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(B/D).

1. (C) SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR COATS' MEETING WITH A GROUP OF
NON-ARAB MUSLIM AMBASSADORS WAS DOMINATED BY THEIR CONCERNS

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ABOUT THE <<TREATMENT>> OF <<DETAINEES>> IN GUANTANAMO BAY. THE AMBASSADORS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE PERCEPTION OF UNEQUAL OR IMPROPER <<TREATMENT>> WOULD UNDERMINE THE MORAL HIGH GROUND UPON WHICH THE ANTI-TERROR COALITION STANDS. THIS PERCEPTION ALSO IMPEDES THEIR OWN EFFORTS TO ENSURE CONTINUED DOMESTIC SUPPORT FOR THE COALITION. END SUMMARY.

2. (C) AS PART OF A CONTINUING OUTREACH PROGRAM (REFTEL), THE AMBASSADOR HOSTED A LUNCHEON FOR NON-ARAB MUSLIM AMBASSADORS ON JANUARY 28 TO ELICIT THEIR COUNTRIES' VIEWS ON THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM AND TO DISCUSS WAYS WE CAN ENHANCE COOPERATION. REPRESENTATIVES FROM [REDACTED]

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EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE U.S., BUT MOST STRESSED THAT THE PERCEPTION OF HOW PRISONERS ARE BEING TREATED IN GUANTANAMO COULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT PUBLIC OPINION BACK HOME. AMBASSADOR COATS EXPLAINED THAT THE <<DETAINEES>> WERE BEING TREATED HUMANELY AND IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH INTERNATIONAL LEGAL NORMS. HE ADDED THAT [REDACTED]

3. (C) THE ISLAMIC AMBASSADORS REPLIED THAT, REGARDLESS OF THE FACTUAL DETAILS OR THE QUESTION OF STATUS, THE PREVAILING PERCEPTION IN THEIR COUNTRIES IS THAT THE <<DETAINEES>> ARE NOT BEING AFFORDED PROPER <<TREATMENT>> CONSISTENT WITH EITHER THE GENEVA CONVENTION OR THE <<UNITED>> <<STATES>>' OWN LEGAL TRADITION. THIS PERCEPTION, THEY CAUTIONED, COULD UNDERMINE THEIR COUNTRIES' ABILITY TO SUPPORT FUTURE COALITION EFFORTS. THE U.S. SHOULD MAINTAIN THE MORAL HIGH GROUND. [REDACTED]

4. (C) SEVERAL AMBASSADORS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE PICTURES FROM GUANTANAMO HAD LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT AMERICAN IDEAS OF JUSTICE APPLIED ONLY TO U.S. CITIZENS. [REDACTED]

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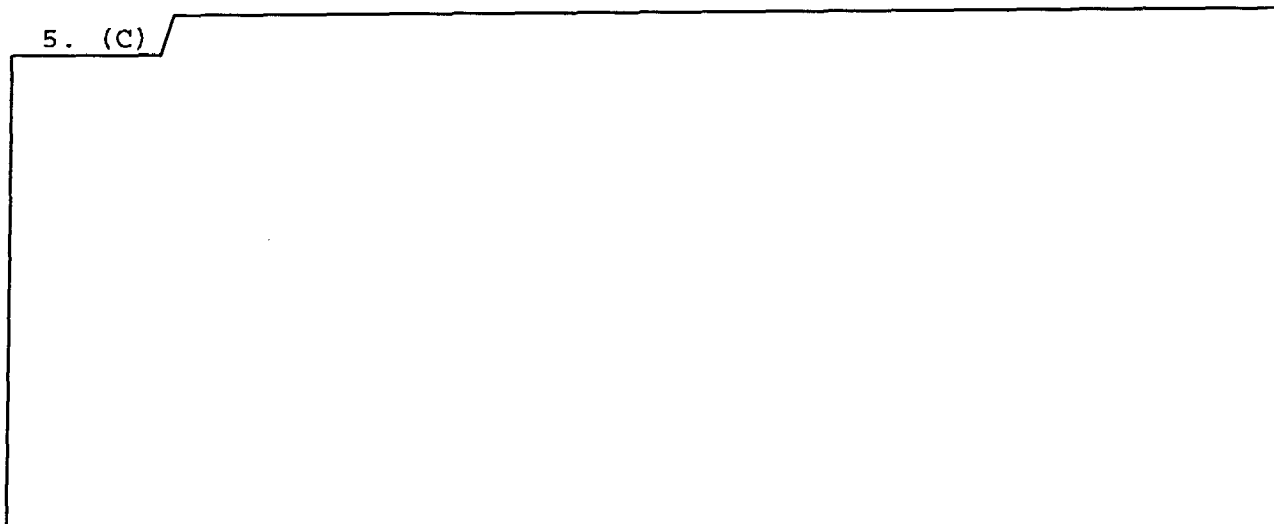


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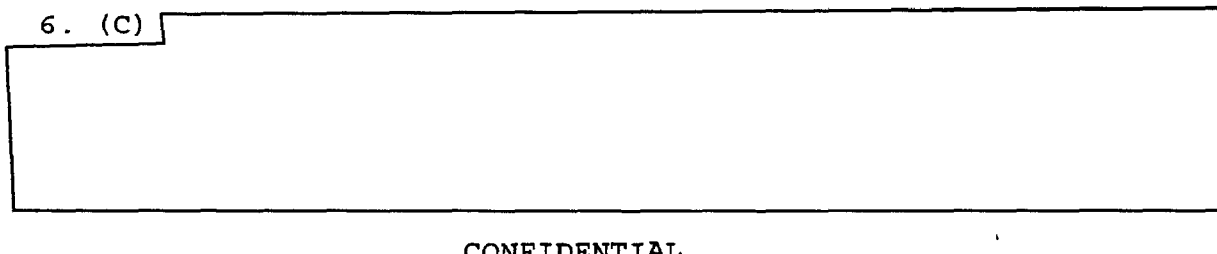
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U.S. HAS SET STANDARDS FOR THE HUMANE <<TREATMENT>> OF PRISONERS
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND MUST NOW SHOW THAT IT ABIDES BY THE
SAME RULES.

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7. (C) COMMENT:

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