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 TAGS: PGOV, PK
 SUBJECT: U.S. ELECTION RESULTS DEPRESS BHUTTO, ZARDARI
 HANGS TOUGH IN NEGOTIATIONS

Classified By: Consul General Doug Rohn, reasons 1.5, c, d.

1. (S/NF) [redacted] have told us that she believed a Democrat Party victory in the 2004 U.S. presidential election would mean an increase of pressure by the USG on the GOP for democratization and improve greatly her chances to return to Pakistan and active politics. One of our contacts said that Bhutto had called [redacted] in high dudgeon during the late afternoon of November 3 (Pakistan is 10 hours ahead of Washington) as it became clear that President Bush would most probably be reelected, and expressed with some intensity her dissatisfaction with the election results. Her mood was described as upset and very depressed.

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2. (S/NF) Asif Zardari, Bhutto's long imprisoned husband is reportedly in close and continuing contact with Musharraf emissaries, [redacted]

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[redacted] They are said to have offered him his freedom in return for a one way ticket out of Pakistan, to be followed by an extended absence from the country. Zardari, who has already spent over eight years in a not too terribly onerous confinement, refused the offer.
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