible we would prefer to obtain equipment through the McCollum Amendment. However, as we develop the inventory, we will turn to private US and foreign sources.

6. The Agency is currently developing contacts with groups abroad that will lead to the formation of a support/distribution network for the ANA. We have held discussions with the following:

---A private German group which has raised about $1 million to provide video training for about 60 Afghans in Germany and to supply them with appropriate equipment.

---Gilde Europeenne du Raid

The newly appointed USIA Senior Policy Advisor for Afghanistan, Mr. Richard Ross, is currently in Europe, meeting with interested groups and individuals. Based on his meetings, those of AMP Director Saul Gefter, and others, the Agency will turn over to the Grantees, particularly King Features, a working list of interested groups. The ANA with assistance from King Features, will identify media distribution outlets and processes.

7. In addition to his role as policy and USIA Media Coordinator, Mr. Ross will help USG, primarily USIA, public diplomacy efforts interface with Afghan efforts — for example — the cross-play of ANA — provided information once released to commercial media, and the pickup and use by USIA of appropriate media products of others.
II. EXPECTED RESULTS BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1986

The following results can reasonably be expected by September 30, 1986:

- Improved media skills and improved informational products of the AIC and AIDC that are more current, factual, credible and visually appealing.

- Establishment of an ANA, with a core group of informational products in design and ready for production.

- Through the ANA, strengthened still photography capabilities including photo-journalist teams trained for cooperating Mujahideen groups.

- Establishment by the ANA of a modest photo morgue, and basic informational tools for visiting press.

- The beginning by the ANA of a press relations program including services such as identifying Afghan aides for third country press, translator/interpreters, basic information on the situation in Afghanistan, and efforts of the freedom fighters.

- Identification by ANA with USIA and grantee help of distribution networks for information and media products.

Some training and the design of a television component for the ANA: teams, equipment, liaison with Western end users.

III. ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

To date the Government of Pakistan has played an increasingly supportive part in the formulation of plans for an Afghan News Agency. GOP officials have indicated a desire for an ANA, and recently began to recognize some merit in providing some financial or in-kind support (See Attachment E) This support has not appeared to be overly controlling or intrusive. For example, the individual identified as GOP liaison with the ANA would be based in Islamabad rather than Peshawar. All representations made to US Embassy officers during meetings at the Ministry of Information and Ministry of Foreign Affairs in January 1986 indicate that the GOP sees the Afghan News Agency as an independent entity located in Peshawar, an all-Afghan organization having its own communication links with the outside world.
The GOP has also indicated cooperation regarding such important facilities as additional telex lines out of Peshawar, and a relaxation of customs for materials coming in and audio-visual materials leaving Pakistan on behalf of an Afghan informational effort.

IV. ADDITIONAL INCREMENTS

Assuming additional funding is made available by the Congress, starting with the second $500,000 mentioned in the legislative history, the AMP will focus its resources in FY'87 and '88 on the following:

- Continued in-depth training; development of Afghan TV skills, facilities, and product; upgrading of communications facilities for the ANA and cooperating groups; and, when appropriate, provision of more sophisticated means for gathering and distributing news.

V. POSSIBLE OBSTACLES, PROBLEMS AND OPTIONS

Several major obstacles or problems, with options for responding, are briefly discussed below:

1. Media Emphasis: The project as outlined above focuses on basic journalistic skills in print media and still photography. It is arguable that improved television programming is the greatest need, both in terms of overseas audiences and Afghan skills.

   Options: Emphasis now on TV, or later this calendar year, as funding is available. USIA preference for dealing first with fundamental print media and still photography needs is predicated on several givens:

   Afghan media skills and press relations are so rudimentary that TV training and production before development of the fundamentals would be leaping ahead of Afghan capacities. A polished product is unlikely and would lack credibility in the West if not based on sound journalistic principles.

   Through improved informational materials and press relations, Afghans can gain more supportive coverages from Western journalists. Western sources remain the key factor in influencing publics concerning the war.
2. Funding: Additional funds from USIA within its current base will be very limited, because of current and expected budget reductions and major Administration policy demands such as instituting the exhibition series in the USSR. The Agency is already devoting non-AMP funds and overhead for the Project and will continue to do so, but can not initiate major increases, such as those needed to develop a sophisticated TV operation for the ANA.

Options: To seek additional funds from the Congress. As noted above, USIA will do this.

To obtain overt funding support from other USG Agencies (State, AID, DOD). The SIG and respective agencies might consider this possibility.

To seek private support from within the US, and financial involvement by foreign organizations. USIA has already begun to explore possibilities for cooperation with several organizations, and will broaden the search to others (possibly Saudi Arabia, if the SIG believes it is appropriate and feasible.)

3. Cooperation of the GOP: Thus far, the GOP has proven as cooperative as we would wish. If GOP cooperation does not continue, the AMP could be severely impaired. Non-cooperation could be situation-specific, and would best be handled by the US Mission. If major and broad obstacles develop, the consultation between the SIG and US Mission, and in turn the GOP would be necessary.

Options: To be determined by the SIG upon the advice of the US Mission and the USIA AMP.

4. Failure or Poor Performance by the ANA: If Sabahuddin Kushkaki is not able to organize and develop the ANA, the AMP must take serious stock of next steps, including ongoing financial investment in the ANA and the provision of equipment.

Options: Range from seeking another Director, supporting yet another new organization, to withdrawing support from the ANA, and transferring assistance activities, equipment and supplies to another, existing organization(s).
PUBLIC LAW 99-88—AUG. 15, 1985

Public Law 99-88
99th Congress
An Act

Making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to provide supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I
CHAPTER I
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

(RESCISSION)

Of available funds under this head, for budget and program analysis, $7,000; for personnel, finance and management, operations, information resources management, equal opportunity, small and disadvantaged business utilization, and administrative law judges and judicial officer, $42,000; making a total of $49,000, are rescinded pursuant to section 2901 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

(RESCISSION)

Of available funds under this head, $1,000,000 are rescinded pursuant to section 2901 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984.

