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COUNTRY: (U) AFGHANISTAN (AFG).

SUBJ: [redacted] AFGHANISTAN - TALIBAN THREAT TO NANGARHAR
PROVINCE GOVERNOR GUL AGHA SHERZAI (U).

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QAIDA/TALIBAN ELEMENTS TO ASSASSINATE HIM.

2. [REDACTED] GOVERNOR **GUL AGHA SHERZAI**, THE CURRENT NANGARHAR PROVINCE GOVERNOR, SUPECTS THAT THE HAJI DIN MOHAMMAD, THE CURRENT KABUL GOVERNOR AND FORMER NANGARHAR GOVERNOR, ALONG WITH DR. ASEF QAZI ZADA, THE CURRENT DIRECTOR OF CANALS AND FORMER NANGARHAR DEPUTY GOVERNOR, ARE CONSPIRING WITH AL QAIDA/TALIBAN TO ASSASSINATE HIM.

3. [REDACTED] DR. ASEF, DIN MOHAMMAD, HAJI QADIR, AND ABDUL HAQ WERE COMMANDERS UNDER THE RECENTLY DECEASED MAULAWI YOUNIS KHALIS, FOUNDER OF THE HEZB-E ISLAMI KHALIS (HIK). ADDITIONALLY, DR. ASEF IS RELATED TO THE KHALIS FAMILY. WHEN THE TALIBAN FELL FOLLOWING THE U.S. INVASION, DR. ASEF AND DIN MOHAMMAD PROVIDED A SAFE HAVEN TO OSAMA BIN LADEN AT THE HADA FARMS, THE HOMETOWN OF MAULAWI YOUNIS KHALIS AND SUBSEQUENTLY HELPED BIN LADEN FLEE THROUGH THE TORA BORA MOUNTAINS TO EVADE PURSUIT BY THE AMERICANS. MEANWHILE, **SHERZAI** WAS IN KHANDAHAR WITH KARZAI LEADING HIS MILITIA IN THE SUCCESSFUL FIGHT AGAINST THE TALIBAN.

4. [REDACTED] DESPITE THE TALIBAN'S DEFEAT, DIN MOHAMMAD AND DR. ASEF HAVE MAINTAINED TIES TO THE TALIBAN AND MANY OF THEIR SUB-COMMANDERS FLED WITH THE TALIBAN RATHER THAN REMAIN IN AFGHANISTAN UNDER THE NEW GOVERNMENT. MOREOVER, ASEF AND MOHAMMAD MAINTAINED TIES TO MAULAWI KABIR, THE FORMER NANGARHAR GOVERNOR UNDER THE TALIBAN, WHO IS SUSPECTED OF HAVING NUMEROUS PERSONNEL IMBEDDED IN THE CANAL POLICE WHICH ASEF CURRENTLY OVERSEES. MAULAWI KABIR IS CURRENTLY A SENIOR TALIBAN COMMANDER DIRECTING ATTACKS FROM PAKISTAN AND GOVERNOR **SHERZAI** HAS IDENTIFIED FIVE SEPARATE INCIDENTS WHERE HE HAS BEEN TARGETED SINCE BECOMING GOVERNOR OF NANGARHAR -

- THE CHAPARHAR BUS STATION,
- THE HADA FARMS FUNERAL ATTACK,
- THE GOVERNOR'S ADMINISTRATION BUILDING VBIED,
- AN ATTACK IN KHOGYANI AND
- AN ATTACK IN SHERZAD.

5. [REDACTED] THE GOVERNOR SUSPECTS NUMEROUS INSURGENTS HAVE INFILTRATED THE KHANDAK MUHAFAZ, THE CANAL POLICE UNIT BASED AT HADA FARMS, AND WHICH HE BELIEVES HAS HAD DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN AT LEAST THREE OF THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS. AFTER THE ATTACK ON THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, **SHERZAI** DIRECTED THE AFGHAN NATIONAL POLICE AND THE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE OF SECURITY (NDS) TO INVESTIGATE THE DRIVER THAT WAS APPREHENDED, AS WELL AS ORDERING THE BREAK UP OF THE KHANDAK MUHAFAZ. NEITHER ACTION WAS TAKEN AND GOVERNOR **SHERZAI** BLAMES GENERAL SALANGI AND THE NDS ENTIRELY. GOVERNOR **SHERZAI** IS INFURIATED BY THIS AND IS REALIZES THAT

