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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
THE ACTING SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL
SECURITY AFFAIRS
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
THE ADMINISTRATOR, AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: Legislation to Authorize the Transfer of Funds to
the Agency for International Development (AID) for
Humanitarian Assistance to Afghanistan (U)

The withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan and the
anticipated fall of the Soviet puppet regime will usher in a
period when the provision of humanitarian aid will be essential
to the reconstruction and recovery of Afghanistan and to the
establishment of a legitimate Afghan government. (C)

In order to provide the necessary assistance to the people of
Afghanistan, I hereby direct that draft legislation be submitted
to the Congress which authorizes such assistance and provides for
the transfer of funds and other resources from any department or
agency to the Agency for International Development for this
purpose. (U)

AID should take the lead to develop, submit and manage
legislation. The other departments and agencies should support
AID as required. (U)

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