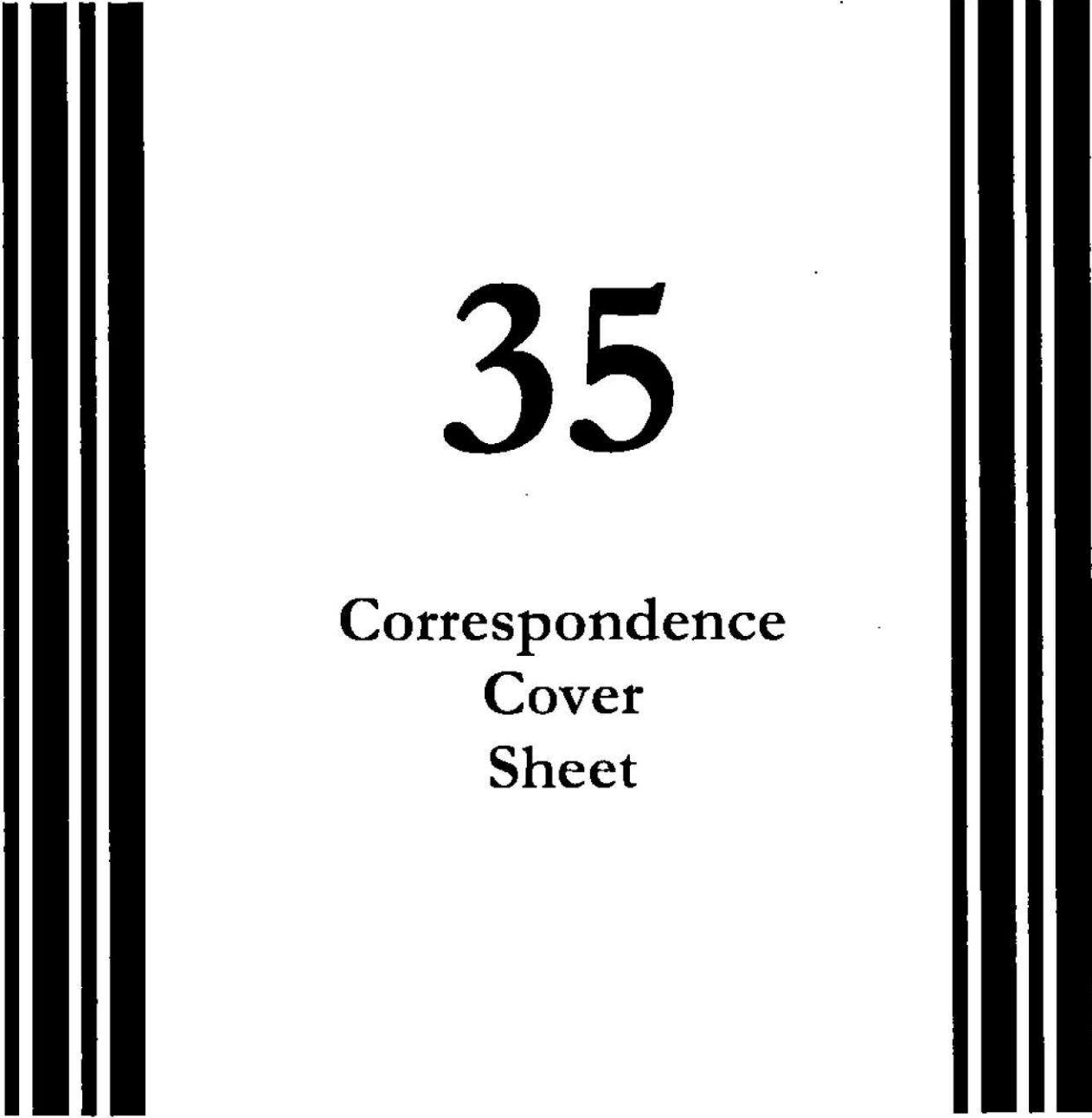




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ASU - Government Spending
What in God's name are we sending this kind of money to these
countries for, while our nation is falling apart - and people
starving. Where are the brains in Washington...? We cannot do this
to ourselves, someone has got to stop. We must stop this -
Yesterday. We don't care about us "buying" good relations. We
needed to get bin Laden, in fact they should have landed him
over to us. This is way way to much money from "the tax
payer" to any country period. While we suffer - get back
Washington look after your own ~~people~~ people - not other countries.

