No.Pol/SR-Children/2012

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Subject: **Attempted Assassination and Threats against Ms. Malala Yousafzai, a 14 years old School Girl**

My dear Special Procedures,


2. We are in receipt of the following information on questions raised in your letter under reference:

- On the report of victim/injured Mst. Shazia d/o Muhammad Ramazan resident of Makanbagh, Mingora, Swat, a case FIR No.565 was registered against two unknown attackers.

- A Joint Investigation Team (JIT) of Police Officers, along with representatives from other relevant law enforcement agencies, was constituted for investigation of the case. A number of suspects were also arrested for interrogation. The statements of the girls-students who were present in the van were recorded. The team of prosecutors visited the spot and issued necessary directions to the investigation team.

- Local newspapers in their October 10 and 13 editions respectively, published statements of the spokespersons of Tehrek-e-Taleban Pakistan (TTP) Ehsan Ullah Ihsan and Tehrek-e- Taleban Swat (TTS) Siraj ud Din, wherein they claimed responsibility for the attack. The Joint Investigation Team identified Atta Ullah, resident of Ghwari Masta Sangota as the main suspect for his involvement in the attack but he is at large and has not yet been arrested.

- According to reliable information, the attackers and planners of this attempted assassination have crossed over into adjoining areas of Afghanistan where they are now in hiding. Pakistan has raised this
issue with the Afghan Government and US/NATO forces to apprehend these individuals.

✔ Security has been provided to all the girls' schools and colleges as well as boys schools in District Swat.

✔ Before the attack, local police had offered police escort for Malala Yousafzai, daughter of Zia Ud Din Yousafzai and other family members but Mr. Zia Ud Din Yousaf Zai declined the offer. After the attack on Malala on 8 October 2012, a strong police contingent was deployed at her house at Gul Kada No.1, Saidu Sharif

✔ Malala Yousafzai was moved to the United Kingdom in an air ambulance for further medical treatment and the cost of her treatment is being borne by the Government of Pakistan. Malala Yousafzai's father has been given a temporary assignment in the Consulate General of Pakistan, Birmingham, to enable the family to be together during the course of her treatment.

Sincerely Yours,

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