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 TAGS: MOPS, PGOV, PK, PTER
 SUBJECT: BAITULLAH MEHSUD REPORTED KILLED

REF: PESHAWAR 147

Classified By: Gerry Feierstein, Charge d'Affaires, US Embassy Islamabad,
 Department of State. REASON: 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (U) Summary: Dawn News is reporting the death of Baitullah Mehsud, allegedly killed August 5 in a US drone attack. Foreign Minister Qureshi gave "initial confirmation" based on intelligence sources. We have no definitive confirmation at this time.

2. (U) Pakistan's Dawn News reported August 7 that Baitullah

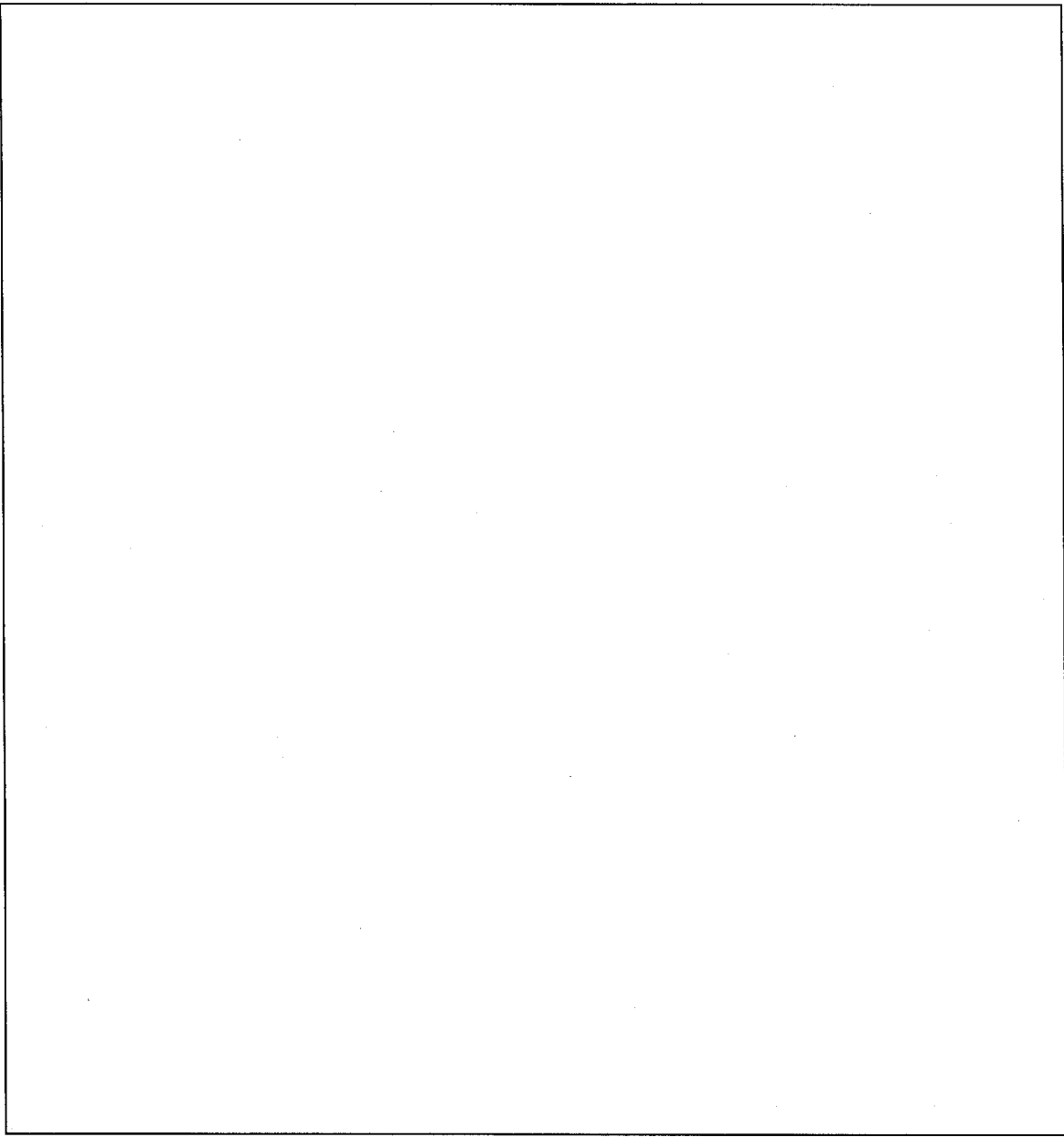
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Mehsud had been killed two days earlier in the home of his father-in-law in South Waziristan, in what they alleged was an airstrike by a U.S. drone August 5. According to Dawn, Baitullah's funeral had taken place on the morning of August 7 in the town of Narkosa. In a press conference, Foreign Minister Mehmood Qureshi reported that Pakistani intelligence had provided "initial confirmation" of Baitullah's death, noting that final confirmation would be coming soon. Dawn reported that a shura of the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) was being held to determine Baitullah's successor as leader of the organization; it stated that the three candidates for this position are Hakimullah Mehsud, Maulana Waliur Rehman, and Qari Azmatullah Mehsud.

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