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TAGS: PHUM KISL PGOV PTER UZ
SUBJECT: ACTIVISTS EXPRESS **CONCERN** OVER GITMO TRANSFER
CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JOHN HERBST. REASON 1.5 C AND D.
1. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST CABLE. PLEASE SEE PARA 7.
2. (SBU) SUMMARY: LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS REPORT THAT
THE FAMILY OF GUANTANAMO **DETAINEE** SHOKHRUKH RAVSHANOVICH
KHAMIDOV HAS EXPRESSED **CONCERN** ABOUT HIS POSSIBLE IMPENDING
TRANSFER TO UZBEKISTAN. THE ACTIVISTS HAVE SENT AN OPEN
LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR, THE OSCE'S TASHKENT OFFICE, HUMAN
RIGHTS WATCH, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA. FREEDOM
HOUSE'S TASHKENT OFFICE PLANS TO RAISE THE ISSUE WITH THE
ICRC. END SUMMARY.

3. (SBU) LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST ISMAIL ADILOV AND TWO
OF HIS COLLEAGUES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT THEY
VISITED THE FAMILY DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 3. THE FAMILY,
ACCORDING TO ADILOV, SAID THAT THE NATIONAL SECURITY
SERVICE HAD RECENTLY VISITED THEIR HOME AND ASKED THEM TO
SIGN A LETTER REQUESTING THAT KHAMIDOV BE TRANSFERRED FROM

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: SHARON E AHMAD
CLASSIFICATION: SECRET REASON: 25X1, 25X6
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GUANTANAMO. THE FAMILY HAD REFUSED, AND THE NSS OFFICERS HAD REPORTEDLY THREATENED THEM (WITH WHAT, HE DID NOT KNOW).

4. (U) KHAMIDOV, ACCORDING TO ADILOV'S OPEN LETTER, FLED UZBEKISTAN IN 1999, SOMETIME AFTER THE MAY ARREST OF HIS FATHER AND SEVERAL UNCLES. HE MADE HIS WAY TO TAJIKISTAN AND EVENTUALLY TO AFGHANISTAN, WHERE ADILOV SAYS HE WAS CAPTURED BY UNITED STATES FORCES.

5. (U) ADILOV ARGUES THAT RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN UZBEKISTAN FORCED MANY PEOPLE TO FLEE THE COUNTRY. ADILOV SAYS (AND OTHER LOCAL CONTACTS HAVE CONFIRMED) THAT KHAMIDOV'S FATHER, RAVSHAN KHAMIDOV, WAS A WELL-KNOWN WAHHABIST IMAM IN KOKAND IN THE 1990S. ACCORDING TO ADILOV, THE FATHER AND SEVERAL UNCLES WERE ARRESTED IN MAY 1999, IN CONNECTION WITH THE FEBRUARY 1999 TASHKENT BOMBINGS. SHOKHROUKH KHAMIDOV WAS INFORMED THAT HE WAS UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR ANTI-CONSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND DECIDED TO LEAVE UZBEKISTAN.

6. (U) THE OPEN LETTER ASKS THAT THE UNITED STATES NOT TRANSFER ANY WAR PRISONERS TO UZBEKISTAN, SAYING THAT TORTURE, INHUMANE TREATMENT, AND THE DEATH PENALTY AWAIT THEM.

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8. (S/NF) COMMENT:

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