COOPERATIVE STATE RESEARCH SERVICE

For an additional amount for necessary expenses of "Cooperative State Research Service", $300,000.

For an additional amount for a grant to the New Mexico State University to help relocate the Fort Stanton Experimental Station to another site, thereby making available land needed for a new Ruidoso airport, $1,200,000 to remain available until expended: Provided, That payment to the New Mexico State University in the amount of $1,000,000 for its real or personal property interest is hereby determined to be an allowable project cost in accordance with section 513 of the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 (49 U.S.C. 2212): Provided further, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to convey to the Sierra Blanca Airport Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"), Ruidoso, New Mexico, at a cost of $2.50 per acre (to be used for administrative
PUBLIC LAW 99-88—AUG. 15, 1985
99 STAT. 309

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(RESCISSION)

Of available funds under this head, $2,879,000 are rescinded.

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Of the funds made available under this head in Public Law 98-411, $3,800,000 for the pilot Central American Undergraduate Scholarship program shall remain available until September 30, 1986; and for an additional amount under this head, $9,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1986.

For an additional amount under this head to promote the development of an independent media service by the Afghan people and to provide for the training of Afghans in media and media-related fields, $500,000, to remain available until September 30, 1986: Provided, That the Director, with the Secretary of State, shall report to the appropriate committees of Congress on the obligation of these funds 60 days from the date of enactment of this Act.

For the Private Sector Exchange Programs, an additional $500,000 is provided, to remain available until expended, for the model Chinese-American Development Student Exchange Program at Tufts University as authorized by the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2451 et seq.).

ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF RADIO FACILITIES

For an additional amount for "Acquisition and Construction of Radio Facilities", $6,648,000, to remain available until expended.

THE JUDICIARY

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

CARE OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Funds appropriated under this head in the Second Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1984 (Public Law 98-396), for the installation of security systems, shall be made available also for the acquisition and installation of additional communications equipment by the Office of the Marshal, Supreme Court of the United States; Provided, That said equipment shall be under the jurisdiction of and maintained by the Office of the Marshal after its installation.

COURTS OF APPEALS, DISTRICT COURTS, AND OTHER JUDICIAL SERVICES

SALARIES OF JUDGES

For an additional amount for "Salaries of judges", $3,098,000, to remain available until September 30, 1986.

SALARIES OF SUPPORTING PERSONNEL

For an additional amount for "Salaries of supporting personnel", $5,548,000, to remain available until September 30, 1986.
including a detailed description of the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the Department of Defense and all other relevant departments and agencies and the mechanisms for coordinating the policy and operational control of the elements of each agency in the drug interdiction and law enforcement mission.

This Act may be cited as the “Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1985”.


LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 2577:

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 99-142 (Comm. on Appropriations) and No. 99-236 (Comm. of Conference).

SENATE REPORT No. 99-82 (Comm. on Appropriations).


June 6, 11, 12, considered and passed House.

June 18, 20, considered and passed Senate, amended.

July 31, House agreed to conference report; concurred in certain Senate amendments and in others with amendments.

Aug. 1, Senate agreed to conference report; concurred in House amendments and in another with an amendment. House concurred in Senate amendment.


Aug. 16, Presidential statement.
MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1985, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

JULY 2, 1985.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. Whitten, from the Committee of Conference,
submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2577]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two
Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2577)
making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending Sep-
tember 30, 1985, and for other purposes, having met, after full and
free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to
their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 1, 12, 13,
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74, 81, 82, 88, 90, 94, 95, 97, 98, 99, 100, 103, 107, 108, 115, 116,
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192, 195, 196, 197, 205, 207, 212, 213, 225, 226, 228, 229, 233, 242,
245, 251, 254, 265, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 283, 284, 285,

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments
of the Senate numbered 26, 30, 44, 49, 53, 55, 59, 85, 101, 104, 105,
114, 117, 151, 158, 165, 169, 171, 173, 174, 176, 191, 206, 208, 209,
215, 220, 221, 231, 232, 237, 239, 250, 252, 255, 259, 269, 270, 282,
287, 292, 296, 297, 298, 301, 302, 308, 309, 311, 312, 313, 314,
315, 316, 317, 318, 320, 322, 326, 333, 336, and 337, and agree to the
same.

Amendment numbered 18:
That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment
of the Senate numbered 18, and agree to the same with an amend-
ment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment insert:

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BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING

GRANTS AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 81: Restores appropriation language and an appropriation of $13,755,000 that was proposed by the House and stricken by the Senate.

Amendment No. 82: Deletes the word "Notwithstanding" which was proposed for insertion by the Senate.

Amendment No. 83: Deletes the phrase "until September 30, 1986" which was proposed by the House and stricken by the Senate.

Amendment No. 84: Reported in technical disagreement. The managers on the part of the House will offer a motion to recede and concur in the amendment of the Senate which earmarks $2,275,000 for upgrading the security of the RFE/RL installations.

Amendment No. 85: Deletes the words "Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty" which were proposed by the House and stricken by the Senate.

Amendment No. 86: Reported in technical disagreement. The managers on the part of the House will offer a motion to recede and concur in the amendment of the Senate that deletes from the fiscal year 1985 Appropriation Act a provision which placed certain restrictions on the payment of engineering consultant fees.

COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 87: Reported in technical disagreement. The managers on the part of the House will offer a motion to recede and concur in the amendment of the Senate with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed, insert the following:

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SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses", $75,000, to remain available until expended.

The managers on the part of the Senate will move to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate.

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Amendment No. 88: Rescinds $2,879,000 instead of $3,879,000 as proposed by the House and $433,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees are agreed that none of the $1,000,000 available for obligation in this appropriation account as a result of the conference agreement, nor any other funds available to the United States Information Agency shall be used for security projects. Funds for this purpose have been appropriated to the Department of State in this Supplemental Appropriations Act.
Amendment No. 89: Deletes language proposed by the Senate which would have stated that the rescission in Amendment No. 88 is pursuant to section 2901 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984.

