Executive Grant of Clemency

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

WHEREAS BASHIR NOORZAI, also known as BASHEER AHMAD and HAJI BASHIR NOORZAI, Reg. No. 57722-054, was convicted, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on a superseding indictment (Docket No. S2: 05 CR 00019-001 (DC)) charging violations of Sections 846 and 963, Title 21, United States Code, for which a total sentence of life imprisonment, five years’ supervised release, a $25,000 fine, and a $200 special assessment was imposed on April 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS the said BASHIR NOORZAI, also known as BASHEER AHMAD and HAJI BASHIR NOORZAI, has been confined continuously since his arrest on June 24, 2005; and

WHEREAS it has been made to appear that it is in the national interest that the term of imprisonment related to the aforesaid conviction not be served in its entirety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr., President of the United States of America, pursuant to my powers under Article II, Section 2, clause 1, of the Constitution, and in consideration of the premises, divers other good and sufficient reasons moving, do hereby commute the total prison sentence related to the aforesaid conviction of the said BASHIR NOORZAI, also known as BASHEER AHMAD and HAJI BASHIR NOORZAI, to time served, leaving intact any related term of supervised release in its entirety and any unpaid balance of any related fine and special assessment, upon the following conditions:

(1) the said BASHIR NOORZAI, also known as BASHEER AHMAD and HAJI BASHIR NOORZAI, shall not return to the United States following his voluntary or involuntary removal from the country;

(2) the said BASHIR NOORZAI, also known as BASHEER AHMAD and HAJI BASHIR NOORZAI, shall not commit any additional crime against the United States or in violation of the laws of the United States subsequent to the acceptance of this Commutation;

(3) the said BASHIR NOORZAI, also known as BASHEER AHMAD and HAJI BASHIR NOORZAI, shall not accept or otherwise receive any financial benefit, directly or indirectly, in any manner or amount, from any book, movie, or other publication or production, in any form or media, about the circumstances surrounding the instant offense or Commutation;
(4) the said BASHIR NOORZAI, also known as BASHEER AHMAD and HAJI BASHIR NOORZAI, shall waive any and all claims to funds forfeited as part of the prosecution of the offenses subject to this Commutation; and

(5) the said BASHIR NOORZAI, also known as BASHEER AHMAD and HAJI BASHIR NOORZAI, shall waive and release any and all claims, demands, rights, and causes of action of whatsoever kind and nature against the United States of America, its agents, servants, and employees.

If, at any time, the said BASHIR NOORZAI, also known as BASHEER AHMAD and HAJI BASHIR NOORZAI, violates any one or more of the aforesaid conditions, as determined by me in my complete discretion (or by a future President in his or her complete discretion), this Commutation may be voided in its entirety and all terms of the originally imposed sentence reinstated.

THIS GRANT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE only upon the delivery and presentment of a certified copy of this document, electronic or hard copy, to the said BASHIR NOORZAI, also known as BASHEER AHMAD and HAJI BASHIR NOORZAI and upon his signing of a receipt verifying his acceptance of the Commutation granted with all of its terms and conditions.

I HEREBY DESIGNATE that a certified copy of this document be delivered by a designee of the Attorney General to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Bureau of Prisons, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, other appropriate law enforcement entities, and the said BASHIR NOORZAI, also known as BASHEER AHMAD and HAJI BASHIR NOORZAI, as evidence of my action in order to carry into effect the terms of this grant.

I ALSO DIRECT the immediate release, with all possible speed, of the said BASHIR NOORZAI, also known as BASHEER AHMAD and HAJI BASHIR NOORZAI, from any and all confines and the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Commutation to be recorded with the Department of Justice.

Done at the City of Washington this 22nd day of June in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Two and of the Independence of the United States the Two Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.
PRESIDENT