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AFGHAN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF (AHR) PROJECT

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Background: This project implements Department of Defense authorization to provide transportation for humanitarian relief for war-affected Afghans. USAF planes bring serviceable DOD materiel (clothing, tents, sleeping bags, rations), AID funded, and donated items (medicines, medical equipment) to Islamabad, usually twice a month. Wounded Afghans who cannot be treated in Pakistan are airlifted out on one returning cargo flight every other month for pro-bono care (usually highly specialized) in the U.S. or one of several cooperating countries (approximately 17 are now participating). The share of the DOD funds transferred to AID enables O/AID/Rep through contracts and grants to provide vehicles and pack animals to the Afghan resistance for transportation into Afghanistan of the humanitarian commodities from all sources and to screen war-wounded patients and arrange for their care abroad. The AHR project is implemented in close coordination and cooperation with the GOP, which receives and distributes the commodities to the resistance Alliance, and also assists in the patient program.

The Afghan patient evacuation program uses both the USAF cargo flights and commercial aircraft. Two grantees help to implement the program. The International Medical Corps (IMC) provides physicians monthly to identify war-wounded patients who can be treated only outside Pakistan. The Intergovernmental Committee on Migration (ICM) arranges pro-bono care in the U.S. and elsewhere, as well as such commercial travel as may be required.

For FY 1986 the DOD appropriation for humanitarian relief was \$10,000,000, of which just over \$300,000 was spent at AID/REP direction, and about \$2,700,000 by the U.S. Air Force for carrying cargo. In FY 1987, the DOD appropriation for humanitarian activities for Afghanistan and elsewhere was \$17,000,000 (including unspent FY 86 money) of which \$2,000,000 was transferred to AID for expenditure through the AID/Rep office. \$10,000,000 was budgeted for the Afghan program in FY 1988. \$2,800,000 of which was transferred to AID/Rep. Funding levels for FY 1989 are roughly similar.

Purpose: To fund transportation of humanitarian supplies, including DOD "non-lethal" excess commodities, to war-affected Afghans; and to transport war-wounded Afghans to other countries for treatment not obtainable in Pakistan.

Accomplishments to date:

- 65 USAF flights (using C-141 and C-5 aircraft) have been completed;
- approximately 2,250 tons of materiel have been delivered, 92% of it DOD surplus for the Alliance, the remaining 8% is PVO donated;
- 200 war-wounded Afghans, most of them Mujahideen but including a few women, children, and elderly men, have been carried to the U.S. and seventeen other countries for specialized care, and 550 of them have completed treatment and returned;
- over \$1,645,000 has been spent on patient screening and placement in the United States and seventeen European countries.

	Purchased	to		Delivered
CEP order as of 3/31/88 -	268 cargo trucks	7,291	49%	163
	224 3/4 ton "	1,687	11%	204
	1,090 mules	959	6%	940

- over 925 pack animals have been flown from the U.S. to Pakistan to augment Mujahideen transport capacity in rough terrain.
- over \$2,300,000 worth of vehicles and mules have been purchased and transferred to the Alliance parties;
- transportation cost of \$267,000 for delivery of medical supplies from PVOs in Pakistan to facilities in Afghanistan have been met by AHR funds;
- equipment (buses for patients, forklifts, trucks) has been purchased for operations, and a warehouse rented.