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BODY

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COUNTRY: (U) TAJIKISTAN (TI); AFGHANISTAN (AF);
UZBEKISTAN (UZ).

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SUBJ: IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424 TAJIK DEPUTY MINISTER OF
INTERNAL AFFAIRS MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THREAT FROM **HIZB
AL-TAHRIR** THAN TALIBAN(U)

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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SUMMARY: (C) AFTER INITIAL DENIALS, FIRST DEPUTY
MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS ADMITS MINIMAL CONCERN
ABOUT RECENT TALIBAN VICTORIES NEAR THE TAJIK BORDER.
NAMES ISLAMIC GROUP **HIZB AL-TAHRIR** AS THE MAIN THREAT
TO NATIONAL SECURITY.

TEXT: 1. (C) (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS (MVO) GENERAL
MAJOR HABIB ((SANGINOV)) REPORTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT
OF TAJIKISTAN WAS NOT VERY CONCERNED ABOUT RECENT
TALIBAN VICTORIES IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN. ACCORDING
TO GEN SANGINOV, THE TAJIK GOVERNMENT IS NOT WORRIED
ABOUT A TALIBAN OFFENSIVE INTO TAJIKISTAN, NOR IS THE
GOVERNMENT CONCERNED THAT TALIBAN OR TERRORIST
INFILTRATORS WILL ATTEMPT TO CROSS THE BORDER ALONG
WITH LEGITIMATE REFUGEES FROM THE AFGHAN BADAKHSHAN
PROVINCE. AFTER ALL, GEN SANGINOV SAID, THE REFUGEES
WOULD BE COMING ONLY FROM NORTHERN ALLIANCE CONTROLLED
TERRITORY.

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(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

2. ~~(S)~~ (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) GEN SANGINOV, ☐ APPEARED SLIGHTLY MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE AFGHAN SITUATION. NONETHELESS, GEN SANGINOV ADMITTED THAT MVD WAS TAKING MEASURES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY ALONG THE BORDER WITH AFGHANISTAN. THE MINISTRY DEPLOYED ADDITIONAL MILITIA OFFICERS TO THE BORDER REGIONS IN ORDER TO CHECK DOCUMENTS AND CONTROL THE MOVEMENTS OF POTENTIAL REFUGEES. FURTHERMORE, GEN SANGINOV ADMITTED THAT THE MILITIA UNITS WOULD BE ON ALERT FOR TERRORISTS AND MEMBERS OF THE ISLAMIC MOVEMENT OF UZBEKISTAN (IMU). (b)(3);10 USC 424

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. GEN SANGINOV'S CHANGE OF PRIORITIES COULD HAVE BEEN A RESULT OF A SERIES OF MEETING BETWEEN 27-30 SEP 00 WITH PRESIDENT EMOMALI ((RAHMONOV)). REPORTEDLY, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE, INTERNAL AFFAIRS, SECURITY, THE BORDER GUARDS COMMITTEE AND FORMER OPPOSITION FIELD COMMANDERS WERE SUMMONED TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN.)

3. ~~(S)~~ GEN SANGINOV (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) CONCERNED ABOUT MEMBERS OF **HIZB AL-TAHRIR** OPERATING IN TAJIKISTAN. GEN SANGINOV CLAIMED MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARE VIOLATING THE TAJIK CONSTITUTION BY DISTRIBUTING PROPAGANDA. CURRENTLY 130 MEMBERS OF **HIZB AL-TAHRIR** ARE BEING OBTAINED BY MVD FOR COMMITTING THIS OFFENSE. HOWEVER, GEN SANGINOV EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THERE ARE LITERALLY THOUSANDS MORE SUPPORTERS OF THE GROUP LOCATED IN THE SUGD (FORMERLY LENINABAD) REGION, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE UZBEK COMMUNITIES. FORTUNATELY, **HIB AL-TAHRIR** WAS NOT A SERIOUS THREAT IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY WHERE THERE ARE ALSO MANY UZBEK COMMUNITIES. GEN SANGINOV STATED THAT **HIZB AL-TAHRIR** WAS JUST A CONDUIT FOR RECRUITING PEOPLE INTO THE IMU.

COMMENTS: 1. ~~(S)~~ (b)(3);10 USC 424;(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

IT APPEARED AS IF TAJIK GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE TRYING TO CONVINCE RO THAT RECENT TALIBAN MILITARY VICTORIES WERE OF NO CONCERN AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT CONSIDER A POSSIBLE TALIBAN VICTORY IN AFGHANISTAN AS A THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY. ALTHOUGH THE TONE CHANGED SLIGHTLY FROM ONE MEETING TO THE NEXT

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WITH SANGINOV, MOST TAJIK OFFICIALS EXPLAINED THE REINFORCEMENT OF THE BORDER AS A PRELIMINARY MEASURE DESIGNED TO PROCESS THE IMMINENT INFLUX OF REFUGEES.

2. (C) AT LEAST THREE TAJIK OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT THE **HIZB AL-TAHRIR** IS ENGAGED IN RECRUITING FOLLOWERS FOR THE IMU AND ITSELF IS PROBABLY INVOLVED IN COMMITTING TERRORIST ACTS.

(b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

3. (C) (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c) GEN SANGINOV, AN INTELLIGENT MAN AND EXPERIENCED MVD OFFICER, DID NOT SEEM TO MAKE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE IMU AND **HIZB AL-TAHRIR** AND THE TALIBAN. ONE WOULD THINK THE GOVERNMENT OF TAJIKISTAN WOULD BE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A TALIBAN VICTORY, WHICH NO DOUBT WOULD MEAN INCREASED SUPPORT TO ISLAMIC EXTREMIST GROUPS SUCH AS THE IMU AND **HIZB AL-TAHRIR**. OF COURSE, IT IS POSSIBLE THEY HAVE NOT PUT THE TWO TOGETHER YET.

4. (C) (b)(1);Sec. 1.4(c)

5. (U) (b)(3);10 USC 424

6. (U) DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS IIR TO (b)(3);10 USC 424 OR

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