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Amendment No. 90: Provides language extending the availability of $3,800,000 for the pilot Central American Undergraduate Scholarship program until September 30, 1986 as proposed by the House instead of January 30, 1986 as proposed by the Senate.

Amendment No. 91: Reported in technical disagreement. The managers on the part of the House will offer a motion to recede and concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment, insert the following: "; and for an additional amount under this head, $9,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1986".

The managers on the part of the Senate will move to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate.

The conferees are agreed that the total amount provided, not to exceed $800,000 shall be available for the pilot Central American Scholarship Program to increase the amount available per student to approximately $25,000 so that the Agency may have the flexibility to conduct a comprehensive pilot program with 143 students for two years, as originally proposed. Under no circumstances should the Agency increase the students in this pilot program beyond this number.

The conferees are also agreed that $1,975,000 of the total amount provided in this amendment shall be available for the second year of graduate studies for 108 Fulbright scholars from Central America and $3,222,000 shall be available for two year funding for 90 Fulbright scholars from Central America which were included in the fiscal year 1986 budget request. In addition the conferees are agreed that the remaining $3,003,000 shall be available to accelerate the funding of the Agency's traditional exchange programs (Fulbright, Humphrey, Private Sector and International Visitor Programs) for which funds were requested in the fiscal year 1986 budget.

Amendment No. 92: Reported in technical disagreement. The managers on the part of the House will offer a motion to recede and concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by said amendment, insert the following:

For an additional amount under this head to promote the development of an independent media service by the Afghan people and to provide for the training of Afghans in media and media-related fields, $500,000, to remain available until September 30, 1986; Provided, That the Director, with the Secretary of State, shall report to the appropriate committees of Congress on the obligation of these funds 60 days from the date of enactment of this Act.

The managers on the part of the Senate will move to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate.
The conferees understand that the Administration may consider the submission of a future budget request for an additional $500,000 for this project. The conferees are agreed that not to exceed a total of $1,000,000 in Federal funds, including the $500,000 provided in this Supplemental Appropriations Bill, shall be made available for the project, and that any funding required beyond this total amount shall be provided by sources in the private sector. The conferees are further agreed that the United States Information Agency should consider such organization as the Friends of Afghanistan in awarding a grant for carrying out this project, and that the Agency should expedite its procedures for awarding a grant for this project so that the project can begin as soon as possible.

Amendment No. 93: Reported in technical disagreement. The managers on the part of the House will offer a motion to recede and concur in the amendment of the Senate which appropriates $500,000 for the Private Sector Exchange Programs for the model Chinese-American Development Student Exchange Program at Tufts University as authorized by the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act, as amended.

ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF RADIO FACILITIES

Amendment No. 94: Appropriates $6,648,000 as proposed by the House and stricken by the Senate.

THE JUDICIARY

COURTS OF APPEALS, DISTRICT COURTS, AND OTHER JUDICIAL SERVICES

Defender Services

Amendment No. 95: Appropriates $21,992,000 as proposed by the House instead of $17,575,000 as proposed by the Senate.

General Provision

Amendment No. 96: Reported in technical disagreement. The managers on the part of the House will offer a motion to recede and concur in the amendment of the Senate which inserts a general provision to permit the obligation of funds provided in this Act for a 3.5 percent pay increase for Federal judges. Pursuant to section 140 of Public Law 97-92, an affirmative act of Congress is required to provide judges with the same cost-of-living pay increases as provided to other Federal employees.

Report on Withdrawal from Compulsory Jurisdiction of the World Court

Amendment No. 97: Deletes language proposed by the Senate which would have required the President, 60 days before notifying the United Nations of the intent of the United States to withdraw its acceptance of the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice concerning a certain dispute, to transmit a report to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate stating his reasons for such notification.
under the basic tenets of United Nations Security Council
Resolutions 242 and 338.

The managers on the part of the Senate will move to concure in
the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate.

The conferees agree under this amendment to authorize a total
of $250 million for Jordan for Economic Support Funds and a com-
modity import program. The funds are authorized to be available
over a three year period. The amendment also states that it is the
sense of Congress that no foreign military sales financing author-
ized by this Act may be used to finance Jordanian procurement of
United States defense equipment unless Jordan is publicly com-
mited to the recognition of Israel and to negotiate promptly and di-
rectly with Israel under the basic tenets of U.N. Security Council
Resolutions 242 and 338. The language also requires Presidential
certification of Jordan’s public commitment at the same time any
notification concerning Jordan made pursuant to section 36(b) of
the Arms Export Control Act is made.

TITLE V

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PLAN FOR DRUG INTERDICTIO PROGRAM

Amendment No. 341: Reported in technical disagreement. The
managers on the part of the House will offer a motion to recede
and concur in the amendment of the Senate which directs the Sec-
retary of Defense to submit a report to the Appropriations and
Armed Services Committees of both Houses by December 31, 1985,
in conjunction with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on the role of the De-
fense Department in the drug interdiction and law enforcement ac-
tivities of the United States. The President is also required to
submit a report to Congress by December 31, 1985 indicating how
the United States Government is organized to interdict drugs and
enforce drug laws.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year
1985 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with compar-
sions to the fiscal year 1985 budget estimates, and the House and
Senate bills for 1985 follows:

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1 Includes $316,150,900 of budget estimates not considered by the House.

