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Ryan Crocker called at 10 am local to report that he and John Allen had just returned from the Presidential Palace. Karzai reports that ISAF has carried out two aerial bombardments on Afghan villages which have left a large number of civilians dead: 6 in Helmand and 14 in Bagdhis. Karzai asked Allen why we had returned to the tactic of aerial bombardment (which we have not done in months). GEN Allen said that he did not know but would investigate. According to Ryan, U.S. battle damage assessment is that the number of civilian deaths is lower than Karzai's number but not zero.

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Ryan has reported this also to Doug Lute. Cable from Ryan to follow.