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decision was based on a principle stand basically in our own national interest.

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You made various efforts to mediate between the Americans and the

STOURTON: Can you tell me what Pakistan's requirements were? What did you discuss

at that meeting?

MUSHARRAF: Well my concern was the economy of Pakistan really, I focused only on

three aspects of the economy. I said there are three elements, one is debt

STOURTON:

When Kabul fell there seemed to be a lot of concern expressed in Islamabad about the speed with which it fell and the fact that the Northern Alliance simply moved into government offices and so forth.

MUSHARRAF:

Yes, yes, there was. That was the time when there were apprehensions because the political strategy was not really in place, and I thought if it keeps going at the speed that it is going, and if the Northern Alliance spreads all over Afghanistan, we are in for some kind of trouble. I thought that there is a requirement of some peacekeeping force, or the United States force to come and bring some semblance of balance into the atmosphere in Afghanistan.

STOURTON:

Have you been reassured by the way that things have developed in Afghanistan since then?

MUSHARRAF:

Yes, I would say under the circumstances that things are moving quite well. With the loya jirga in place and Mr. Karzai heading the loya jirga, I am extremely happy. I think he is the right man for the job, he has the will, he has the charisma, and he has the determination to do well. I think under him there is a possibility of ensuring the unity and stability of Afghanistan, and bringing progress and improvement in the situation in Afghanistan. So to that extent, I think things are moving pretty well.

STOURTON:

On 13 December there was that suicide bomb attack at the Indian parliament, which was the first time the Kashmir problem had really flared up again since 11 September. How had the war on terrorism changed the way that you approached that problem?

MUSHARRAF: Thanks a lot, bye bye...