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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: SOCOM Media Panel Coordination / Prep Meeting 4 AUG @ 1 p.m. Eastern

We'll chat tomorrow.

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Mr. Kirby, Mr. Ignatius, & Mr. Shanker,

On behalf of GEN Clarke, thank you for agreeing to participate in next week's SOCOM Media Panel during the SOCOM Commander's Decision Roundtable, and thank you for taking the time to get together telephonically tomorrow to discuss panel topics/questions and run of show.

For tomorrow's prep session at 1 p.m., here is the call-in # and access code:

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For discussion tomorrow –

The panel is virtual via Zoom, is scheduled for 90 minutes starting at 1 p.m. on 10 AUG, comments are off-the-record, and I will moderate. The rough estimated breakdown of time looks like this:

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- Dealing with classified material: balancing OPSEC and privacy with the public's right to know.
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 - Examples where OPSEC/privacy considerations prevailed, Examples where the right to know prevailed

This is a starting point. I understand that you three have worked together in forums/panels previously, so certainly am glad to take suggestions and feedback. Thanks and look forward to speaking with you all.

Best,

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Great conversation. Pleased to be part of it.
David

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Gentlemen,

Thank you very much. Appreciate the support and prep. I think it went well.

I generated way more moderator questions than we could answer while still trying to incorporate audience questions, but I think you all hit the subjects anyway through your opening statements and the great answers to the questions that were actually asked.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything. Thanks again and all the best.

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Thom,

Good morning. The whole thing is off-the-record for both sides, and I will make sure that everyone knows that. Let me know if you have any other questions and we'll talk soon.

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Good morning. Very much looking forward to our discussion.

Just checking to confirm that we are operating on Chatham House/non-attribution, and that you will spell out the ground rules at the top of our discussion.

I'm happy to speak on whatever attribution you and John and David agree, but want to be clear with the audience before we start.

Thanks!

Regards,
Thom

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On Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 5:32 PM (b) (6) COL USARMY USSOCOM SOCOM (USA) (b) (6) wrote:

Gentlemen,

Below is the link for tomorrow's Zoom call for the Media Panel. The Zoom link will be live at 1230 and the event starts at 1300. Would recommend that everyone try to chime in a bit early, I will be on by 1245. There will be leaders/commanders from our Theater Special Operations Command tuning in via the Zoom link as well.

Time: Aug 10, 2021 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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If any of you have any issues, I will be at (b) (6). As a reminder, here is the rough timeline and questions I plan to ask with one additional question related to balancing Information Operation and Public Affairs. v/r (b) (6)

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- **Synchronizing communication for today's information environment.**
 - **Communication in today's information environment is inherently complex effort as Command's seek to leverage and synchronize their Information Related Capabilities – IO and PA – to maximum affect. How important is the PA – IO relationship?**
 - **What trends – positive or negative – are you seeing in the way commands are seeking to address this need? How would you recommend Commander's tackle this?**
- Dealing with classified material: balancing OPSEC and privacy with the public's right to know.
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Subject: Fwd: Afghanistan comms tomorrow - action items

Good summary from State.

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Afghanistan comms tomorrow - action items

All,

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I think this one is ours to take. We're working it.

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Thank you (b) (6). Do we have any lines yet on reports of individuals falling from gray tails?

<https://twitter.com/ragipsoylu/status/1427189716294815752?s=21>

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Subject: RE: Afghanistan comms tomorrow - action items

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From: Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 6:11 AM
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Copy. DOD, any further update?

On Aug 16, 2021, at 6:01 AM, (b) (6) @state.gov wrote:

We are aware of the reports/open video; do not have lines at present.

From: Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 5:55 AM
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Subject: Re: Afghanistan comms tomorrow - action items

Thank you (b) (6) Do we have any lines yet on reports of individuals falling from gray tails?

