Background of this research came from pre-condition in Pakistan’s Federally Administered Tribal Area, where becomes Taliban stronghold due to Afghan Taliban and Al-Qaeda operatives’ exodus since the Afghanistan war waged by the US in 2001. Apparently it led to the worsen situation inside Pakistan-Afghanistan border region aftermath. The emerging new terrorist group officially declared by Baitullah Mehsud in 2007 called Tehrik-i-Taliban (TTP), provide shelter to the Al-Qaeda operatives and numerous militant factions, such as Haqqani Network who has primary role striking security forces in Afghanistan but its home base, resources, and headquarter are in FATA. Through Pakistan’s territorial Al-Qaeda and both Taliban Afghanistan and Pakistan consolidate anti American agenda. Further become anti Pakistanis Government after expanding military operation, influenced by the US. Pakistan that fully supported US Policy war against terrorism, accepts US’ predominant element in term of security in Afghanistan also affected by worsen situation in Tribal Area. This research purposes to describe the US’ reason conducting drone strike and how it’s formulated as whole strategy to the asymmetric warfare that have held in Tribal Area along the Pak-Afghan border. The hypothesis in this research as to the US effort to curb militant action through vigorous CIA’s Drone Strikes operation since 2004, is balancing US present trough deterrent concept. Hypothesis focus on describing sort of condition are being interrelated in targeted killing concept, which is acknowledged to be one of deterring terrorist trough punitive deterrent. The writer initially found in this research in purpose to describe the concept of deterrent interpreted in drone strike implementation of targeted killing asserts a reason to impose sort of strategy. This deterrent oriented targeted killing put the punitive deterrent concept, which is striking the high valuable target are possible to give any impact to the vulnerability of militant factions, TTP and Al-Qaeda, and deters militant’s controlled area and safe havens, either avoiding US’ conventional involvement just like Afghanistan.

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