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COUNTRY: (U) AFGHANISTAN (AF); **PAKISTAN** (PK).

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SUBJ: (b)(3):10 USC 424 **TALIBAN ETHNIC AND
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SUMMARY: ~~(S/NF)~~ **TALIBAN'S** ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS IDENTITY,
INCLUDING ITS RELATIONSHIPS WITH USAMA BIN LADEN, AL-QAIDA, AND

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OTHER TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.

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TEXT: 1. ~~(S/NF)~~ BACKGROUND. IN EARLY 1992 AND DURING THE AFGHANISTAN CIVIL WAR, MULLAH MOHAMMED ((OMAR)) EMERGED IN KABUL, AFGHANISTAN AS A YOUNG **LEADER** OF A RELIGIOUS STUDENT COUNCIL MOVEMENT, CALLED **TALIBAN**. **MULLAH OMAR** WAS A SUNNI MUSLIM WHO LIVED IN **PAKISTAN**. HE BELIEVED IN THE **TALIBAN** MOVEMENT AND ITS REJECTION OF THE PERCEIVED COMMUNIST-BACKED MUJAHADEEN TAKEOVER OF AFGHANISTAN FOLLOWING THE EXPULSION OF SOVIET FORCES THEREFROM. (b)(1), 1.4 (c), 1.4 (d)

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2. ~~(S/NF)~~ **PAKISTANI** INVOLVEMENT. IMPERIALISTIC HOPES OF THE **PAKISTANI** GOVERNMENT OVER CONTROL OF AFGHANISTAN CONTRIBUTED TO THE **PAKISTANI** ENTANGLEMENT IN THE CIVIL WAR IN AFGHANISTAN. THE **PAKISTANI** INTER-SERVICE INTELLIGENCE (**ISI**) ORGANIZATION PROVIDED MILITARY TRAINING TO **MULLAH OMAR** AND HIS FOLLOWERS IN ORDER TO TAKE OVER AFGHANISTAN. (b)(1), 1.4 (c), 1.4 (d)

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THE **ISI** PROVIDED **MULLAH OMAR'S** FORCES WITH WEAPONS, EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL, AND MILITARY TRAINING (**NFI**). (b)(1), 1.4 (c), 1.4 (d)

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3. ~~(S/NF)~~ ARAB EMERGENCE. AFTER 1995, SAUDI MILLIONAIRE USAMA ((BIN LADEN)) EXILED HIMSELF IN KABUL, AF, AND WAS LATER GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM BY THE **TALIBAN** GOVERNMENT. SOON MANY ARABS, MUSLIM EXTREMISTS, AND AFRICAN FOLLOWERS OF BIN LADEN CHOSE AFGHANISTAN AS A HOME OR A SAFE HAVEN. ONCE SETTLED IN, BIN LADEN FORMED THE AL-QAIDA NETWORK AND BEGAN TO SPREAD HIS IDEOLOGIES AND HIS INTERPRETATION OF ISLAM.

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4. ~~(S/NF)~~ ETHNIC ENTANGLEMENT. ARAB NEWCOMERS TO AFGHANISTAN WERE ENCOURAGED BY **TALIBAN** LEADERS TO MARRY AFGHANI WOMEN AND JOIN THE **TALIBAN** MOVEMENT. ALSO, SOME **TALIBAN** MEMBERS MARRIED ARAB WOMEN. THE **TALIBAN** LEADER HIMSELF, **MULLAH OMAR**, MARRIED THE DAUGHTER OF BIN LADEN. THIS BLOOD-TIE ETHNIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN **TALIBAN** MEMBERS AND AL-QAIDA MEMBERS ALLOWED FOR THE

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ENTANGLEMENT OF THE **TALIBAN** MOVEMENT WITH THE BIN LADEN'S
EXTREME IDEOLOGIES AND INTENSE OBJECTIVES. (b)(1), 1.4 (c), 1.4 (d)

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THESE ARABS WERE MAINLY

NATIVE SAUDI ARABIAN CITIZENS AND YEMENIS WHO OPPOSED THE
LEGITIMACY OF THE SAUDI MONARCHY IN SAUDI ARABIA. OTHERS ARE
EGYPTIAN MEMBERS OF THE EGYPTIAN ARMED ISLAMIC GROUP (IG), AL-
JAMIAT EL-ISLAMIYAH OR AL-GAMMA'A AL-ISLAMIYYA, AL-IKHWAN-EL-
MUSMIMEEN (ISLAMIC BROTHERHOOD), AND UNIDENTIFIED MUSLIM
FILIPINOS FROM THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES (NFI).

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