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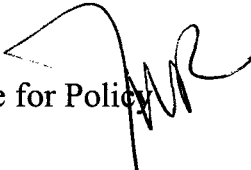
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FROM: Mira Ricardel, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Policy  SEP 10 2004

SUBJECT: Uzbekistan (U)

- (U) I attended the Uzbek Independence Day reception on September 7. Ambassador Kamilov said Uzbekistan continues to be interested in broadening and deepening bilateral ties.
- (U) On August 26, Kamilov told A/DASD Jim MacDougall that Uzbekistan wants to put certification "behind us." He added that Tashkent is "anxious to begin negotiations on Khanabad."
- (U) OSD/Strategy is coordinating with State Department to begin formal talks on Khanabad Airbase. I expect a delegation will travel to Tashkent in the next three to four weeks.

A/DASD MacDougall from 9/9



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