<https://twitter.com/ragipsoylu/status/1427189716294815752?s=21>

On Aug 16, 2021, at 5:54 AM, (b) (6) @state.gov wrote:

All,

This is the latest information available to DOS ATF as of 05:50:

- **(SBU) Current Staffing Posture/Departure:**
 - Nearly 350 USDHs are pending departure today but are currently held contingent re-establishment of positive control of airfield.
 - After/as these flights lift, remaining USEK will include 34-35 DoS, and approx 72 DS agents.
 - Omni 8078 with 189 USDHs landed at Dulles this morning at 0325 ET 8/16.
- **(SBU) Staffing Readiness:** USDHs who remain in Afghanistan continue to shelter in place at HKIA. Embassy Kabul went on suspended operations and ceased all record communications.
- **(SBU) HKIA - Breaches, Situation On-The-Ground:**
 - US Mil continue efforts to re-establish positive control over HKIA; thousands - most citizens looking to flee and not affiliated with Taliban but some armed - have attempted to breach the tarmac and terminal, and several large (100s) groups have been successful. The size of the gathering crowd in/outside HKIA has fluctuated significantly throughout the night and audible heavy gunfire continues.
 - There is a report of a US Marine with a non-fatal gunshot wound.
 - DOD continuing to surge to theater, but at moment, further breaches cannot be fully prevented at current force levels. Media reported up to five killed in gunfire exchanges (Reuters reports a US official comment: "The crowd was out of control, the firing was only done to defuse the chaos.") Taliban have been increasingly positioning near HKIA access points.
- **(SBU) HKIA - Flightline Insecurity:** Hundreds have flooded the flight line and in at least one case, have forced themselves onto at least one US mil (and other

civilian) aircraft. Crowds continue to run alongside planes, including mil aircraft.

- (SBU) **US Citizen Messaging:** At 0600, USEK will transmit a MASCOT reiterating their midnight advisory that "U.S. citizens should continue to shelter in place. The security situation in Kabul continues to change quickly, including at the airport."
- (SBU) **Departures - Overall Latest:** Preliminary US milair flight tracking data reports 2780 individuals, comprising a variety of nationalities and status, have departed Kabul since Aug 14.
- (SBU) **SIV Relocation:** The 10th Afghan SIV flight arrived at IAD at 0403 ET 8/16 with 265 passengers onboard for a total of 1,963 Afghan SIVs have left Afghanistan.
- (U) **HKIA - Commercial Airspace:** All commercial flights have been reportedly suspended (although reports indicate a Turkish Airways flight may have lifted) - DOD reports milair flights could resume within 24 hours, but no timeline for resumption of civilian flights.
- (SBU) **Other Developments:** The Indian Govt requests evacuation of 138 people; Lithuania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, and Canada requested evacuation assistance. The Russian Govt announced a portion of their Kabul staff will evacuate. New Zealand announced evacuation plans for 53 citizens and dozens of Afghans.

Thanks,
Tim

From: Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2021 10:00 PM
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Cc: DL.NSC.Press (b) (6)
Subject: Afghanistan comms tomorrow - action items

First, profound thanks for everything everyone on this email (and many others) continues to do. You've all been heroic in this tough time. Updates for tonight:

Round-up of PG and releases today attached.

APNSA Sullivan and PDNSA Finer will have several pre-tape and live hits for AM TV and radio tomorrow. **Can State and DOD please send by 0600 latest updates to this thread on:**

- Security situation at airport
- #s flights/people out/what categories – know some of these data are tough to grab, whatever you can share
- Any major policy/diplomatic updates and associated TPs

Other agencies please provide updates as needed.

We will keep IA comms call tomorrow at 1000 for anything non-Afghanistan, and stand up a 1030 SVTC on Afghanistan with WH/NSC, State, DOD/JS, DNI, CIA, DHS, and USUN. Jasmine will send details soon. You all should determine who from your buildings should join.

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CTR (USA)

From: Kirby, John F SES (USA)
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 5:14 AM
To: Magsamen, Kelly E SES (USA); George, Randy LTG SD; (b) (6) CIV SD; (b) (6) Col SD
Subject: Fwd: FYSA: Continuing dynamic situation at Hamid Kazia Intl. Airport

I'm sure you all are tracking. But see below. Things are not going well at HKIA.