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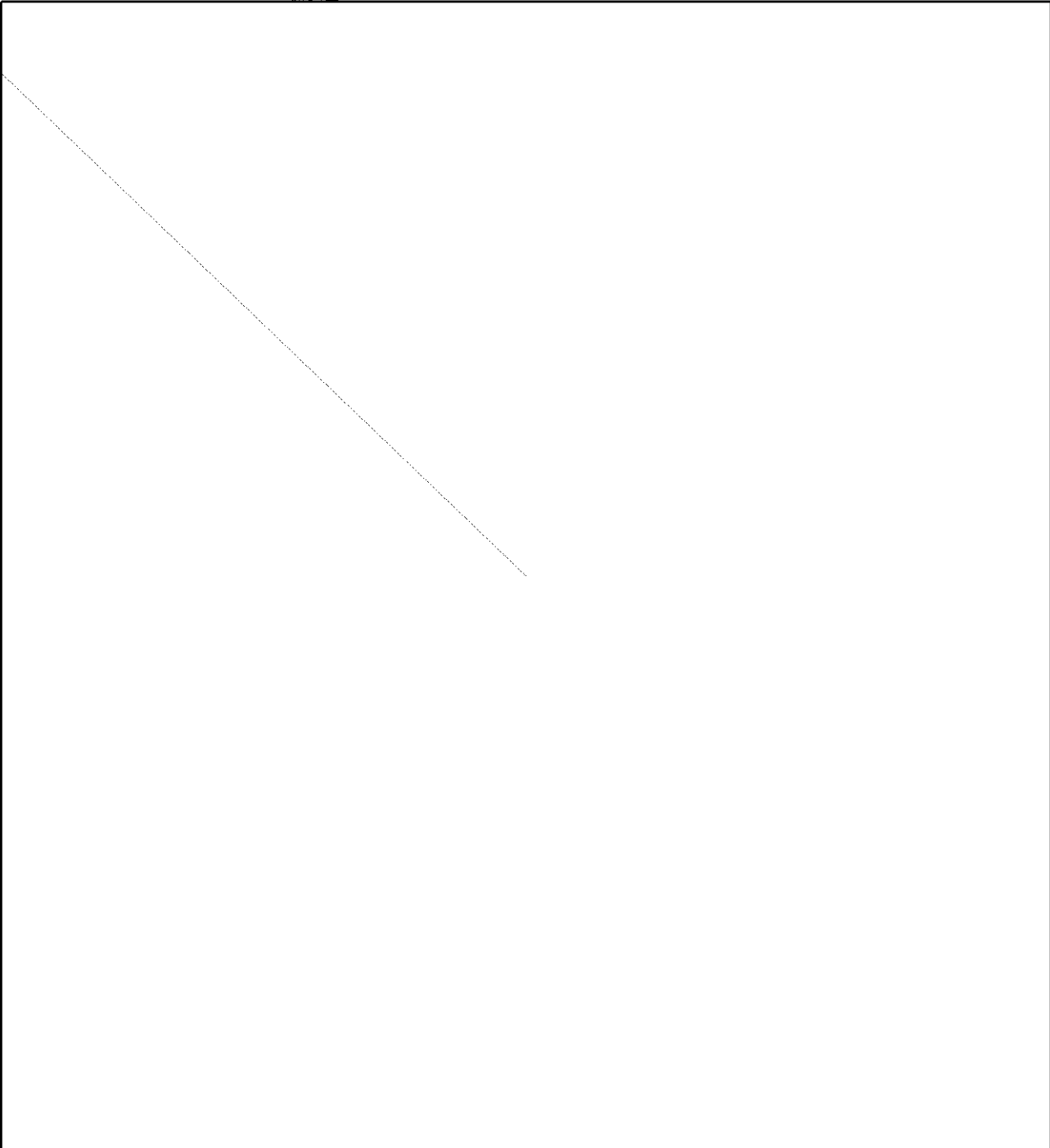
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