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2. (U) CLASSIFIED SECRET BY ALBERT THIBAUT, DCM.
REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).

SUMMARY

3. (C) THE SECOND MEETING OF THE U.S.-INDIAN JOINT
WORKING GROUP ON COUNTERTERRORISM TOOK PLACE IN NEW
DELHI ON SEPTEMBER 26. THE LONGEST SESSION FOCUSED ON
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FOUR TOPICS: KASHMIR, PAKISTAN, AFGHANISTAN AND NARCO-
TRAFFICKING. IN REVIEWING THE SITUATION IN KASHMIR,
THE GOI REPORTED AN INCREASE BOTH IN FOREIGN
MERCENARIES AND IN ATTACKS AGAINST SECURITY FORCES
SINCE THE INDO-PAKISTAN BORDER CONFLICT OF 1999. GOI
REPRESENTATIVES ALSO DESCRIBED A BROADER STRATEGY BY
FOREIGN BACKED MILITANTS, USING NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES
AND INDIAN FRONT ORGANIZATIONS, TO DESTABILIZE INDIA
AND RE-CREATE AN ISLAMIC CALIPHATE. THE INDIAN
OFFICIALS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH
THE U.S. IN INTELLIGENCE SHARING AND COUNTERTERRORIST
TRAINING. THEY REQUESTED INTELLIGENCE SPECIFICALLY ON
INDIAN LINKS TO PAKISTANI DRUG TRAFFICKERS.
AMBASSADOR SHEEHAN PROVIDED A TOUR D'HORIZON OF USG
EFFORTS GLOBALLY ON CT ISSUES. THE MEETINGS TESTIFIED
TO THE PROGRESS THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE MADE IN THE
PAST YEAR IN COUNTERTERRORISM COOPERATION AND
REAFFIRMED THEIR INTEREST IN WORKING EVEN MORE CLOSELY
TOGETHER.

4. (SBU) LED BY COUNTERTERRORISM COORDINATOR (S/CT)
MICHAEL SHEEHAN, THE U.S. DELEGATION INCLUDED SA DAS
AL EASTHAM, INL JIM CALLAHAN, FBI SUSANNA WILLARD, TWO
MILITARY OBSERVERS FROM PACOM, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO
AMBASSADOR SHEEHAN NICOLE BIBBINS, THE NEW DELHI-BASED
FBI LEGAL ATTACHE, AND POLOFF NOTETAKER. THE INDIAN
DELEGATION WAS LED BY THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS' (MEA) AMERICAS DIVISION JOINT SECRETARY ALOK
PRASAD. ACCOMPANYING PRASAD WERE MEA JOINT SECRETARY
AMERICAS-DESIGNATE JAYANT PRASAD (ALOK PRASAD'S

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SECRETARY RAKESH HOOJA, INTELLIGENCE BUREAU (IB) JOINT
DIRECTOR NACHEL SANDHU, MEA JOINT SECRETARY FOR UN
MATTERS DINKAR SRIVASTAVA, CENTRAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION (CBI) DIRECTOR R.N. SAWANI, JOINT
DIRECTOR AND SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE N.
BALACHANDRAN, RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS WING JOINT
DIRECTOR ANAND ARNI, MEA DIRECTOR FOR THE IRAN,
PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN DIVISION RUCHI GHANASHYAM
(FILLING IN FOR JOINT SECRETARY VIVEK KATJU), MEA
AMERICAS DIVISION DIRECTOR NENGCHA LHOUVUM, AND MEA
AMERICAS DIVISION UNDERSECRETARY JAVED ASHRAF. END
SUMMARY.

INDIAN PRESENTATIONS

5. (C) TERRORIST TRENDS IN KASHMIR: DURING A
DETAILED OVERVIEW OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN KASHMIR,
THE GOI REPORTED AN INCREASE IN FOREIGN MERCENARIES IN
THE VALLEY AND A FIFTY PERCENT INCREASE IN ATTACKS ON
SECURITY FORCES SINCE THE INDO-PAK BORDER CONFLICT
AROUND KARGIL IN THE SUMMER OF 1999. IN ADDITION TO

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AN INCREASISNG INCIDENCE OF FRONTAL ATTACKS AGAINST
SECURITY FORCES BY SUICIDE SQUADS, SANDHU OUTLINED
THREE EMERGENT AND WORRISOME TRENDS:

- ATTACKS ON HINDU PILGRIMS;
- EFFORTS TO "TALIBANIZE" (I.E., ENFORCE CONSERVATIVE ISLAMIC SOCIAL VALUES IN) KASHMIR; AND THE
- USE OF FIFTH COLUMN FRONT ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT INDIA WITH OBSCURE NAMES TO MASK THEIR LINKS TO PAKISTAN.

