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FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *D.R. Feith*  
SUBJECT: SHINDAND Air Field

When I met with President Karzai two weeks ago, we talked about his interest in having the U.S. use some Afghan bases. I said we had invested a lot in Bagram. He said we ought to look at Shindand, which he says is bigger and was a better field than Bagram for the Soviets.

Would you folks please take a look at Shindand, and before we make final decisions, let's know what the options are. I want to make a conscious decision about the relative advantages between Shindand and Bagram, and develop some options as to ways we would conceivably use one or the other airfield in cooperation with the Afghans.

Thanks.

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