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From: (b) (6) CAPT USN CENTCOM CCCI (USA)" (b) (6)
Date: Monday, August 16, 2021 at 3:52:52 AM
To: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)" (b) (6)
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CIV OSD PA (USA)" (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: FYSA: Continuing dynamic situation at Hamid Kazia Intl. Airport

Sir,

FYSA: The situation at HKIA is extremely challenging. Multiple breaches of the perimeter on the civilian side. The Marines killed two armed members interspersed with the crowd threatening their post. The PAO just reported 3 civilians were killed trying to hold on to a C-17 taking off. And we have aborted our mission.

It's going to be a rough day. We are continuing to flow people in an are planning on pushing the perimeter to the south.

Very respectfully,

CAPT (b) (6)

From: (b) (6) LT USN COMTENTHFLT (USA)" (b) (6)
Date: Monday, August 16, 2021 at 10:22:28 AM
To: "CENTCOM Macdill AFB CENTCOM HQ Mailbox CCCI JOC Desk"
(b) (6) "CENTCOM Macdill AFB
CENTCOM HQ List CCCI Team Leaders" (b) (6)
Subject: RE: FYSA: Continuing dynamic situation at Hamid Kazia Intl. Airport

ALCON,

The airfield has been breached again.

A C-17 just took off with three PAX holding onto the wing, who were killed.

There is a strong suspicion that individuals could have also been crushed by the wheels, as a number of people were crowding around the wheels as the aircraft was taxiing.

MTF.

V/r,

LT (b) (6)

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From: CENTCOM Macdill AFB CENTCOM HQ Mailbox CCCI JOC Desk

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USN COMENTHFLT (USA) (b) (6)

Subject: FYSA: Continuing dynamic situation at Hamid Kazia Intl. Airport

Good evening – FYSA, at 2015L, LT (b) (6) PAO for Joint Task Force-Crisis Response, called with an informal sitrep about the growing crowds of civilians gathering at Hamid Kazia Intl. Airport.

An expectation discussed here is that the situation may become more challenging after sunrise (it is 0535HRS in Kabul).

As of 2100L, I just heard any chance of breeches through gates or walls onto the tarmac have been “contained”.

This situation is receiving the active attention of the extra JOC J3-O folks in the JOC, and CENTCOM Sr leaders. VADM Malloy is in the HQ (earlier seated in the JOC).

The WSJ article

<<https://www.wsj.com/articles/saigon-on-steroids-the-desperate-rush-to-flee-afghanistan-11629071999>> below was published at 1959L.

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'Saigon on steroids': The desperate rush to flee Afghanistan

Wall Street Journal, 15 Aug 21, Yaroslav Trofinov, Dion Nissenbaum and Margherita Stancati

Kabul airport descends into chaos as Afghan civilians besiege the terminal and Western countries scramble to evacuate personnel, in a dizzying coda to America's longest war.

The lucky few were already inside, crowded onto the last patch of government territory that hadn't fallen to the Taliban. Outside, as thousands of civilians surged to break through the perimeter of Hamid Karzai International Airport, security forces fired gunshots into the air to force them back.

Afghanistan was falling and hundreds of civilians struggled to get on board the few remaining planes waiting to carry people to safety. Afghan security forces and several dozen U.S. Marines rushed through the military terminal to secure the tarmac. A warning boomed in Pashto: "Please go back, please go back."

"It's crazy. It is out of control now," said Shoaib, an Afghan interpreter who had talked his way through several checkpoints.

Inside the terminal, Afghans with small children sat dazed next to European special-forces operators with their sniper rifles and high-tech helmets equipped with night vision and infrared tags. Outside, the engines of helicopters and transport planes provided a steady, almost lulling, hum. Once in awhile, groups of evacuees—the staff of the Indian embassy, or Bulgarian security contractors—donned helmets and body armor and set off toward their plane.

Latif, who worked for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's mission, arrived with his wife and six children late Sunday afternoon. Initially, he was told he would be going to Finland, but then the chartered flight was canceled, he said. "They are telling us we will go somewhere, but where and when, nobody knows," he sighed as his children huddled together on a hard bench.

