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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Douglas J. Feith, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy *7/23/04*

SUBJECT: Afghanistan – Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs) and Customs Collection

- On July 12, 2004, I met with Afghan Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani and Treasury Under Secretary John Taylor to discuss Ghani's proposal to use the PRTs to increase Afghan government customs collection.
  - Karzai raised this issue with Secretary Snow on June 14, 2004.
- We agreed to work with Ghani to develop a plan that would not focus narrowly on PRTs but identify the various ways to maximize Afghan government collection of the revenues. (Ghani termed it a "Full Revenue Mobilization Plan.")
  - It may be possible to get international financial support for such a plan from countries that would benefit from reduced Afghan dependence on international aid.
- I will keep you apprised.

Afghanistan

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