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To: H
Sent: Sun Oct 11 16:26:06 2009
Subject: Re: Thanks so much for the talk

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Dear Hillary,

Spoke to the person you recommended on Friday. Sounds like he is comfortable and even surprised that Pakistanis are doing more. And maybe he will find some more ways to help, like the helicopter leasing. When I mentioned that someone deep in the ISI must be happy that Al Qaeda's alive, so we don't abandon Pakistan again, he chuckled.

I talked about the "vetting" for intelligence. I also talked "defeat strategy," and the need for something more than just deploying more forces and hoping the training for the Afghans will work.

I continue to be struck by the parallels to Vietnam, and especially Johnson's inability to resist escalation, and his advisor's continued "incrementalism."

But I'm encouraged by the pace of the review. Seems that there's sufficient time to consider this from all angles.

I can imagine there are those arguing that we just need to fill the gap while we enlarge the Afghan army. That we help the Pakistanis but not press them to the point of being unpleasant. And that too much focus on Osama and al-Zawahiri raises the risk of public failure if we don't get them. There is much logic to this, but it has a strong tint of incrementalism.

Hopefully, we can be more decisive: lean harder on the Pakistanis, provide more troops to McChrystal than his "moderate risk" and raise the heat on al Qaeda - then do all we can to push economic development in Afghanistan, restrain Indian meddling, and prepare to do more against Al Qaeda in Pakistan, directly if necessary. Ultimately, it seems that our best exit strategy would be to take down the top leadership of Al Qaeda in Pakistan, and then gradually draw down in Afghanistan.

Wish I could do more to help

All the best,
Wes

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From: H
To: General
Subject: Thanks so much for the talk
Sent: Oct 3, 2009 9:21 AM

Wes---thanks for today. H