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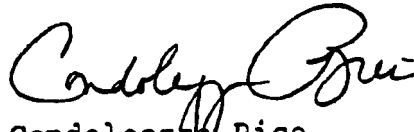
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
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SUBJECT: Declaratory Policy on Afghanistan

Attached is the unclassified declaratory policy on Afghanistan agreed to by the Deputies. This statement reflects both our broad policy approach and remarks made by the President.



Condoleezza Rice
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

Attachment
Tab A Declaratory Policy on Afghanistan

Afghanistan Declaratory Policy

Our actions in Afghanistan are the beginning of our broad counter-terror campaign to confront the network of terrorist groups and states that support them.

Our **goal in** Afghanistan is simple: eradicate the terrorism that led to the strikes that killed the citizens of 78 countries on September 11.

The requirements outlined by the President are straightforward: turn over terrorists, shut down camps, allow us to inspect those camps, and release detainees. The Taliban has not accepted these requirements. Moreover, the Taliban has repressed the citizens of Afghanistan. The Taliban will hand over the terrorists or they will share their fate.

The Taliban have rejected the international consensus and chosen instead with terrorists who are non-Afghans.

Our quarrel is not with Islam or the Afghan people. We have stood with Muslims in Bosnia, Kosovo, and Kuwait, and we aided Afghans during their liberation struggle against the former Soviet Union. We will support the Afghan people in the future: they deserve peace and stability, freedom from foreign terrorists, and a government that represents all Afghans.

The United States is Afghanistan's largest aid donor. We have contributed more than \$170 million already this year. We call on others to join us so we can help Afghans recover and rebuild.

The United States and other countries have provided food, shelter, jobs, and health clinics for needy Afghans, while the Taliban and their armed foreign supporters have spent their resources fighting fellow Afghans and fellow Muslims.

The United States, the United Nations, and the international community want to continue providing for the people, but the Taliban have closed down their offices, harassed their Afghan employees, and closed Afghanistan's airspace, preventing international agencies from delivering humanitarian aid.

The Taliban do not represent the Afghan people, who never elected or chose the Taliban faction. We do not want to choose who rules Afghanistan, but we will assist those who seek a peaceful, economically developing Afghanistan free of terrorism.

The international community must devote itself to stabilizing Afghanistan. The whole world will benefit from a stable Afghanistan at peace with its neighbors.