6. (C) ATTACKS ON PILGRIMS: DURING A 24-HOUR PERIOD AT THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST, ONE HUNDRED INDIANS DIED IN SEPARATE ATTACKS IN KASHMIR. OF THIS GROUP, TWENTY FOUR WERE HINDUS ON A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY CAVE AT AMARNATH. ACCORDING TO GOI BRIEFERS, TWO MEN WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR SUSPECTED INVOLVEMENT IN THIS ATTACK HAVE PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXTENSIVE PREPARATIONS FOR IT, INCLUDING THEIR USE OF FALSE ID

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CARDS FROM A LEADING INDIAN MUSLIM UNIVERSITY AND OF

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CAMOUFLAGED UNIFORMS TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE
ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT BY INDIAN SECURITY FORCES.
ACCORDING TO SANDHU, THE TWO HAVE PROVIDED DETAILED
INFORMATION ALSO ON THE MASSACRE OF SIKH VILLAGERS BY
FOREIGN-BASED MILITANTS DURING POTUS VISIT TO INDIA IN
MARCH.

7. (C) NEW TERRORIST GROUP: ARNI CALLED MAULANA
MASOOD AZHAR'S GROUP, THE JAISH-I-MOHAMMED (JIM), "THE
NEW KID ON THE BLOCK." FREED DURING THE INDIAN
AIRLINES HIJACKING OF DECEMBER 1999, AZHAR PROMPTLY
FORMED THE JIM. IT HAS ATTRACTED SUPPORTERS FROM
RIVAL HUA GROUP, AND ARNI PREDICTED THAT THE GROUP'S
INFLUENCE WOULD LIKELY SPREAD HERE AS WELL.

8. (C) INDIAN AIRLINES HIJACKING: SAWANI REPORTED ON
THE GOI'S ARREST AND QUESTIONING OF TEN PEOPLE IN THE
INDIAN AIRLINES HIJACKING CASE. SEVEN ARE PAKISTANI
NATIONALS, AND MOST ARE RELATED TO MAULANA MASOOD
AZHAR. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING THE
INVESTIGATION, THE HIJACKING WAS PLANNED FAR IN
ADVANCE WITH THE GOAL OF SECURING THE RELEASE OF
AZHAR. THE GOI ALLEGES THAT THE PAKISTAN EMBASSY IN
NEPAL ASSISTED THE HIJACKERS. THE ARRESTED
INDIVIDUALS REPORTEDLY ADMITTED THAT THEY HAD PRIOR
PLANS TO LAND IN KANDAHAR, SUGGESTING TALIBAN
COMPLICITY IN THE HIJACK. ACCORDING TO SAWANI, A
TALIBAN REPRESENTATIVE REMOVED ONE PIECE OF LUGGAGE
FROM THE HOLD OF THE HIJACKED PLANE (CONTENTS UNKNOWN)
WHILE IT WAS ON THE GROUND. WILLARD SAID THE FBI WAS

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REINVESTIGATING THE BELA NUSS CASE (KIDNAPPING OF AN
AMCIT TOURIST IN INDIA) TO LOOK AT POSSIBLE LINKS
BETWEEN BELA NUSS, HUTCHINGS AND THE HIJACKING.

9. (C) "TALIBANIZATION" AND OBSCURANTIST GROUPS:
SANDHU BLAMED THE HARKUT-UL-ANSAR (HUA) FOR TRYING TO
"TALIBANIZE" INDIA. HE CITED THE EXAMPLE OF A RECENT
SHOOTING ATTACK ON A BEAUTY PARLOR IN SRINAGAR.
ACCORDING TO THE IB'S ANALYSIS, HUA ACTIVELY RECRUITS
AGENTS IN NORTHEASTERN INDIA, AN AREA ALREADY PLAGUED
BY DOMESTIC INSURGENCY MOVEMENTS. SANDHU ALSO NOTED
THAT ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE STATED RAISON D'ETRE OF
ENFORCING PUBLIC MORALITY MIGHT ACTUALLY BE FRONT
ORGANIZATIONS FOR JIHADI GROUPS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE
ISLAMI MUSLIM MOHAMEDI MUJAHADEEN, WHICH OPERATES IN
SOUTH INDIA, DESTROYS MOVIE POSTERS DEEMED TO BE
EITHER IMMORAL OR OFFENSIVE TO MUSLIMS.

