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August 16, 2004

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TO: Bill Luti  
CC: Doug Feith  
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *DR*  
SUBJECT: Karzai Cable

This cable on Karzai needs to be changed. There ought to be a separate cable only on the strategic partnership.

Then we ought to have a cable on the meeting with President Karzai, including everything other than the strategic partnership issue.

Please redo this.

Thanks.

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Karzai MFR

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: SecDef Meeting with President Karzai on Karzai's interest in a  
Afghan Strategic Partnership with the U.S.

Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld met in Kabul on August 11, 2004 with President  
Karzai and ~~discussed the idea of~~ *responded to Karzai request for* a strategic partnership between the ~~United States~~ *U.S.*  
and Afghanistan:

SecDef: This past June you raised the issue of a longer-term relationship with the  
~~United States~~ *President Bush*. We have an improving relationship with Pakistan especially in  
military cooperation along the Afghan border.

*As your forces become*  
stronger, our plan over time is to diminish ours. You have already raised the  
possibility of arrangements for the longer-term. You discussed this with President  
Bush in the United States and with the our Defense Department. We are in the  
process of rearranging our defense relationships around the world. We have to  
have the flexibility to use facilities that are advantageous to the American people.  
We are moving away from static defense postures and trying to get positioned  
where our presence is useful [to the host nation] but where we have the flexibility  
to actually use our forces. We see bases as permanent and we want to reduce those  
around the world. But we see the use of forward operating sites

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[REDACTED] It's a lighter and more agile approach. For some time before you [Afghanistan] have the military capability to use as a healthy deterrent to neighbors, using a forward operating site here in Afghanistan would help with deterrence and help toward building democratic institutions. We have a big stake in your success.

Karzai: [REDACTED]

SecDef: [REDACTED]

Karzai: [REDACTED]

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SecDef:

[REDACTED]

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Karzai:

[REDACTED]

SecDef: [REDACTED] seems an appropriate site for us.

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Karzai:

[REDACTED]

Gen Myers:

[REDACTED]

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SecDef: Yes, and we already have an investment in [REDACTED]

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Amb Khalilzad: It might be worth taking a look at [REDACTED]

SecDef: [REDACTED]

Karzai: [REDACTED]

SecDef: You should understand our presence will not be large nor will we have a permanent base. But we will have a strategic relationship and a presence that will be rotational in nature where our number of troops go up and down depending on the situation.

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