The chaos at Kabul airport was the dizzying final act of a lightning Taliban offensive that saw the militants seize the last of the remaining cities under government control, culminating with the country's capital.

The U.S. and its allies had spent the weekend scrambling to accelerate

efforts to evacuate diplomatic and civilian personnel from Kabul as the Taliban stormed towards the capital. On Sunday, the Taliban fanned out across the city and declared their takeover of Afghanistan from the abandoned presidential palace.

Not far away, U.S. officials were racing to destroy sensitive military equipment and breaking hard drives containing classified information as fast as possible. It's getting "sporty" one military official said.

President Biden warned the Taliban that "any action on their part on the ground in Afghanistan that puts U.S. personnel or our mission at risk there will be met with a swift and strong U.S. military response."

The Pentagon authorized an additional 1,000 troops to go to the Kabul airport Sunday, following a similar announcement Saturday for additional troops. In all, there are roughly 6,000 American troops in Kabul or headed there, U.S. military officials said.

Security at the airport took a dramatic turn Sunday after thousands of Afghan national security forces walked off their jobs. That left a security void at the airport at the time when the U.S. and other nations are attempting to draw all U.S. and foreign personnel out of the country. According to one official, some Afghan military members took off their uniforms and put on civilian clothing to avoid detection by the Taliban.

The U.S. is also concerned about the number of prisoners who the Taliban have now freed. That includes thousands of prisoners freed from both the Bagram airfield, the former American nerve center for the war effort which is now controlled by the Taliban, and Pul-e-Charkhi, another large prison near Kabul. The Taliban has released most, but not all of the prisoners from the two facilities. But those individuals, many former Taliban, may not be under sufficient control of the Taliban leadership, which had pledged not to have any of its forces attack American forces, U.S. officials said.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken said diplomats were being moved to the airport and said America would maintain a core diplomatic presence. As cable networks and pundits ruminated on the images of helicopters echoing the U.S. exit from Saigon in the final days of the Vietnam War, Mr. Blinken pushed back. "This is manifestly not Saigon," he said.

Kimberley Motley, an international human rights attorney who has worked on Afghanistan issues for 13 years and was on Sunday desperately trying to help Afghans get out of the country said the situation was a "human-rights nightmare."

"This is like Saigon on steroids," she said, imploring the U.S. military to send troops to the civilian side of the airport.

The Biden administration has struck rapid deals with allies to help it temporarily host refugees fleeing Afghanistan because they had worked with Western organizations.

The governments of North Macedonia, Albania and Kosovo said on Sunday they would take in a yet-unspecified number of refugees, who will then be security-screened and eventually sent to the U.S., according to top officials from the three countries.

Many Afghans and officials in the Biden administration hoped the Taliban would need months to take Kabul. Instead, the city fell abruptly on Sunday, the country's civilian leaders escaping with only hours to spare before the insurgency swept in.

Shortly after lunchtime, the country's top leadership headed to the airport to flee the country on charter planes and effectively cede power.

President Ashraf Ghani and a small circle of close advisers took the hourlong flight to neighboring Tajikistan en route to Oman. Several other cabinet ministers had already escaped on flights to Turkey and the U.A.E.

The exodus of the leadership sent Western evacuation plans into a frenzy. By 7 p.m., the American embassy in Kabul sent out a stark warning for U.S. citizens in Afghanistan: "The security situation in Kabul is changing quickly and the situation at the airport is deteriorating rapidly," the U.S. Embassy said in an email. "Do not come to the Embassy or the airport at this time."

On the airport road in the capital, hundreds of cars snarled into a gridlock at a key intersection decked with the green, gold and black flag of Afghanistan. Families could be seen removing their luggage and dragging it on foot towards the terminal.

At the military terminal, several hundred Afghans huddled on metal benches in the eerie departure lounge, wondering if a charter flight taking them abroad would ever come. At one point, hundreds of Afghan civilians rushed the airport perimeter and ran toward parked aircraft, trying to board a C-17 transporter, with some entering the plane, according to a military official. They were eventually pushed out. The incident briefly disrupted flight operations.

