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E.O. 12958: DECL: 10/27/2017
 TAGS: PREL, ASEC, PTER, CASC, PINR, PK, PGOV
 SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH BHUTTO DESIGNEES REGARDING SECURITY
 REF: ISLAMABAD 4531 AND PREVIOUS

Classified By: Ambassador Anne W. Patterson, Reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

1. (C) Summary: RSO met October 26 with two individuals empowered by Benazir Bhutto to discuss her security. As per reftel, RSO provided names of three security contractors who can provide security assessments and a full range of security services. There has been no reduction in police protection for Bhutto although changes in the leadership of both the investigation (at Bhutto,s request) and the detail have brought about new faces. The Embassy at all levels will continue to reiterate the GOP,s responsibility to provide security for Bhutto.

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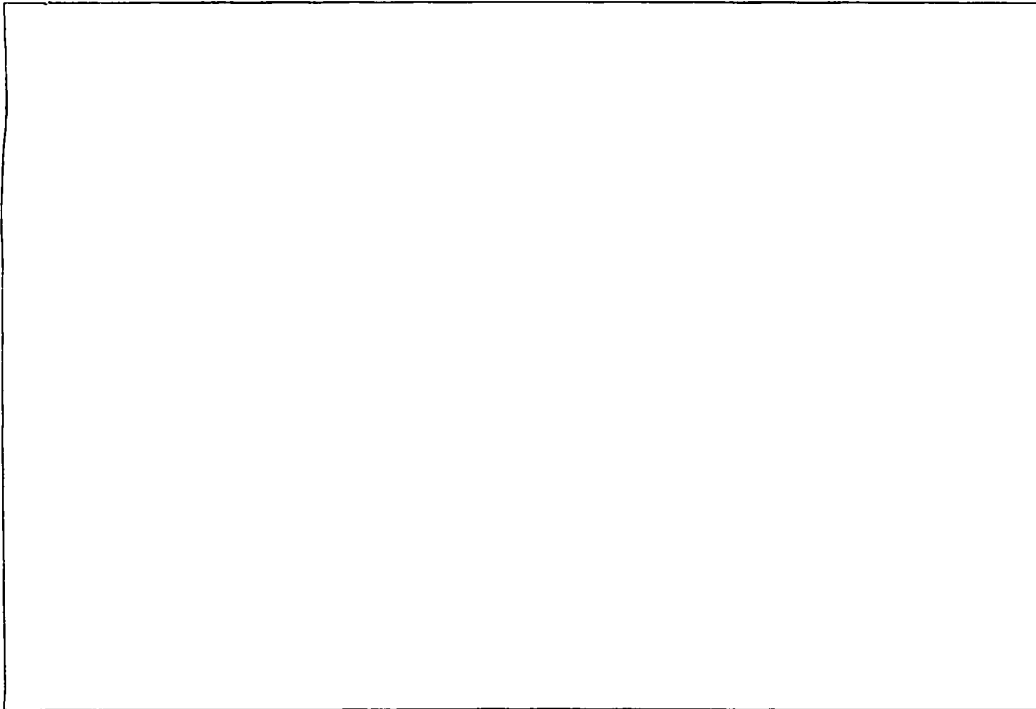
[redacted] He assured [redacted]
 the GOP was doing everything possible to provide for Benazir,s security.

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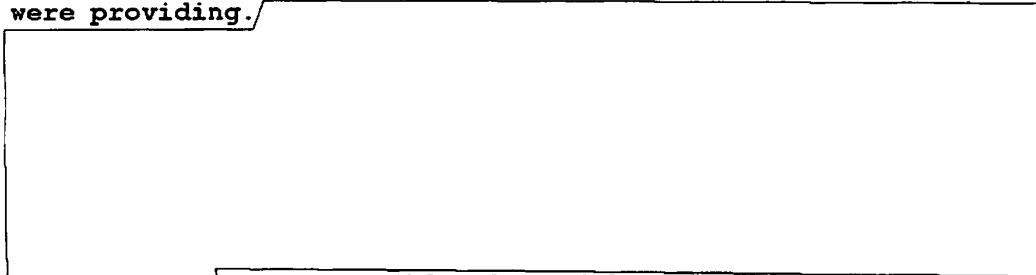


4. (C) [redacted] there was a perception that the police had pulled away their protection from Benazir Bhutto. Most of the time, Bhutto has remained in her Bilawal House compound, so the assumption was that the police had reduced security around the compound. The police assured RSO they had not pulled security off her compound. The police have simply opened the perimeter up a little to allow more privacy and freedom, but the security is still there.

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5. (C) RSO discussed with [redacted] the need for Bhutto to follow the security advice responsible security personnel were providing.

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It is possible that with such widespread personnel changes on the security team each time the lead investigator is changed, the PPP and Bhutto believe the police are pulling back. Instead, it appears to be a

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RSO then

he had prepared a list of the three biggest full-service Pakistani protective services companies with offices in Karachi. RSO discussed the three companies, strengths and weaknesses and told them this would be the proper and most efficient and effective way to handle her security.

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8. (C) On October 27,

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[Redacted] reiterated the government,s responsibility for Bhutto,s security. [Redacted] assured us the government was doing everything possible to provide for her security

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9. (C) Comment: Even with support from the government, serious threats against Bhutto will persist, just as they have against other Pakistani leaders, including the President, Prime Minister, and most recently, the Minister of Interior. End Comment.

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