JAMIE L. WHITTEN,
EDWARD P. BOLAND,
(except amendment No. 154
language),
WILLIAM H. NATCHER,
NEAL SMITH,
JOSEPH P. ADDABBO,
(except amendment No. 154
language),
SIDNEY R. YATES,
(except amendment No. 154
language),
EDWARD R. ROYBAL,
(except amendment No. 154
language),
TOM BEVILL,
WILLIAM LEHMAN,
JULIAN C. DIXON,
(except amendment No. 154
language),
Vic FAZIO,
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language),
SILVIO O. CONTE,
(except amendment No. 154
language),
JOSEPH M. McDADE,
JOHN T. MYERS,
LAWRENCE COUGHLIN,
JACK F. KEMP,
RALPH REGULA,
GEORGE M. O'BRIEN,
Managers on the part of the House.
MARK O. HATFIELD,
(except amendment No. 154
language),
TED STEVENS,
LOWELL P. WECKER,
JAMES A. McCLURE,
PUL LEWALDT,
JAKE GARN,
THAD COCHRAN,
MARK ANDREWS,
JAMES ABDNOR,
Bob KASTEN,
ALFONSE M. D'AMATO,
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Lawton CHILES,
J. BENNETT JOHNSTON,
QUENTIN N. BURDICK,
Patrick J. LEAHY,
Jim Sasser,
Dennie DeCONCINI,
DALE BUMPERS,
FRANK R. LAUTENBERG,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
With respect to any bonds currently in
force with Van Tol Surety Co., Inc.,
bond approving officers for the
Government should secure new bonds
with acceptable sureties in those
instances where a significant amount of
liability remains outstanding.

Questions concerning this notice may
be directed to the Surety Bond Branch,
Finance Division, Financial
Management Service, Department of the
Treasury, Washington, D.C. 20228,
telephone (202) 534-2349.

Date: August 13, 1985.

W.E. Douglas,
Commissioner, Financial Management
Service.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION
AGENCY

Afghan Media Project; Request for
Concept Papers

AGENCY: United States Information
Agency.

ACTION: Announcement of request for
concept papers.

SUMMARY: The United States
Information Agency announces that it is
seeking concept papers from qualified
applicants interested in participating in
the promotion of an independent media
service by the Afghan people and in
training Afghans in media and media-
related fields. Applicants presenting
promising concept papers will be invited to
submit detailed grant proposals.

DATE: Concept Papers must be received
on or before September 25, 1985.

ADDRESS: John Mosher, Director, Office
of Program Coordination and Development
(P/D), United States Information Agency,
Room 550, 301 4th Street, S.W.,
Washington, DC 20547.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
John Mosher, Director, Office of Program
Coordination and Development (P/D),
United States Information Agency,
Room 550, 301 4th Street, S.W.,

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under
the 1985 Supplemental Appropriations
the United States Congress appropriated
$500,000 to the United States
Information Agency "to promote the
development of an independent media
service by the Afghan people and to
provide for the training of Afghans in
media and media-related fields." The
Agency contemplates that a major
portion of the funds will be given, in the
form of one or more grants, to the one or
more applicants best able to perform all
or a portion of the projected tasks in a
timely fashion. The grants shall be made
in accordance with Agency authority
under the Mutual Educational and
Cultural Exchange Act of 1901, as
amended, and the United States
Information and Educational Exchange
Act of 1948, as amended. At this time
the Agency is seeking concept papers
outlining strategies for achieving project
goals. Applicants presenting promising
concept papers will be invited to submit
detailed grant proposals.

Project Goals

It is the goal of this project to facilitate
the collection, development and
distribution of credible, objective and
timely professional-quality news stories,
photographs and television images
about developments in Afghanistan in
an effort to overcome the substantial
obstacles encountered by media
representatives in bringing the story to
world attention.

Concept Papers should demonstrate
an appreciation for the two principal
objectives of this project: (1) Immediate
efforts to work with existing Afghan
information groups to extend facilitative
assistance to journalists and bring about
increased and improved international
coverage of Afghanistan; and (2)
training of Afghans in media and media-
related fields to develop an
independent, self-funded media
organization.

Project Tasks

Concept Papers will be judged on
their ability to effect the following
project tasks:

Devise and implement a program to
courage improved and increased
coverage of the Afghan situation by
international print and broadcast
journalists including, but not limited to,
facilitating their travel, assuring
their timely access to developments in
Afghanistan, making available video
and other Afghan-produced materials
and seeking widespread placement for
their stories;

Train and equip a group of Afghan TV
reporters to operate inside
Afghanistan to provide credible and
timely video coverage of news-worthy
developments within the country;

Undertake the first steps toward
creation of an independent Afghan
Media Resource Center in proximity
to the war zone. This Center should
operate with, build on and
encourage existing local Afghan
media talents and resources. The
Center should provide appropriate
equipment, personnel and training to
expand current activities and to
promote the collection and
dissemination of credible, timely and
quality news materials to media
elements worldwide;

Develop a realistic strategy for
marketing Afghan-produced materials
which will lead to a fee-based funding
support for the Center, with possible
outcome being a professional,
independent and credible Afghan
news agency.

Eligibility Requirements:

Concept Papers should be specific as
to which project tasks or aspects of
project tasks the applicant is willing and
able to undertake. Applicant must
demonstrate expertise in and knowledge
of the tasks to be performed. A proven
track record on similar projects would
be helpful. Applicant must also
demonstrate knowledge of the news
media and the global media
environment and a keen understanding
of Afghanistan, its peoples, history and
culture. The grant will be administered
in accordance with OMB Circular A-110
Uniform Administrative Requirements.
Grantees will be expected to comply
with OMB Circular A-122 or A-21
governing cost principles.

Date: August 21, 1985.

Marvin L. Stone,
Acting Director, United States Information
Agency.

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AFGHAN MEDIA PROJECT
GRANTEE ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Based upon the proposals submitted by Boston University and King Features Syndicate (Hearst) which specifically delineate the areas of work which each is interested in performing under the Afghan Media Project, the following descriptive summary is presented:

Boston University

- Prepare all the training curricula and instructional materials.
- Translate all instructional materials.
- Perform all classroom and field training in Peshawar.
- Establish and perform necessary liaison.
- Prepare progress and evaluation reports.

King Features Syndicate (Hearst)

- Advise the Afghan News Agency director on the design and implementation of the ANA’s organizational structure and in the areas of logistical support, personnel, and supplies.
- Identify all field and facilities equipment (possibly have acquisition responsibility). Liaison with Boston University on equipment needs.
- Design and implement a marketing and distribution network.
- Establish and perform other necessary liaisons.
- Prepare progress and evaluation reports.
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THE THREE GRANT APPLICANTS WITH REGIONAL BACKGROUND EXPERTISE

Afghanistan Relief Committee
Committee for a Free Afghanistan
Friends of Afghanistan
November 1985

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

AFGHAN MEDIA PROJECT

The following individuals have expressed an interest in the Afghan Media Project.

