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FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: General Richard B. Myers, CJCS *RBM 11/12*

SUBJECT: Afghan Parliamentary Elections, April 2005 (U)

- **Issue.** (U) "We may need to do something extra for the Afghan Parliamentary elections next April. We ought to have that in mind, just as we put some extra forces in for the Afghan Presidential election." (TAB A)
- **Conclusion.** (U) The Joint Staff and Commander, USCENTCOM, are preparing the way ahead to ensure a secure environment for the Afghan Parliamentary elections in the April - June 2005 time period.



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Attachments:
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TAB A

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TO: Gen Dick Myers
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *D.R.*
SUBJECT: Afghan Parliamentary Elections April '05

We may need to do something extra for the Afghan Parliamentary elections next April. We ought to have that in mind, just as we put some extra forces in for the Afghan Presidential election.

Thanks.

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TAB B

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INFORMATION PAPER

Subject: Afghan Parliamentary Elections, April 2005 (U)

1. (U) Purpose: To provide update on planning for elections security.
2. (U) Key Points
 - ~~(S)~~ The Joint Staff and CDRUSCENTCOM are continually developing planning to secure the parliamentary elections. The way ahead is to exploit the success of the presidential election by continuing an aggressive offensive campaign to deny the enemy any ability to disrupt parliamentary elections.
 - ~~(S)~~ Early coordination has begun with the Joint Electoral Management Body, International Security and Assistance Forces (ISAF), Afghan National Army (ANA), Afghan National Police (ANP) and the Government of Afghanistan (GoA). Coordination with bordering countries, primarily Pakistan, is essential to prevent terrorists from entering Afghanistan.
 - ~~(S)~~ The GoA is aggressively pursuing disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) of the Afghan Militia Forces. The GoA is now predicting that DDR will be completed in March 2005.
 - ~~(S)~~ Additional forces in-theater and out of theater are poised to provide a timely response to ensure a secure environment is achieved during the parliamentary elections. This capability was demonstrated during the Afghan presidential election when a battalion was flowed from the 82nd Airborne Division to assist with security requirements. Estimates are that it would require up to a battalion in the US sector and up to two battalions in the ISAF sector. The battalion for the US sector can be sourced from CONUS and postured on a higher alert status, while ISAF solicits contributions for its surge force(s) from NATO countries. ISAF is expected to match its surge force during the presidential elections with two additional Infantry battalions and an Infantry company. The close air support requirement will remain the same with respect to airframes, but may increase daily sortie averages.
 - ~~(S)~~ The ANA currently has 15 Kandaks that have sufficient training to conduct security operations. By April 2005, the ANA will field 9

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additional Kandaks, resulting in a total of 24 for the elections. The ANP will have trained and equipped more police officers, enhancing both size and capability of its forces.

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