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CALIPHATE THROUGHOUT INDIA AND ACCUSED SIMI OF TRYING TO DIVIDE INDIAN SOCIETY ALONG RELIGIOUS LINES. ONE OF ITS OFFSHOOTS, THE QAFILA-E-SAKHT-JANN (THE HARDY ONES OR THOSE STRONG OF HEART) FOLLOWS THE DEOBANDI SCHOOL OF ISLAM AND DISTRIBUTES COPIES OF OSAMA BIN LADEN'S PHOTOS AND SPEECHES BY TERRORISTS. (DEOBAND IN THE NORTHERN STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH IS THE SITE OF A MAJOR CENTER FOR ISLAMIC TRAINING AND THE PLACE WHERE MANY AFGHAN TALIBS STUDIED.)

11. (C) ANTI-CHRISTIAN ATTACKS: AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE DEENDAR ANJUMAN (RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATION) IS ACCUSED OF COMMITTING A SERIES OF BOMB BLASTS TARGETING CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (AS WELL AS ONE MUSLIM MOSQUE AND ONE HINDU TEMPLE) THIS SUMMER. SANDHU DESCRIBED THE GROUP AS A SECRETIVE CULT ESTABLISHED IN 1936. THE GOI BELIEVES THAT ZIA-UL-HASSAN, THE GROUP'S LEADER, WANTS TO CREATE RIFTS BETWEEN ETHNIC
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AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN INDIA AND TO SABOTAGE THE INDIAN RAILROAD INFRASTRUCTURE. THE SERIES OF BOMB BLASTS AGAINST CHURCHES REPORTEDLY WERE MADE TO LOOK AS THOUGH THEY WERE THE HANDIWORK OF HINDU FUNDAMENTALISTS. AS EVIDENCE THAT HINDUS WERE NOT BEHIND THE VIOLENCE, GOI BRIEFERS SHOWED EXAMPLES OF HANDBILLS LEFT AT THE SITE OF THE BOMBINGS THAT INCLUDED INACCURATE DRAWINGS OF HINDU SYMBOLS.

SHEEHAN PRESENTATIONS

12. (S) AFGHANISTAN: AMBASSADOR SHEEHAN SAID THAT WORLDWIDE THERE HAD BEEN A DECLINE IN STATE-SPONSORSHIP OF TERRORISM AND A CONCOMITANT INCREASE IN RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC-BASED TERRORIST GROUPS. THESE GROUPS RELY ON A WIDE ARRAY OF FINACING, INCLUDING NARCO-TRAFFICKING, KIDNAPPING AN EXTORTION. DESCRIBING AFGHANISTAN AS THE STRATEGIC CENTER OF GRAVITY FOR TERRORISM, SHEEHAN SAID WHILE THE TALIBAN DO NOT DIRECTLY ENGAGE IN ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL

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TERRORISM, THEY ADVOCATE THE CONCEPT OF JIHAD. THE
U.S. ESTIMATES THAT 70,000 MEN FROM OVER FIFTY NATIONS
HAVE RECEIVED MUJAHIDIN TRAINING (PARAMILITARY
INSTRUCTION AND ISLAMIC INDOCTRINATION) IN AFGHAN
TRAINING CAMPS SINCE 1979. THE MUJAHIDIN INCREASINGLY
VIEW THE JIHADS IN WHICH THEY PARTICIPATE AS PART OF A
GLOBAL STRUGGLE ON BEHALF OF ISLAM AND BELIEVE SUCH
STRUGGLES AROUND THE WORLD CONFIRM THE EXISTENCE OF A
GREATER CONSPIRACY AGAINST ISLAM. WHILE BIN LADIN

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CONTINUES TO PROMOTE JIHADIST DOCTRINE, SUPPORT
TRAINING CAMPS IN AFGHANISTAN, AND PROVIDE FINANCIAL
AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUAL TERRORIST GROUPS,
HE IS NOT IN COMMAND OR CONTROL OF THE MUJAHIDIN
MOVEMENT. THE MUJAHIDIN WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW AND
POSE A THREAT TO US INTERESTS WITHOUT BIN LADIN'S
INFLUENCE.

