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- In the short-term, we are doubling the number of employees at the embassies in Afghanistan and Pakistan -- these are accommodations and office space not just for STATE but for other agencies like USAID, USDA, DOD;
- We are working fast in the short run,: we're talking about increasing the number of hooches, and doubling up staff in lodging. It looks a lot like what you'd see at Bagram or other military facilities in Afghanistan.
- In the medium term, we need to improve the security perimeter – acquiring property adjacent to our current facilities in Kabul, which is now difficult to secure.
- Long-term, we need embassies in these countries adequate to serve the mission. It's not so long ago our Embassy in Islamabad was torched, we need a facility which is structurally sound. In Kabul, we need facilities adequate to size the mission needed.