COUGLIN, BILL
Managing Editor
Wilmington Morning Star
P.O. Box 840
Wilmington, NC 28402
(919) 343-2000
Mr. Coughlin is a journalist.

COYNE, JIM

Mr. Coyne is a freelance cameraman who has filmed in Afghanistan.

EVIA, ANDREW
American Afghan Education Fund
236 Massachusetts Ave., N.W. #603
Washington, D. C. 20002
(202) 547-0201
Mr. Evia has trained Mujahidin

GOUTIERRE, THOMAS
Center for Afghanistan Studies
University of Nebraska at Omaha
Omaha, Nebraska 68182
(402)554-2376
Mr. Goutierre directs the Center and is associated with a number of projects for Afghanistan.
HOOVER, MIKE
Mike Hoover Productions, Inc.

Mr. Hoover is a freelance cameraman who has filmed in Afghanistan.

LOHBECK, KURT

Mr. Lohbeck is a freelance cameraman who has filmed in Afghanistan.

NAWEED, HAMID

Mr. Naweed has a journalism degree from Kabul University and is now a freelance commercial artist.

MINCKLER, DAVID

Mr. Minckler is a video producer and instructor.

ROBINSON, JENNET

Ms. Robinson is a journalist, UNESCO consultant, former Peace Corps-Kabul, and currently a Director of Training for the state of South Carolina.
SABIT, ABDUL JABAR
Voice of America/BRN
330 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20547
Mr. Sabit is with the Pashto and Dari Services of the Voice of America.

SALJOOQUE, MOHAMMED SIDDIO

Mr. Saljooque is a former Afghan government official and diplomat.

WATERS, DAVID

Mr. Waters is a former State Department and White House employee, now in public relations.
November 1985

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AFGHAN MEDIA PROJECT

The following individuals have expressed an interest in the Afghan Media Project:

Mr. Charles Brockman
Free Afghanistan Alliance
Director of humanitarian aid group

Dr. Louis B. Dupree
Islamic and Arabian Development Studies
Duke University
2114 Campus drive
Durham, N. C. 27706

Eminent researcher
and author, expert on
Afghanistan

Mansourreh Audala

Former Iranian Diplomat, Public
affairs expertise

Andrew Skrzykowski/Chris Gregory

Independent photo-
journalists who have
worked in Afghanistan

Mr. Fazana Ahmed-McCormick

Area & research expertise,
familiarity with Afghan
developments

Mr. Niskinynac

Former Kabul Ministry of
Information and Culture,
Radio Kabul

Albert E. Kaff

VP for Asia, UPI (Retired)

Mr. Kabir Ahmed Ahang

English language teacher & librarian
in Kabul until 1984.
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T.O. 12356: FCCL: GAP
SUBJECT: AFGHAN MEDIA PROJECT: FURTHER TALKS WITH GOF

REF: USIA 22535

1. C - ENTER TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: VISIT TO P/M CHIEF SADI QASHER HAS PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH GOF ABOUT SHAPE OF AFGHAN NEWS AGENCY AND POSSIBLE AREAS IN WHICH WE AND GOF WILL BE ABLE TO COOPERATE IN IMPLEMENTING PROJECT. IN ADDITION TO NUMEROUS TALKS BOTH IN ISLAMABAD AND IN PESHAWAR WITH VIRTUALITY ALL PLAYERS ON THE AFGHAN MEDIA SCENE, GOFF HAS JOINED CPAG FOR SEVERAL SESSIONS WITH P/M ADDITIONAL SECRETARY FOR AFGHANISTAN MAJHODI SHALAK AND MIN INFO JOINT SECRETARY ABDUL QATTUM. TALKS HAVE BEEN UPTIGHT AND POSITIVE WITH NO MAJOR PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BEYOND THE SOMewhat GLACIAL PACK OF THE PAKISTANI DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. GOF HAS OUTLINED TO BE PLANS FOR NAMING AFGHAN HEAD OF THE AGENCY, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND THE GOF, AND FURTHER CLEARANCES NEEDED ON GOF SIDE. PROJECT CAN BE GOTTEN UNDERWAY. END SUMMARY.

3. ON JANUARY 26, INFORMATION MINISTRY JOINT SECRETARY ABDUL QATTUM TO ZARGHAQ AND QASHER FULL EXTENT OF PAZISTANI PLANNING TO DATE FOR AN AFGHAN NEWS AGENCY AND INFORMED US OF THE PAZISTANI CHOICE OF SUBHANHODI AUSMAAI, A REJECTED FORER AFGHAN INFORMATION MINISTER, AS PERSPECTIVE HEAD OF THE AGENCY. HE ALSO TOLD US THAT THE PAZISTANI LIASON OFFICER FOR THE PROJECT WOULD BE TOUGHS AUSMAAI, CURRENT DIRECTOR OF PRESS INFORMATION IN THE GOF. BOTH OF THESE, IN OUR JUDGMENT, ARE EXCELLENT CHOICES -- QUITE POSSIBLE THE BEST THAT COULD BE MADE. WE HAD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH AUSMAAI THAT THE GOF WAS NEAR A DECISION ON A HEAD FOR THE AGENCY AND THAT AUSMAAI WAS ONE OF THE PRIME CANDIDATES.