13. (S) NEPAL: THE MAOIST INSURGENCY IN NEPAL IS
EXPANDING ITS INFLUENCE BEYOND ITS TRADITIONAL
STRONGHOLD IN THE COUNTRY'S WESTERN REGION AND MAY
BEGIN TO POSE A TERRORIST THREAT TO THE U.S. AND OTHER
FOREIGN INTERESTS. RECENT ATTACKS SUGGEST MAOISTS ARE
ALTERING THEIR STRATEGY TO HURT NEPAL'S TOURISM
INDUSTRY BY TARGETING FOREIGNERS, INCREASING THE
CHANCES THAT U.S. AND INDIAN CITIZENS MAY BE HARMED.
EARLIER IN SEPTEMBER, THE U.S. EMBASSY IN NEPAL
RECEIVED CREDIBLE INFORMATION THAT TERRORISTS WERE
PLANNING TO ATTACK BOTH OFFICIAL AND NONOFFICIAL
AMERICANS IN KATHMANDU. THE POLICE HAVE BEEN LARGELY
INEFFECTIVE IN COUNTERING THE INSURGENCY. IN REPLY,
ARNI CONCURRED WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S ASSESSMENT,
ADDING THAT RAW HAS INFORMATION TO SUGGEST THAT MUSLIM

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FUNDAMENTALISTS ARE TRYING TO USE NEPAL AS A
SPRINGBOARD FOR OPERATIONS IN INDIA AND ARE ACTIVELY
RECRUITING NEPALI MUSLIMS THERE. ACCORDING TO RAW'S
ANALYSIS, THE ISI IS SETTING UP OPERATIONS IN NEPAL.
THE GOI OFFERED TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT AN AMCIT
WHO SUPPORTS THE MAOISTS IN NEPAL AND TRAVELS THERE
REGULARLY. ARNI SAID THAT INDIAN MAOISTS HAVE NATURAL
LINKS TO INDIAN LEFTISTS AND TO THE SHINING PATH. HE
REPORTED THAT MAOISTS HAVE THREATENED INDIANS IN NEPAL
IN THE PAST, FORCING THEM TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

14. (S) IRAN: SHEEHAN SAID THAT IRAN CONTINUES TO BE
THE MOST ACTIVE STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM
INTERNATIONALLY. IRAN REMAINS OPPOSED TO THE STATE OF

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LOCAL SOURCES IN SOUTH ASIA.

15. (S) SUDAN: THE U.S. IS ENGAGED IN A
COUNTERTERRORISM DIALOGUE WITH THE SUDANESE
GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH SUDAN HAS MADE SOME INITIAL
OVERTURES TOWARDS CRACKING DOWN ON TERRORISM, A
VARIETY OF ISLAMIC EXTREMIST GROUPS CONTINUE TO USE
SUDAN FOR SAFEHAVEN, TRAINING, AND IN SOME CASES A
PLATFORM FOR PLANNING OPERATIONS. SHEEHAN PREDICTED
MOVEMENT TO LIFT SANCTIONS ON SUDAN IN THE UNSC,
ADDING THAT THE U.S. WILL OPPOSE SUCH A MOVE ABSENT
SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE SITUATION IN SUDAN. HE
ASKED FOR GOI SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. POSITION ON SUDAN.

16. (S) SOUTHEAST ASIA: THERE IS A GROWING TERRORIST
THREAT TO FOREIGN NATIONALS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA,
PARTICULARLY IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. THIS SAME
PROBLEM EXISTS IN INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA.

NARCOTICS

17. (C) INL'S JIM CALLAHAN REVIEWED OUR ASSESSMENT OF
AFGHANISTAN'S OPIUM PRODUCTION. THE WORLD'S LEADER IN
OPIUM PRODUCTION, AFGHANISTAN'S OPIUM CROP YIELDS
HEROIN DESTINED FOR EUROPE, RUSSIA, IRAN AND PAKISTAN
(WHERE THERE IS A GROWING PROBLEM OF ADDICTION). LAND
PREVIOUSLY USED FOR FOOD CROPS HAS BEEN PLANTED WITH
OPIUM POPPY. THE TALIBAN HAVE BECOME DEPENDENT ON THE
OPIUM PRODUCERS, WHOSE REVENUES HELP THE TALIBAN
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CIRCUMVENT UN SANCTIONS. MEANWHILE, THE TALIBAN ALSO
EXACTS TAXES, LICENSE FEES AND SIMILAR CHARGES FROM
OPIUM PRODUCERS AND TRAFFICKERS. CALLAHAN NOTED THAT
THE U.S. DOES NOT HAVE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT HOW
BIN LADEN MIGHT BE INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN THIS TRADE. A
COUNTERNARCOTICS INITIATIVE IS UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE
SIX-PLUS-TWO GROUP, BUT THERE IS RESISTANCE FROM SOME
MEMBERS TO SIGN IT.

