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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

CC: Vice President Richard B. Cheney
Honorable Colin Powell
Honorable George Tenet
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SUBJECT: Trip Report

This memo reports on the war-on-terrorism related aspects of my meetings in:

- Russia (November 3)
- Tajikistan (November 3)
- Uzbekistan (November 4)
- Pakistan (November 4)
- India (November 5)

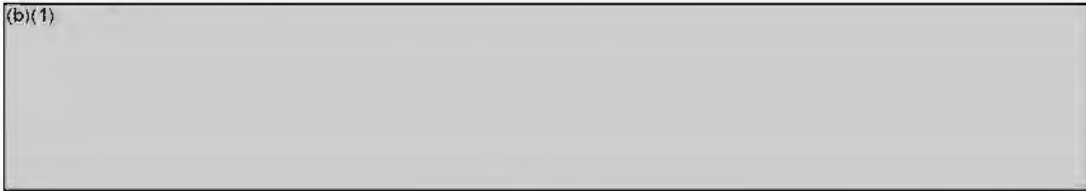
It also contains some reflections on US-India relations.

My message everywhere was about:

- Your determination to defeat terrorism globally.
- The special danger created by the nexus of terrorism and weapons of mass destruction.
- The impossibility of defending every vulnerable target in the US, which requires us to bring the war to the terrorists.

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India

It is hard to overstate India's future strategic importance to the US. Getting a common strategic outlook with India would help the US with goals of enormous importance affecting US interests for decades ahead. The key goal is managing China's emergence as a great power. India's interest in a strategic relationship with the US was signaled by Prime Minister Vajpayee's strong endorsement, earlier this year, of your missile defense policy.

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I met with the Indian Defense Minister, George Fernandes. The Prime Minister was out of the country.

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Final note

All in all, we continue to have support from these countries in principle for our war on terrorism. It is clear that there is not much appreciation of what we have accomplished militarily. We need to do better in communicating what we are achieving and we need to make more visible progress on the ground in Afghanistan.



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