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2 Some Conclusions

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2001-09-22 The Taliban say they shot down unmanned spy plane in northern Afghanistan. United Arab Emirates cuts diplomatic relations with Taliban for refusing to surrender Osama bin Laden. President Bush meets with advisers at Camp David, Md., as Pentagon orders ships and planes to Middle East. [?]

2001-09-23 Secretary of State Colin Powell promises to lay out evidence against Osama bin Laden. Donald Rumsfeld confirms the United States lost contact with an unmanned spy plane over Afghanistan. Taliban leadership says it can't find bin Laden to advise him to leave the country. U.S. officials dismiss the claim. President Bush returns the American flag to full staff at Camp David, symbolically ending the period of national mourning. [?]

2001-09-24 President Bush signs an order freezing the assets of 27 people and organizations, calling it a strike at financial foundation of terrorists. He demands foreign banks follow the U.S. lead. Osama bin Laden calls on Pakistan's Muslims to fight "the American crusade." The ruling Taliban say they are dispatching 300,000 fighters to defend Afghanistan's borders. The United Nations says the Taliban threaten to kill U.N. relief workers in Afghanistan. [?]

2001-09-25 The United States and six of the world's richest nations agree to produce coordinated plan to freeze the assets of all terrorist organizations. Saudi Arabia cuts ties with the Taliban government. Osama bin Laden's organization makes a fresh call to arms, saying "wherever there are Americans and Jews, they will be targeted". The Pentagon calls nearly 2,000 more reservists to active duty, bringing to 14,318 the number of Reserve and National Guard members called so far. [?]

2001-09-27 Taliban acknowledge they can communicate with bin Laden, saying they have given him a week-old message from clerics that he leave the country voluntarily. Bush announces plan to bolster airline security, including expanded use of federal marshals on airliners. At Bush's urging, governors around the nation plan to use the National Guard troops for airport security. [?]

2001-09-28 Bush says United States “in hot pursuit” of terrorists. Administration official says U.S. special forces have conducted scouting missions in Afghanistan. Pakistani delegation fails to persuade leader of Afghanistan’s ruling Taliban to surrender terrorist suspect bin Laden. The U.N. Security Council unanimously approves a U.S.-sponsored resolution demanding all nations take sweeping action against terrorism. Attorney General John Ashcroft says authorities have arrested or detained more than 480 people. [?]

2001-09-30 The Taliban say explicitly for the first time that Osama bin Laden is still in Afghanistan and is being kept in a secret location. Pakistani president says even under threat of U.S. military strikes, hopes “very dim” bin Laden would be surrendered. Afghanistan opposition says territory gained and hundreds of Taliban soldiers defected during three days of fighting in northern mountains. Foreign aid workers in Iran stockpile emergency rations for possible waves of Afghan refugees. [?]

2001-11-25 Foreign Taliban prisoners overpower their Northern Alliance guards at a prison near Mazar-e-Sharif, triggering a fierce gun battle that killed hundreds and was put down only after U.S. air and ground forces were called in. An Alliance spokesman said the prisoners “were all killed and very few were arrested.” Washington officials confirm that a CIA official was wounded in the jailbreak attempt. The Northern Alliance claim to have seized control of Konduz, the Taliban’s last stronghold in northern Afghanistan. Hundreds of U.S. marines land by helicopter near the southern city of Kandahar, and are reportedly to be followed by hundreds more from navy ships in the Arabian Sea. In an interview President Bush talked about steps beyond Afghanistan and singled out Iraq’s Saddam Hussein. Bush said “Sadam is evil. I think he’s got weapons of mass destruction, and I think he needs to open up his country to let us inspect.” Bush also cited Syria as a state that needed to “take a hard look at some of the groups in their country.” Bonn Germany prepares for UN-sponsored talks with Western diplomats and key Afghani leaders on the make up of the post war Afghanistan government. Burhanuddin Rabbani, former Afghan president and leader of the Northern Alliance, suggested there may be a place for the Taliban in the future Afghan government. [?]

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A Lisp source code

Here is the source code for my experiment.

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;;;
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;;;

(defstruct event time strings references)

(defun event-text (event)
  "Return all the strings as a single big string."
  (with-output-to-string (strm)
    (dolist (string (event-strings event))
      (format strm "~A%" string))))

(defun print-timeline (events strm)
  (unless (zerop (length events))
    (format strm "%~%\begin{description}" )
    (dolist (event events)
      (format strm "%~%\item[~A] ~A" (event-time event) (event-text event))
      (dolist (reference (event-references event))
        (case (car reference)
          (cite (format strm " \cite{~A}" (cdr reference)))
          (href (format strm " <a href=\"~A\">~A</a>" (cdr reference)
            (cdr reference)))
          (otherwise (format strm "~A" (cdr reference))))))
      (format strm "%~%\end{description}")))

(defun load-events (pathname)
  (sort
   (with-open-file (strm pathname :direction :input)
     (loop for x = (read strm nil strm)
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    until (eq x strm)
      collect x))
  #'string-lessp
  :key #'event-time))

(defstruct entity names)

(defun entity-name (entity)
  "Return the primary name of the entity."
  (first (entity-names entity)))

(defun entity-label (entity)
  "Return a LaTeX label for the entity"
  (remove #\. (substitute #- #\Space (entity-name entity))))

(defun event-and-entity-p (event entity)
  "True if & only if the event refers to the entity"
  (find-if #'(lambda (pattern) (search pattern (event-text event)
    :test #'char-equal))
    (entity-names entity)))

(defun find-all-if (predicate list)
  (delete nil (mapcar #'(lambda (x) (and (funcall predicate x) x)) list)))

(defun all-events-for-entity (entity events)
  (find-all-if #'(lambda (event) (event-and-entity-p event entity))
    events))

(defun print-entity (entity strm)
  (format strm "%~%\section{~A}" (entity-name entity))
  (format strm "%~%\label{~A}" (entity-label entity))
  (print-timeline (all-events-for-entity entity (load-events "events.lisp"))
    strm))

(defun load-entities (pathname)
  (sort
    (with-open-file (strm pathname :direction :input)
      (loop for x = (read strm nil strm)
        until (eq x strm)
          collect x))
    #'string-lessp
    :key #'entity-name))

(defun report ()
  (with-open-file (strm "computer-generated.tex" :element-type 'character
    :direction :output :if-exists :supersede)
    (format strm "%~%\section{All Events}")
    (print-timeline (load-events "events.lisp") strm)
    (dolist (entity (load-entities "entities.lisp"))
      (print-entity entity strm)))

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(truename strm))
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;;; --- end of file ---
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References