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To: The Secretary

From: NEA - Joseph J. Sisco *gg*

Afghanistan Narcotics Control

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In presenting his program to the Parliament prior to receiving its vote of confidence, Prime Minister Shafiq promised "effective measures" to stop the narcotics traffic, and added that the Government of Afghanistan, with foreign assistance, will also develop a program to stop illicit opium cultivation. The next day he repeated his determination to launch a "crusade" against drugs in an interview with an AP correspondent.

Narcotics control thus became one of eleven planks in the platform of the government of the new Prime Minister, for the first time figuring as a priority item in the RGA agenda. This public recognition of the importance of the narcotics problem has undoubtedly resulted largely from the constant efforts of our Embassy in Kabul under the leadership of Ambassador Robert G. Neumann.

Recommendation:

That you approve the attached telegram to Ambassador Neumann commending him on a job well done.

Attachment:

Telegram to Ambassador Neumann

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PA/HO, Department of State
E.O. 12958, as amended
June 9, 2005

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