4. SETHI IS A SENIOR PROFESSIONAL IN THE GOF INFORMATION ESTABLISHMENT. HE SERVED FROM 1980 TO 1982 AS PAKISTAN'S PFA'S COORDINATOR IN AHMID AND DURING THAT PERIOD HE WORKED WITH AUSMAAI. QATTUM AND SETHI, WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETING, STRESSED THAT THEY SAW THE ROLE OF THE PAZISTANI LIASON OFFICER NOT AS A CENSOR BUT AS AN EXPEDIENT. QATTUM SAID THAT WHILE A FINAL DECISION HAD NOT BEEN MADE, IT WAS HIS VIEW THAT THE LIASON OFFICER SHOULD NOT BE LOCATED IN PESHAWAR WITH THE AGENCY BUT SHOULD OFFICE IN ISLAMABAD. HIS PRINCIPAL FUNCTION WOULD BE FACILITATING THE NEWS AGENCY'S CONTACTS WITH THE/VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE GOF -- PARTICULARLY POLICE, INTERIOR AND NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES -- ON THE VARIOUS KINDS OF PROBLEMS THAT CAME UP WITH THINGS TO COVER A WAR IN A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY. QATTUM SAID ALL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE LIASON OFFICER WOULD BE BORN BY THE GOF. THEY EXPECT OTHER EXPENSES FOR THE NEWS AGENCY TO COME OUT OF THE USIA GRANT.

5. QASHER AND CPAG BRIEVED SHALAK AND QATTUM ON THE FORBER AND POSTON U. PROPOSALS STRESSING THE POINTS WHERE WE THOUGHT THEY WERE BEST FOR THE AGENCY AS ENVISIONED BY THE GOF. WE EMERGED THE FACT WE DID NOT VIEW THESE PROPOSALS AS CASE IN CONCEPT AND THAT THEY COULD BE MODIFIED TO PROVIDE THE SPECIFIC ELEMENTS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING, AND EQUIPMENT THAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO FACILITATE THE PROJECT. QASHER STRESSED THAT THE FINAL PROPOSAL BY
6. During course of discussion, it was repeatedly stressed that while the GPF felt it was essential to form a new entity, they did not want to undermine or compete with the work being done by the existing Afghan News Agency, a sentiment with which we fully concurred. We discussed various possible areas of assistance to the existing agencies including the possibility of preferably placing in them U.S. media professionals or retired USIA officers as outlined before to help upgrade the quality of their products. Watan said he saw no problem with this, but said it would require further discussion within the GPF before a decision could be made. We may possibly have a firm answer before GPF concludes his visit this weekend. We also discussed with Watan his possible initial equipment procurement, training course preparation, and materials preparation that could be gotten underway in the interim.

7. There still are some steps to be taken on the Pakistani side before all this is put in place. The decisions about the steps of the Afghan News Agency, its director and the Pakistani Liaison Office have been agreed upon at the working level within the GPF. Yet, to be done is full cabinet consideration of the proposal and submission to and approval by the Prime Minister. Watan indicated that this own timetable was to see these steps taken in the next six weeks. Experience tells us that it is apt to be a little longer than this. We are, however, encouraged by the general sense of movement on the project and the expressed Pakistani willingness to see it function as independently as possible.

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6. COMMENT: ON THE WHOLE, IT WAS ANOTHER GOOD SESSION THAT PRODUCED PROGRESS IN SEVERAL SPECIFIC AREAS. AS GEFTER WILL BE ABLE TO OUTLINE IN SOME DETAIL, OUR SITUATION ON THE INFORMATION PROJECT AT THE MOMENT APPEARS TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY MORE POSITIVE THAN IS THE CASE OF SEVERAL OTHER AFGHAN-RELATED ISSUES CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE GOP. WE HAVE OUR FINGERS CROSSED AND WILL KEEP UP AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PRESSURE, OBEE BT 

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P/D - J M SHERRER
GC - MLYMN
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11. THE HEARST PROPOSAL OFFERS USEFUL, CONCRETE
RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH ARE PRODUCT ORIENTED: SHOW RESULTS
EXPECTED: EXTEND FROM TRAINING THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS
INFRASTRUCTURE INTO DISTRIBUTION. A FEW FORESEEABLE PROBLEMS
INCLUDE: THE RELIANCE, AT LEAST ON AN INTERIM BASIS, ON US
PRODUCERS OF INFORMATION THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE AFGHAN;
HEAVY RELATIVE LACK OF PRINT MEDIA TRAINING IN PHASE ONE; HEAVY
INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS IN PHASE ONE; THE RECOMMENDATION FOR
SENDING US VIDEO CREWS INTO AFGHANISTAN. OF COURSE, PHASE TWO
IS NOT YET FUNDED; AND PHASE THREE GOES WELL BEYOND THE SCOPE
OF THE PROGRAM AS CURRENTLY CONSTITUTED, ALTHOUGH IT OFFERS
EXCELLENT IDEAS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

12. BECAUSE WE DESIRE TO ACCELERATE THIS EFFORT; AND IN VIEW
OF THE TIME REQUIRED ALREADY TO SORT OUT THE PROCESS: WE
WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE AVAILABLE SEASONED USIA MEDIA
PROFESSIONALS; SOME OF WHOSE HAVE VISITED THE AREA RECENTLY OR
TAUGHT COURSES FOR THIRD WORLD JOURNALISTS; FOR BRIEF
TAUGHT COURSES FOR THIRD WORLD JOURNALISTS; FOR BRIEF
TWO-TO-THREE WEEK SKILLS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS. THEIR WORK
WOULD PRECEDE BUT NOT PRECLUDE MORE SYSTEMATIC TRAINING
EFFECTS TO BE SPONSORED BY THE GRANTEE FOR THE AFGHAN MEDIA
AUTHORITIES AND AFGHAN REPRESENTATIVES. COULD ORGANIZE THE
SESSIONS. ANY MIX OF PARTICIPANTS FROM THE SEVERAL AFGHAN
GROUPS COULD BE PUT TOGETHER. BASED ON THE POST'S JUDGMENT.
15. AT ANY RATE: CLOSE COOPERATION AND CONTINUAL
CONSULTATION WITH THE POST; AND EFFECTIVE LIAISON WITH THE
GOVERNMENT IN ANY ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA WILL BE VITAL FOR
SUCCESS.

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 Subject: P/DH VISIT TO PAKISTAN

Reference: KREUTZER/BURGER TELCON 12/31/85

Summary: Afghan Media Project Director Saul Gefter is travelling to Pakistan to meet with USG and GOP officials and other interested parties. Purpose is to gather information related to implementation of Afghan Media Project. END SUMMARY.

