Defense Analysis Report

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Subject: Pakistani Support for Kashmiri Militants (22 May – 30 May 2002)

1. (S) Purpose: To provide updated information on Pakistani support for Kashmiri militants and to assess Indian perceptions of Pakistani support.

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(U) Despite Pakistani press reports that Islamabad is “taking fresh measures” to plug holes in traditional militant infiltration routes along the LOC and the Working Boundary, the sources close to the militant leaders of the Pakistani-banned and US-declared terrorist groups, the Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Muhammad (JEM), claimed that if “three layers of security positions manned around the clock by heavily armed Indian troops can’t stop us from reaching our destinations well inside the Kashmir valley,....How can Pakistan troops do something that 12 divisions of Indian army have so grossly failed to achieve?” The Pakistani Interior Ministry, which has generally worked to implement President Musharraf’s 12 January pledge and actions against Pakistani-banned and US-declared terrorist groups such as the LET and JEM, admitted the following:

- “5,000 ‘jehadis’ (religious trained students) are “completely outside of the government’s influence”
- “Pakistani security organizations’ influence has greatly been diminished”
- “A whole lot will depend on how much cooperation the military government receives from these groups” in curtailing militant-initiated infiltration and attacks in Kashmir.