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18. (C) SANDHU SAID THE GOI BELIEVES THAT PAKISTANI DRUG LORDS (WHO HAVE POLITICAL GOALS) RELY ON THE COMPLICITY OF DONS FROM THE INDIAN UNDERWORLD FOR THEIR NARCO-TRAFFICKING SUCCESS. HE SAID THE GOI WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE U.S. WOULD SHARE INFORMATION ON THE PAKISTANI DRUG LORDS WITH THE GOI SO THAT DELHI MIGHT UNCOVER THE DRUG TRAFFICKING LINKS BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN. CALLAHAN SAID THAT HE WOULD REFER THIS REQUEST TO DEA (REPRESENTED AT POST BUT NOT AT THE MEETING). WHEN TALK TURNED TO ASSISTANCE, CALLAHAN POINTED OUT THAT WE HAVE INCREASED OUR DRUG-RELATED FUNDING TO INDIA. HE NOTED USG INTEREST IN TWO OTHER AREAS AS WELL (CUTTING OFF THE FLOW OF PRECURSORS TO AFGHANISTAN AS WELL AS

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 SUBJECT: U.S.-INDIA JOINT WORKING GROUP ON
 COUNTERTERRORISM: SESSION ON KASHMIR,
 PAKISTAN, AFGHANISTAN AND NARCO-TRAFFICKING

PREVENTING MONEY LAUNDERING) AND ASKED THE GOI TO
 SUPPORT MULTILATERAL EFFORTS TO PASS RESOLUTIONS
 BANNING EXPORT OF PRECURSORS AND RELATED MATERIALS.
 CBI'S N. "BOBBY" BALACHANDRAN TOLD CALLAHAN THAT THE
 GOI HAD REPORTS OF DRUGS TRANSITING THE INSURGENCY-
 PLAGUED NORTHEAST AS WELL AS DRUG TRAFFICKING BY THE
 LTTE (SIR LANKAN SEPARATIST GROUP) ALONG INDIA'S
 SOUTHERN COAST. BALACHANDRAN ASKED FOR FBI AND DEA
 ASSISTANCE TO TRAIN CBI OFFICIALS AS WELL AS STATE
 POLICE IN NARCOTICS ISSUES SINCE STATE POLICE ARE VERY
 ACTIVE IN INDIA'S COUNTERNARCOTICS EFFORTS. USG
 ASSISTANCE IS CURRENTLY DIRECTED TO THE NARCOTICS
 CONTROL BOARD (NCB), THE NATIONAL NARCOTICS AUTHORITY,
 BUT BALACHANDRAN REQUESTED A WIDER DISTRIBUTION OF
 FUNDS. CALLAHAN PROMISED TO PASS ON THE REQUEST.

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19. (C) THE DAY PRIOR TO THE JWG MEETINGS, AMBASSADOR
 SHEEHAN MET PRIVATELY WITH CABINET SECRETARY DULAT,
 HEAD OF INDIA'S EXTERNAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (RAW);
 SHYAMAL DATTA, DIRECTOR OF THE INDIA'S INTERNAL
 INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (IB); AND DR. R.K. RAGHAVAN,
 DIRECTOR OF INDIA'S NATIONAL POLICE FORCE (CBI). ALL
 THREE SENIOR OFFICIALS SPOKE OF THE GROWING THREAT TO
 INDIA OF TERRORISM BY MILITANT ISLAMISTS. THE FORMER
 TWO EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN CLOSER INTELLIGENCE
 SHARING WITH THE U.S.; THE FORMER WELCOMED CLOSER
 COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CBI AND FBI. IN A SEPARATE
 MEETING WITH CBI TRAINING OFFICIALS (INCLUDING AN

COMMENT

20. (C) THE COLLEGIALITY AND CANDOR OF ALL OF AMB
SHEEHAN'S MEETINGS IN NEW DELHI TESTIFIED TO THE
PROGRESS THE U.S. AND INDIA HAVE ACHIEVED SINCE
SHEEHAN'S FIRST VISIT TO INDIA IN SEPTEMBER 1999.
SINCE THEN, THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE WORKED TOGETHER TO
INVESTIGATE THE INDIAN AIRLINES HIJACKING IN DECEMBER,
HELD A FIRST JWG MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN MARCH, AND
COOPERATED IN OPENING AN FBI LIAISON OFFICE IN NEW

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DELHI IN SEPTEMBER. BOTH SIDES MADE IT CLEAR THAT,
ALTHOUGH THEY DEFINE THE THREAT OF INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM SOMEHAT DIFFERENTLY, THEY REMAIN COMMITTED
TO WORKING MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER TO COMBAT IT.

21. (U) S/CT HAS CLEARED THIS REPORT.

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