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(U) Summary of Conclusions for
Meeting of the Deputies Small Group
DATE: August 14, 2021
LOCATION: White House Situation Room
TIME: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

SUBJECT: (U//FOUO) Summary of Conclusions for DSG Meeting on
Relocations out of Afghanistan

(U) Participants:

Chair

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DHS (SVTC)

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CBP (SVTC)

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State (SVTC)

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TSA (SVTC)

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Embassy Kabul (SVTC)

[REDACTED]

USCIS (SVTC)

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DOD (SVTC)

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OMB (SVTC)

[REDACTED]

USDS

No Representative

DOJ (SVTC)

No Representative

USUN (SVTC)

[REDACTED]

HHS

No Representative

DNI (SVTC)

[REDACTED]

CDC

No Representative

CIA (SVTC)

[REDACTED]

ACF

No Representative

JCS (SVTC)

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NSC Staff (Continued)

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USAID (SVTC)

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NCTC (SVTC)

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FBI (SVTC)

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NSC Staff

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(U) Summary of Conclusions

(U) It was agreed that:

- (U//FOUO) Deputies agreed on the priority given to U.S. Embassy personnel, U.S. citizens, and allied personnel with whom the U.S. Government has agreements for evacuation.
- (U//FOUO) Deputies agreed that the following individuals and their families will be relocated as soon as possible directly to the United States via a transit point:
 - U.S. citizens living in Afghanistan and family members;
 - U.S. Government direct-hire and third country contract staff;
 - U.S. Embassy Locally Employed Staff (LES), regardless of length of employment;
 - Afghan contract staff of the U.S. Embassy;
 - Central Intelligence Agency priority partners;
 - Afghan Special Immigrant Visa applicants who are post-Chief of Mission (COM) and have approved I-360 petitions.
- (U) Pre-departure actions:
 - (U//FOUO) The Department of State will immediately stand up a communications/manifest team which will be responsible

for notifying individuals from various priority lists of their travel eligibility and collect biographic information for all travelers to be manifested. Across all categories, Deputies agreed in the near term that we may begin relocating nuclear family units, as defined by the Immigration and Nationality Act. Deputies will consider whether additional family member categories should be included. State communications/manifest team will liaison with the Department of Defense (DOD) to ensure maximum occupancy for every available seat on all outbound flights. Eligible travelers will begin to depart Kabul on August 15, 2021. (Action: State, immediately)

- (U//FOUO) DOD, in coordination with the State Task Force, will seek to manifest at least 5,000 individuals for relocation per day from Afghanistan. (Action: DOD and State, immediately)
- (U//FOUO) All departments and agencies will transmit their lists of priority populations to be considered for relocation as P-1/P-2 referrals to the State Task Force. (Action: All, immediately)
- (U//FOUO) DOD will contact their partners who are eligible for P-1 and P-2 referral programs, many of whom are Afghan pilots and female service members, to notify them of their eligibility and advise them to be ready for a possible near-term evacuation. (Action: DOD, immediately)
- (U//FOUO) State will work to identify as many countries as possible to serve as transit points. Transit points need to be able to accommodate U.S. citizens, Afghan nationals, third country nationals, and other evacuees. U.S. citizens and third country nationals will be processed for immediate onwards travel to their final destination, preferably via commercial flights. Afghan allies at risk and other Afghan nationals may need to remain temporarily at a transit point for further screening and vetting and assignment to onward travel destination. (Action: State, immediately)
- (U//FOUO) The National Security Council (NSC) staff will convene a sub-Interagency Policy Committee on August 15, 2021, to address the question of whether foreign nationals who are immediate family members of U.S. citizens in Afghanistan can be brought to the continental United

States, or will require additional screening and vetting.
(Action: NSC staff, by August 15, 2021)

- (U//FOUO) Embassy Kabul will notify LES to begin to register their interest in relocation to the United States and begin to prepare immediately for departure.
(Action: Embassy Kabul, immediately)
- (U) Post-Departure Actions:
 - (U//FOUO) State and DOD will begin planning transit processing for evacuees after departure from Kabul. Evacuees may require additional medical screening such as COVID-19, and additional screening and vetting before moving to their final destination. (Action: State, DOD, DHS, CDC, and others as needed by August 15, 2021)
 - (U//FOUO) State and DOD will coordinate manifests for onwards travel to the continental United States for Afghan evacuees to include newly added Camp McCoy, Fort Lee, Fort Bliss, Camp Roberts, and any other available location. DOD will assess current capacity and addition time needed to increase it. (Action: State, DOD, DHS, CDC, and others as needed by August 15, 2021)
 - (U//FOUO) The NSC staff will chair a small group discussion to explore ways to engage Canada and other third countries, such as North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, to host Afghan allies at risk, such as journalists, women, human rights advocates and others who have received either not been vetted or have received limited vetting.
(Action: NSC Staff and State by August 15, 2021)
 - (U//FOUO) Relevant departments and agencies will continuously work on development of options for vulnerable populations that could potentially be relocated to various locations under consideration.