1. Agency Evaluation Panel has met to review grant proposals for the project and has recommended two possible grantees, before entering into negotiations with prospective grantees, agency is sending P/DH chief to Pakistan in order to obtain the views of Embassy, USIS Pakistan, and other concerned parties. Bureau of Programs comments on grant proposals will be subject of Septel. This is not a negotiating trip in any aspect. GEFTER will be guided by instructions provided to him by P and P/D and by consultations with post.

2. GEFTER is travelling with Hatch Codel that departs US on January 6 and is to arrive Pakistan on January 10 via Beijing. He will remain in Pakistan after Codel departs and has an open ticket for return to US. P/DH requests that post make arrangements for accommodations and transportation within Pakistan. If required, GEFTER can remain in Pakistan for up to 14 days. En route back to US, GEFTER plans to visit AIP Office in London.

3. Would appreciate PAO setting up meetings at post discretion with appropriate US Embassy and Consulate, GOP officials, Pakistan TV, Pakistani Universities with Communications and Journalism departments, Afghan Information Groups, particularly with Fazle Afghan (WIC), Sayed Majrooh (WIC) Pir Gailani of Nifa Peshawar, and Mufarraf Hassan, AAP Bureau Chief Islamabad, and any other persons PAO recommends. In addition, if post concurs, GEFTER would appreciate meetings with Afghan political parties and their information offices, e.g., Sharafi of Jami'at. Greatly appreciate assistance. Minimize considered Kabul. (P/DH)

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1. (S) CALL ON NEWLY APPOINTED
INFORMATION MINISTER CHAUDHARY SUJAAT HUSSAIN
AMBASSADOR AND PAO OUTLINED WHAT WAS INVOLVED FROM
OUR SIDE AND WHERE WE WERE IN OUR WORKING LEVEL
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOP. WE IDENTIFIED THOSE
INDIVIDUALS IN MFA AND IN HIS OWN MINISTRY WHO COULD
GIVE HIM MORE DETAIL ON THE PROJECT AND OFFERED TO
MAKE OURSELVES AVAILABLE SHOULD HE WANT TO HEAR MORE
FROM US. PAO WILL FOLLOW UP WITH CONCERNED
INFORMATION MINISTRY OFFICIALS THIS WEEK. OBE
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2. THE MINISTER HAD NOT BEEN BRIEFED ON THE MEDIA
PROJECT BUT APPEARED GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC.
AMBASSADOR AND PAO OUTLINED WHAT WAS INVOLVED FROM
OUR SIDE AND WHERE WE WERE IN OUR WORKING LEVEL
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AN CHARGE TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8559
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Ref: USIA 0806

Following sent action USIA INFO Peshawar repeated for your action.

Quote

Peshawar for BPAO Dixon

Ref: USIA 0806

1. Following are answers to some of the questions you raised in your final days in Islamabad:

2. I discussed our desire to move on the intern measures with NFA Additional Secretary for Media. He said he hoped to have something for me in "a few more days." and suggested the govt was hearing the next level of approval on the media project.

3. Infrastructure costs: The govt's position may be more flexible than I originally thought. In our latest conversation, Shauk said he too was concerned about implications of our paying for television programming. He added, however, that he could address the question of cost-sharing only after he had cabinet level approval for the project. Whoever pays, appropriate housing in University Town for the Afghan News Agency will run Dols. 600 to 1,000 a month unless the influx of foreign organizations drives the market still higher.

4. Local procurement of equipment: Converations with Pakistan television officials and a check of the local market free shops lead us to believe this probably isn't a particularly good option. The latter market consists basically of 25mm still cameras and 16mm video equipment. In the case of cameras, we could probably get what we need, but the

PROCEDURE IS FAIRLY CUMBERSOME AND THE COSTS ARE

SOMETHING HIGHER THAN IF WE WERE TO ORDER DIRECTLY

FROM JAPAN. NO TIME WOULD BE SAVED. ON VIDEO

EQUIPMENT, WE COULD DO NO BETTER THAN THE EQUIPMENT

PURCHASED FOR THE JAMAT ISLAMI TELEVISION PROJECT

YOU VISITED. THAT IS, A COUPLE OF NINE DECKS,

MONITORS AND A NON-PROFESSIONAL QUALITY CAMERA.

APPROXIMATE PRICES QUOTED BY PAKISTANI QUALITY EQUIPMENT WERE AS

FOLLOWS -- CLASS A CAMERA UNIT (SONY, JUKI, HITACHI) WITH ACCESSORIES DOLS. 36,000; CLASS B

EQUIPMENT (COYOTE MAGIC) WITH ACCESSORIES DOLS. 15,000; EDITING

CONSOLE (SONY) DOLS. 68,000. FIGURES QUOTED INCLUDE

25 PERCENT SHIPPING COSTS.

5. Language for instructional materials: Both Rushk and others with whom I have discussed this subject recommend you plan to produce materials in both Dari and Pashto.

6. Interim technical assistance: We concur that spacing of the specialists is preferable. It is not as conspicuous and less of a strain on John Dixon's resources. We do need a couple of weeks lead time once you have identified a particular individual and have provided us with his name and outlined the skills he offers. I agree that the areas we should concentrate upon are writing/editing, still photography, and video photography/editing. Both John Dixon and I agree that the Jamiat Islami Television Project might be a good place to put the video person.

7. Possible grants to AIC and AIDC: In principle, we agree. We also believe it might be desirable to do something for the Jamiat-Islami TV group. Dixon is drawing up an informal list of possible needs before going much further, however, we need to see promised Septel.

