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#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

November 10, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY R. DOLAN

FROM:

GRANT S. GREEN, AR.

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: Meeting with Afghan

Resistance Leaders, November 12, 1987

This memorandum forwards the President's remarks following his meeting with Afghan Resistance leaders, November 12, 1987. The NSC approves the Presidential remarks, as amended (Tab A).

Attachment

Tab A Presidential Remarks

cc Rhett Dawson

#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

November 10, 1987

#### ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR GRANT S. GREEN, JR.

FROM:

ROBERT B. OAKLEY

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: Meeting with Afghan

Resistance Leaders, November 12, 1987

Attached at Tab I for your signature is a memo to Tony Dolan, forwarding the amended version of the President's remarks following his meeting with Afghan Resistance Leaders on November 12, 1987.

سادا Peter Rodman, Fritz Ermarth and Marybel Batjer concur.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

Disapprove\_

#### Attachments

Tab I Memo to Tony Dolan

Tab A Departure Statement

cc: Rhett Dawson

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### WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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#### **REMARKS:**

Please return any comments/recommendations directly to Tony Dolan's office with an info copy to my office by 2:00 Tuesday, November 10th. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

(Robinson edits/ARD) November 9, 1987 3:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEETING WITH AFGHAN RESISTANCE LEADERS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1987

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Unfortunately, the Soviet answer on a date for rapid withdrawal has been silence. Instead we have seen the Kabul regime announce a phantom ceasefire and propose a transitional government, one that would leave this discredited and doomed group in control. These gambits have been rejected by the only voice that really counts, that of the Afghan people, speaking through their Resistance representatives. Any proposal unacceptable to the Resistance is destined to fail. And as the Resistance continues the fight, we and other responsible governments will stand by it. The just struggle against foreign tyranny can count upon worldwide support, both political and material.

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(Robinson edits/ARD) November 10, 1987 3:30 p.m.

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AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1987

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 9, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY R. DOLAN

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND

DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM:

C. DEAN MCGRATH, JR. ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: Meeting with

Afghan Resistance Leaders

Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential remarks and has no legal objection to their presentation by the President.

cc: Rhett B. Dawson

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