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\*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*\*. Upon and since taking office, the Obama Administration has faced a
deteriorating security environment in Afghanistan, including an expanding militant presence in
some areas, increasing numbers of civilian and military deaths, growing disillusionment with
corruption in the government of Afghan President Hamid Karzai, and the infiltration of Taliban and
other militants from safe havens in Pakistan. The Obama Administration conducted a strategic
review, the results of which were announced on March 27, 2009, in advance of an April 3-4, 2009,
NATO summit. This review built upon assessments completed in the latter days of the Bush
Administration, which produced decisions to plan a build-up of U.S. forces in Afghanistan. In part
because of the many different causes of continued instability in Afghanistan, there reportedly were
differences within the Obama Administration on a new strategy. Apparently leaning toward those in
the Administration who do not believe that more combat troops will reverse U.S. difficulties, the new
strategy focuses not on adding U.S. troopsalthough at least 21,000 are being added in 2009. It
emphasizes instead non-military steps such as increasing the resources devoted to economic...



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