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- 1. You may not have seen that the Burma IFI fix passed.
- 2. Norm is in Israel today to consult on the issue you and Wendy and Johnnie discussed the other morning.

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4. Xi gave a speech today at an ASEAN gathering in which observers interpreted him as toughening China's rhetoric on SCS issues – he elevated the sovereignty discussion above the peaceful resolution discussion: "We are firm in safeguarding China's sovereignty, security and territorial integrity and are committed to resolving differences with neighbours concerning territorial land, territorial sea and maritime rights and interests peacefully through friendly negotiations."

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 This still leaves a number of questions, which we are working through. Alice emailed me this morning to highlight one debate –
 McFaul is skeptical we can do that quickly and wants to disburse;

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6. Jim Warlick has started as the other Deputy SRAP, running the Bilateral Security Agreement negotiations. In a surprise, Ludin has informed us that Ambassador Hakimi will be his counterpart as the Afghan BSA lead negotiator, so the process will be based in DC with some negotiating sessions in Kabul. Ludin and Spanta would be the other central players on the Afghan side, in addition to other Ministries (Defense/Interior etc).

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