U.S. to release \$1.6 billion aid package for Pakistan

By Bradley Klapper
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON» The U.S. has quietly decided to release more than \$1.6 billion in military and economic aid to Pakistan that was suspended when relations between the two countries disintegrated over the covert raid that killed Osama bin Laden and deadly U.S. airstrikes against Pakistani soldiers.

Officials and congressional aides said ties have improved enough to allow the money to flow again.

American and NATO supply routes to Afghanistan are open. Controversial U.S. drone strikes are down.

The U.S. and Pakistan recently announced the restart of their "strategic dialogue" after a long pause. Pakistan's new prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, is traveling to Washington for talks this week with President Barack Obama.

But in a summer dominated by foreign policy debates over the coup in Egypt and



Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will visit the U.S. this week.

chemical weapons attacks in Syria, the U.S. hasn't promoted its revamped aid relationship with Pakistan. Neither has Pakistan.

The silence reflects the lingering mutual suspicions between the two.

The Pakistanis do not like being seen as dependent on their heavy-handed partners. The Americans are uncomfortable highlighting the billions provided to a government that is plagued by corruption and perceived as often duplicitous in fighting terrorism.

Congress has cleared most of the money, and it should start moving early next year, officials and congressional aides said.

Over three weeks in July and August, the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development

informed Congress that it planned to restart a wide range of assistance, mostly dedicated to helping Pakistan fight terrorism. The U.S. sees that effort as essential as it withdraws troops from neighboring Afghanistan next year and tries to leave a stable government behind.

Other funds focus on a range of items, including help for Pakistani law enforcement and a multibillion-dollar dam.

U.S.-Pakistani relations have weathered numerous crises in recent years. The Pakistani government was outraged that it received no advance warning of the Navy SEAL raid on bin Laden's compound.

→ they do not fight it, that's the problem

→ they can build their own dams ours are falling apart as are our roads and bridges - since we a friendless weak, are we the only ones seeing the fall in all this???

→ you think

you have got to be kidding me U.S. is anyone

That conclusion is widely shared among U.S. officials working on Afghanistan, said the official, who was among five people familiar with the report who agreed to speak on the condition of anonymity to discuss the assessment.

Some officials have taken umbrage at the underlying pessimism in the report, arguing that it does not adequately reflect how strong Afghanistan's security forces have become.

One American official, who described the NIE as "more dark" than past intelligence assessments on the war, said there are too many uncertainties to make an educated prediction on how the conflict will unfold between now and 2017, chief among them the outcome of next year's presidential election.

"I think what we're going to see is a recalibration of political power, territory and that kind of thing," said one U.S. official who felt the assessment was unfairly negative. "It's not going to be an inevitable rise of the Taliban."

U.S. intelligence analysts did not provide a detailed mapping of areas they think are likely to become controlled by specific groups or warlords in coming years, said one of the officials. But the analysts anticipate that the central government in Kabul is all but certain to become increasingly irrelevant as it loses "purchase" over parts of the country, the official said.

A spokesman for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, which issues intelligence estimates, declined to comment. Officials at the White House declined to speak about the NIE's findings.

Report: Afghan outlook is grim

By Ernesto Londono,
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON» A new American intelligence assessment on the Afghan war predicts that the gains the United States and its allies have made during the past three years are likely to have been significantly eroded by 2017, even if Washington leaves behind a few thousand troops and continues bankrolling the impoverished nation, according to officials familiar with the report.

The National Intelligence Estimate, which includes input from the country's 16 intelligence agencies, predicts that the Taliban and other power brokers will become increasingly influential as the United States winds down its longest war in history, according to officials who have read the classified report or received briefings on its conclusions.

The grim outlook is fueling a policy debate inside the Obama administration about the steps it should take over the next year as the U.S. military draws down its remaining troops.

The report predicts that Afghanistan would likely descend into chaos quickly if Washington and Kabul don't sign a security pact that would keep an international military contingent there beyond 2014 — a precondition for the delivery of billions of dollars in aid that the United States and its allies have pledged to spend in Afghanistan over the coming years.

"In the absence of a continuing presence and continuing financial support," the intelligence assessment

we need to get out!

We can't put enough \$ in country to defeat the Taliban.

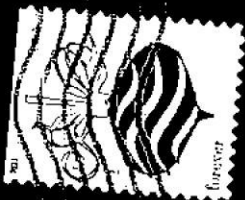
He is so corrupt

mostly U.S. way way too much \$ we have many problems here a many program cut



Art & Marina Harnagel

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Dear Bob (Grandpa)
I hope you are well
and happy. I love you
and miss you. Love
Art & Marina