8. French and German activities in the Afghan Information Field: Chats with counterparts in both

The French and German embassies plus some follow-up conversations in Peshawar lead me to believe that both

and Paris are way ahead of their local embassies on what may be being done in their countries to aid or so that a private German organization might be
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1. REFTEL (A) ASKED FOR POST'S COMMENTS ON THE POSSIBLE OFFERING OF IV GRANTS TO SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING A MARCH CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON ON AFGHANISTAN. WE ASSUME WHAT IS INVOLVED WOULD BE PARTIAL OR VOLUNTARY VISITOR GRANTS TO COVER ADDITIONAL TIME AND TRAVEL IN THE U.S. FOR SELECTED PARTICIPANTS AFTER THE SEMINAR HAS BEEN HELD, RATHER THAN FULL FUNDS OF THEIR TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE U.S. IF THIS IS INDEED A CORRECT ASSUMPTION, WE WOULD SUPPORT GRANTS FOR SEVERAL OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO RAISE ONE CAUTIONARY NOTE. THE TENTATIVE CHOICE OF KUSHKANI AS HEAD OF THE AFGHAN NEWS AGENCY IS SOME OF THE BEST NEWS WE HAVE HAD ON THE PROJECT. IN BOTH HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE AND IN ANY SUBSEQUENT IV PROGRAM, WE BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT TOO HIGH A PROFILE FOR HIM COULD HARM HIM BACK HERE WITH THE GOP AND THE ALLIANCE -- BOTH OF WHICH ARE ANXIOUS TO SEE THE NEWS AGENCY APPEAR TO BE AS INDEPENDENT AND NON-AMERICAN-DIRECTED AS POSSIBLE. HIGH PROFILE EXPLOITATION OF HIS PRESENCE IN THE CONFERENCE COULD JEOPARDIZE HIS CHANCES OF SUCCESS AS HEAD OF THE NEWS AGENCY OR EVEN THE APPOINTMENT ITSELF.

3. ALTHOUGH HE HAS A CANADIAN BASE, STEVE KELLER IS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AND THUS WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT.

4. DR. ABDULLAH GOSHAN DOES NOT GENERATE TOO MUCH ENTHUSIASM ON THE PART OF MISSION OFFICERS DEALING WITH AFGHANISTAN ISSUES. PART OF THE PROBLEM IS THAT HE ISN'T ALL THAT WELL KNOWN, BUT THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DEALT WITH HIM ARE, AT BEST, LUKEWARM.

5. THERE IS ONE OTHER NAME MENTIONED ONLY IN REF
PROJECT. WE MUST BE MINDFUL OF THE NEED TO START AT THE RIGHT LEVEL OF TRAINING. WE MUST ALSO NECESSARILY CONSIDER THE ABILITY OF THE AFGHAN GROUPS ON THE GROUND TO ABORDB WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER. TO COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER AND, OF COURSE, OF THE GOP ROLE AND INTEREST.

8. IN LIGHT OF THE CRITERIA AND GOALS STATED ABOVE, BOTH LEADING PROPOSALS FROM THE BOSTON UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES AND NEARS HAVE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES. THE HIGH INDIRECT COSTS ARE TROUBLING, AND EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO NEGOTIATE THEM DOWN. CAREFUL ANALYSES OF COSTS WILL BE NEEDED AS WELL. BOTH PROPOSALS NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL IN FOCUSING THEIR ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHAN INFORMATION ACTIVITIES ON THE WORLD PRESS. NOT JUST THE US PRESS WHICH FALLS OUTSIDE OF USIA'S MANDATE. BOTH INSTITUTIONS LACK AFGHAN SPECIALISTS.

9. THE BU PROPOSAL SEEMS TO FOCUS REALISTICALLY ON TRAINING. BUT MAY NEED TO REDUCE SOME OF THE FRONT-END TRAVEL AND WILL NEED TO INVOLVE THE RIGHT AFGHAN EXPERTS AND MEDIA PROS IN THE ACTUAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONDUCT OF THE TRAINING REGIMEN. WHETHER TRAINING NEEDS TO BE GIVEN SEPARATELY FOR THE SEVERAL DIFFERENT AFGHAN GROUPS, OR CAN BE GIVEN TO GROUPS OF REPS FROM THE SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS CAN ONLY BE DETERMINED BY THE POST. BU IDEAS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION PHASE ARE VAGUE. IT MAY BE WISE TO CONCENTRATE ON TRAINING WITH BU AND CAREFULLY EXAMINE THE MARKETING/DISTRIBUTION EMPHASIS OF THE BEAST P. THE BU PROPOSAL WOULD ALSO BENEFIT FROM A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF "RESULTS EXPECTED."

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TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER A MEDIA TRAINING PROGRAM FOR
AFGHANS. THEY COULD OFFER LESS DETAIL THAN I HAD IN
85 BONN 38588. "WE ARE THE LAST TO KNOW ABOUT SUCH
THINGS," I WAS TOLD. THE SITUATION WAS A BIT BETTER
WITH THE FTE. WASHDC 8558. "HERE THE INFORMATION PARALLELED
THAT REPORTED IN PARIS 0581. IN PESHAWAR LAST WEEK I
WAS TOLD BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GILLANI GROUP
THAT THEY CURRENTLY HAD THREE PEOPLE IN FRANCE ON A
VIDEO TRAINING PROJECT. NEITHER JOHN DIXON NOR I
COULD FIND ANY OTHER GROUP THAT NOW HAS PEOPLE IN
FRANCE, BUT JOHN WILL CONTINUE TO SNIFF AROUND. BOTH
MY FRENCH AND GERMAN COUNTERPARTS HERE IN ISLAMABAD
WERE QUICK TO AGREE THAT AN ENHANCED AFGHAN MEDIA
EFFORT WAS DESIRABLE AND THAT IT WOULD CERTAINLY LOOK
BETTER IF IT WEREN'T ENTIRELY AN AMERICAN EFFORT, BUT
THEY HAD NOTHING MORE TO OFFER THAN THIS BIT OF
COLLEGIATE MORAL SUPPORT.

9. THE BRITISH EMBASSY HAS BEEN DISCUSSING AN AFGHAN
MEDIA PROJECT AND WE EXPECT A BRIEFING FROM THEM
SOON. EARLIER, THEY ADVISED THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE
INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING A NEW AFGHAN MEDIA AGENCY
BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY THEM WITH SIMILAR
ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PAST. THEY LEAN TOWARDS
ESTABLISHING A BRITISH CORRESPONDENT IN PESHAWAR.
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