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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Corruption in Afghanistan (U)

~~(S)~~ As we move toward the Afghan parliamentary elections in September, I believe we need to discuss with President Karzai some themes we think that need to be explained. One that should be high on the list is the problem of corruption.

~~(S)~~ The perception and/or reality of corruption (both of which exist):

- undermine public and international support;
- discourage investment and economic growth; and
- provide the Taliban a public relations bonanza as an "incorruptible" Islamist movement.

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cc: Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

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