Outside, Qadeer, a driver for a Western group in Kabul, who brought his wife and three children, aged 12, 7 and 2, arrived the airport. Afghan guards refused to let them enter because he had no tickets out of the country.

After 30 minutes of pleading, the family talked their way into the terminal, where they made frantic calls late into the evening, trying to find someone who could get them on a flight. Gunshots could be heard in the background as he spoke to a Wall Street Journal reporter by phone close to midnight. Afghan forces fired warning shots at civilians trying to push their way into the airport.

Most of the Afghan civilians who had rushed to Kabul fearing Taliban reprisals didn't make it even that far. Thousands have been on the run from across the country for days, their escape routes tracked by the Taliban's relentless march towards the capital.

Mohammed, a 42-year-old who spent most of the past 20 years working for Western organizations, fled to Kabul last week as the insurgents approached his hometown in western Afghanistan. His work, running a guesthouse used by foreign staff of U.K.-funded projects, had made him the subject of local rumor that he was a “spy” and a likely target of the militants.

An application for a U.K. visa was rejected by British authorities because he didn’t work directly for the government, he said. When he arrived in Kabul days before his city fell to the Taliban, he was told by family members that four armed insurgents had arrived at his home and searched every room.

Since then, his family of three has been hiding in a guesthouse in Kabul, while Mohammed has watched each of his plans for an exit crumble.

“It’s too late to fly out of Kabul,” he said. He is now trying to approach people smugglers to get his family out of Afghanistan and into safety. “All doors are closed.”

Mariam Sulaimankhil, one of Afghanistan’s female lawmakers, said she cried for the whole of her Sunday flight out of Kabul. From a window, she could see Afghanistan’s black, red and green flag flying high above a nearby hill.

“The next time I come here it will be a white Taliban flag,” she said. “Today was one of the worst days of my life. We are leaving people we know behind, in danger. It’s terrifying.”

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Cc: Norman, Mela T (Mela Louise) SES (USA); (b) (6) CIV OSD PA (USA); (b) (6) CIV OSD PA (USA)
Subject: RE: Flag on Qatari MOD visit Thursday

Sir,

Tracking all, please note that ISA wanted to make some updates on the warm words given recent events and we'll plan to pass these up to you later today once we get them back for a look.

V/R

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From: Kirby, John F SES (USA) (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 9:15 PM
To: Bass, Warren SES SD (b) (6) Trudeau, Elizabeth K CIV OSD PA (USA)
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Cc: Norman, Mela Louise SES SD (b) (6) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b) (6) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Flag on Qatari MOD visit Thursday

Great!

From: "Bass, Warren SES SD" (b) (6)
Date: Monday, August 16, 2021 at 8:58:56 PM
To: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)" (b) (6) "Trudeau, Elizabeth K CIV OSD PA (USA)" (b) (6)
Cc: "Norman, Mela Louise SES SD" (b) (6) CIV OSD PA (USA)" (b) (6) CIV OSD PA (USA)" (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Flag on Qatari MOD visit Thursday

Sounds good. Less pressure on the warm words if he goes out Wednesday.

Happy to work with you tomorrow on his Wednesday briefing topper. Have been thinking on it already.

From: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)" (b) (6)

Date: Monday, August 16, 2021 at 8:29:49 PM

To: "Bass, Warren SES SD" (b) (6) "Trudeau, Elizabeth K CIV OSD PA (USA)"

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Subject: Re: Flag on Qatari MOD visit Thursday

Warren— warm words are good. We'll want to do a spray given the circumstances.

I'm trying to get him out on Wednesday in the briefing room. Happy to work with you on a topper, or just take it off your plate. Don't want to dump on you.

K

From: "Bass, Warren SES SD" (b) (6)

Date: Monday, August 16, 2021 at 5:33:59 PM

To: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)" (b) (6) "Trudeau, Elizabeth K CIV OSD PA (USA)"

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Subject: Flag on Qatari MOD visit Thursday

PA friends, just flagging that the boss has a bilat still on the schedule Thursday with the visiting Qatari MOD.

