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E.O. 12958: DECL: 1.6 X 6.
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TAGS: PTER, ASEC
SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON **LOCATION** OF **OSAMA BIN LADEN**

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY JOHN GADDIS, RSO MOSCOW, REASON: 1.5.C.
2. (S/NF) ON 9/20/01, [redacted] OFFER INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT **LOCATION** OF **OSAMA BIN LADEN**. b1 1.4d b7D
3. (S/N [redacted] FIRST TOLD ARSO THAT HE DID NOT/NOT KNOW OF ANY THREATS AGAINST THE AMERICAN EMBASSY MOSCOW OR ANY OTHER U.S. PERSONS OR INSTALLATIONS, EITHER IN THE U.S. OR AROUND THE WORLD. [redacted] PROCEEDED TO EXPLAIN THAT HIS REASON FOR COMING TO THE EMBASSY WAS TO RELATE THAT HE REGULARLY SPEAKS TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN TEHRAN, IRAN ON THE TELEPHONE. FRIENDS IN TEHRAN CONVEYED TO HIM ON 9/18/01 THAT OSAMA BIN LADEN AND BETWEEN 100 TO 200 OF BIN LADEN'S SUPPORTERS ARE CURRENTLY LOCATED IN SARAKHS, IRAN. SARAKHS IS SITUATED TO THE EAST OF THE IRANIAN CITY OF MASHAD AND NEAR THE IRANIAN BORDER WITH AFGHANISTAN. IN THE PAST FEW DAYS, BIN LADEN AND HIS SUPPORTERS DEPARTED AFGHANISTAN IN ORDER TO AVOID EXPECTED U.S. MILITARY RETALIATION AGAINST THEIR CAMPS IN AFGHANISTAN (NFI). [redacted] ALSO TOLD ARSO THAT HE WANTED TO COME TO THE EMBASSY TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION BECAUSE HE LOVES AMERICA.
4. (S/NF) WHILE REPORTING OFFICER FEELS THA [redacted] IS OF SOUND MIN [redacted] REPEATEDLY OFFERED HIS SERVICES TO TRAVEL TO IRAN IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM THE INFORMATION. HE

HAS RESIDED WITH HIS FAMILY IN MOSCOW FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS. HE WORKS AS 1 [redacted] ALSO REVEALED HE HAS VISITED THE EMBASSY 2/3 TIMES IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A NON-IMMIGRANT VISA. HOWEVER, RUSSIAN MILITIA-MEN POSTED OUTSIDE THE CONSULAR SECTION DID NOT ALLOW HIM ACCESS. REPORTING OFFICER RECEIVED CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS INFORMATION ON [redacted] FBI LEGATT AND [redacted] HAVE BOTH BEEN BRIEFED ON THIS MATTER.

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5. (U) RSO MOSCOW POC ON THIS MATTER IS ARSO WILLIAM SAVICH AT [redacted] OR IVG [redacted] VERSHROW

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