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FOR: DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs
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SUBJECT: Briefing on Iran's Ties to Osama bin Ladin

1. This briefing impacts on OSD's position regarding U.S. posture toward Iran in the war on terrorists.
2. The briefing outlines Tehran's working relationship with Osama bin Ladin's (OBL) network. Despite the enmity between Iran and the Taliban regime, Iranian and OBL terrorist support operatives have a history of cooperation.
3. Iranian overtures to OBL has had the approval at the highest level of leadership. This contact has taken place at least since April 1999 and probably since the early 1990s
4. Iran also has a long record of cooperation with several other OBL-associated terrorist groups e.g. Egyptian Islamic Jihad.

RECOMMENDATION: DepSecDef request DIA to present this briefing

Attachments: NONE
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