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OPERATING IN ZABUL PROVINCE (U).
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SUMMARY: (U) SEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, TEXT PARAGRAPH 1, BELOW.

TEXT: 1. (C) [REDACTED] EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. IN ZABUL PROVINCE THERE ARE CURRENTLY APPROXIMATELY 2,000 LOOSELY ORGANIZED ACTIVE TALIBAN INSURGENTS OPERATING IN 100 SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED ELEMENTS IN ZABUL PROVINCE. (b)(3):10 USC 424

2. (C) [REDACTED] IN ZABUL PROVINCE THERE ARE CURRENTLY APPROXIMATELY 2,000 LOOSELY ORGANIZED ACTIVE TALIBAN INSURGENTS OPERATING IN 100 SMALL TO MEDIUM SIZED ELEMENTS. THESE ELEMENTS VARY IN SIZE FROM 8-50 MEN. ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 100-150 PUNJABIS, ARABS, CHECHENS, AND UZBEK FOREIGN FIGHTERS, MOST OF WHOM ARE AFFILIATED WITH AL-QAEDA. THESE INSURGENTS ANSWER DIRECTLY TO TALIBAN LEADER MAULAWI ((ISMAIL)) WHO OPERATES FROM OFFICES IN THE NAWI KELAI AREA OF QUETTA, PAKISTAN. DURING THE TALIBAN REGIME, ISMAIL COMMANDED THE BALA HISSAR BATTALION WHICH WAS STATIONED IN QALAT CITY, ZABUL PROVINCE.

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