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Subject: Re:

See below note from RCH on Karzai.

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NOTE TO THE SECRETARY

FROM: Richard Holbrooke, S/SRAP

DATE: April 4, 2010

SUBJECT: President Karzai repeats anti-foreign rhetoric

Despite the furor over his remarks in recent days, President Karzai continues to repeat accusations of foreign interference. Even the President's closest advisors are concerned by his behavior. He seems determined to settle a score with the international community in the contest over the revised electoral law.

In the last few days—even after your April 2nd telephone conversation—President Karzai has embarked on a number of efforts aimed at reversing the Lower House decision on the revised electoral law, including persuading the Upper House and the Ministry of Justice to side with his interpretation of the Constitution. While there is nothing wrong with pursuing this as a political objective, on April 3rd he reiterated anti-foreign sentiments when he met with 70 WJ members and urged them to change their vote

While Karzai's close advisors have told people that much foreign reporting is exaggerated, they say that he is especially angry because he believes that "the parliamentarians listened more to the US embassy than to him." Several of his ministers have said that they will confront President Karzai in Monday's Cabinet meeting and demand that he stop driving a wedge between the United States and Afghanistan.

President Karzai's anti-foreign comments are not supported by the majority of Afghanistan's political class—this is not an ethnic or factional issue—and leave many, including key ministers, concerned that the President's behavior will alienate the west and accelerate the departure of internationals. On Saturday, Lower House members, including Speaker Qanooni, rejected President Karzai's anti-foreign statements and allegations that their vote had been influenced by outsiders. Some have even gone so far as to suggest that President Karzai be impeached or forced to resign for threatening Afghanistan's national interests—although we consider this rhetoric and not a real threat.

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From: H <HDR22@clintonemail.com>
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From: Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>

To: H

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Subject: Re: [Redacted]

Talked to Paul earlier today. He said he expected nothing would happen until tomorrow. [Redacted]

[Redacted] I'll keep you posted.

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From: H <HDR22@clintonemail.com>

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Subject: [Redacted]

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