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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

September 22, 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Appointment with Prince Naim, Deputy
Prime Minister and Foreign Minister
of Afghanistan

His Royal Highness, Prince Naim, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Afghanistan, has an appointment to see you September 23. I suggest that the following points be covered:

1. The United States has a genuine feeling of friendship for Afghanistan and admires the determination of Afghan leaders to maintain the independence of their country.
2. We are certain that the dangers of growing Soviet influence in Afghanistan are well known to Afghan leaders, and that the leaders are well aware of their patriotic responsibility to prevent the Soviet Union or any other power from gaining a dominant position over their country.
3. We are fully aware of the need for economic development in Afghanistan. The United States has shown itself ready to assist in that development within its means; and has provided in the past, and can be expected to provide in the future, substantial assistance for this economic development. Such action is evidence of our sincere friendship for Afghanistan.
4. To enable Afghanistan to continue its development as an independent member of the Free World, it appears to us essential that its differences with its neighbors, Pakistan and Iran, be amicably settled.

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Prince Naim

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Prince Naim will be accompanied by the Secretary and Assistant Secretary G. Lewis Jones. Prince Naim understands English and speaks it fairly well but he may rely upon Ambassador Maiwandwal to act as interpreter.



Acting Secretary

Enclosure:

Biographic sketch.

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