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Budget

- Jack noted we will send our Af/Pak budget request to OMB today. Still not clear if there will be a budget amendment or a supplemental. In terms of the broader budget, Jack said he would have a memo to the Secretary by the end of business today with a proposal for a reclama to the OMB passback. Our appeal is due to OMB by COB tomorrow. It will be difficult to balance competing priorities, especially the trade-offs between programs and personnel/infrastructure costs. If we can't reach agreement with OMB, we will need to pull the NSC into the discussion.

START

- Bill indicated that there has been progress on START, but we are not likely to have an agreement by the weekend. More likely is an agreement by the end of the month. He added that he will provide relevant background/points for the Secretary's meeting with Lavrov on Friday.
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Congressional Issues

- There will be an SFRC business committee meeting next week at which time all pending nominees should be reported out, including Raj Shah. His hearing yesterday went well, though there will be a large number of follow-up QFRs.
- Tom Shannon is still being held by Senator LeMieux.

Public Affairs

- Holbrooke will conduct interviews with European press today, and Jim Steinberg will also conduct a roundtable with journalists and an interview with Greek TV.

Legal Affairs

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