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SUBJECT: **AFGHANISTAN**

I may be impatient. In fact I know I'm a bit impatient. But the fact that Iran and Russia have plans for Afghanistan and we don't concerns me. I keep getting an answer that "the Deputies are working on it." Well I can't believe that it takes that many months to figure it out.


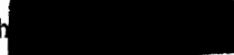
If this were something DoD could do alone, we could get it done. Apparently it is not something that requires an interagency process. Once it goes into the interagency process, it sinks out of sight.


What do you propose we do? How do we get control of the levers so that we can influence what's going on? How do we decide what ought to happen, and then get all the military, diplomatic, humanitarian threats coming through the needle-head?

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What do we do about finding out what 

 What do we do about improving our influence in the South 

 We are never going to get the U.S. military out of

Afghanistan unless we take care to see that there is something going on that will provide the stability that will be necessary for us to leave.

Help!

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