Would be good to have your thoughts on whether (a) this should still start with brief warm words in public or whether (b) the bilat should be held but without a public-facing component. Unless you're itching to get him to the podium, this could well be the first time the SD has been out in public since the collapse in Afghanistan. At a minimum, he'd need to start with a serious topper on the Afghan chaos.

We've worked with Policy on the usual format warm words, which Policy is now working to update.

Policy of course may have its own views on whether the Qataris will want this to be public or not.

Thoughts on the best way forward? Thanks, all.

Best,
Warren

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE: DOD SUPPORT TO EVACUATIONS FROM AFGHANISTAN

Public Affairs Posture: Active. OSD Public Affairs retains release authority for DoD on current evacuation operations in support of the U.S. Department of State in Afghanistan.

OSD(PA) will designate subordinate commands to respond to media queries and issue statements on specific issues.

Service components supporting operations should collect imagery of unit activities. USCENTCOM CCCI will collect, store, and catalogue this imagery. USCENTCOM is clearing imagery (still and video) for public release.

At this time, press will not be granted access to units currently supporting evacuation operations; media embeds are not authorized. OSD(PA) will notify commands if this posture changes.

All commands and components are authorized to release local, historical data about U.S. military operations in Afghanistan as media may request. Interviews on topics not related to current operations are permitted; these include, but are not limited to, information about mental health resources for veterans, retrospectives / personal experience, past unit deployments, etc.

Units who have NOT been tasked to deploy may confirm their non-involvement. Units who are under a tasking order to deploy should clear release of that information with OSD(PA) prior to release.

For more specific guidance about what information may be releasable in individual cases, please contact OSD(PA) email: (b) (6).

OSD social media activity will reduce to developments on Afghanistan and key departmental updates. Services, commands, and components may continue social media activity associated with normal activities, including standard operations, programs, and people. Service social media managers are in contact with OSD(PA) digital media director regarding service-specific roles for content related to Afghanistan.

USNORTHCOM is in support of Department of State for press posture on the Special Immigrant Visa reception to CONUS locations. Department of State is lead and holds release authority on SIV issues. DoD components and units will clear information for public release with DoD prior to Department of State.

Topline Messages:

- The U.S. military remains focused on the present mission as directed by the President: to facilitate the safe evacuation of U.S. citizens, Special Immigrant Visa applicants, and other at-risk Afghans, to get these personnel out of Afghanistan as quickly and safely as possible.
- We recognize the events unfolding at Hamid Karzai International Airport have drawn the attention and concern of the world, and of our DoD community.
- Our military personnel deployed in support of this mission are trained professionals who understand the complexity, urgency, and importance of their mission.

Talking Points:

- The Department of Defense is supporting the Department of State in evacuating U.S. civilian personnel, Special Immigrant Visa applicants, and other at-risk individuals from Afghanistan as quickly and safely as possible.
- The Secretary of Defense has authorized approximately 6,000 personnel to support US Central Command to conduct this mission at the Hamid Karzai International Airport, Kabul, Afghanistan, and in Qatar and Kuwait.
- U.S. military forces in Kabul are also conducting security operations to facilitate airport operations at Hamid Karzai International Airport. U.S. forces are currently responsible for air traffic control for all military and civilian aircraft.
- The Department of State is the lead federal agency for the Special Immigrant Visa process.
- The Secretary established a crisis action group in early July to support the Department of State and partner with the Department of Homeland Security, to support the relocation, visa processing, and resettlement of Special Immigrant Visa applicants.
- The SIV process has supported more than 70,000 Afghans since 2005.
- U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Army North are supporting Special Immigrant Visa applicants at Fort Lee, Virginia, and will also be supporting the SIV process at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin and Fort Bliss, Texas. Support includes housing, food, medical treatment and screening, and other services.

Questions and Answers:**Q1. What are the missions and objectives for the 6,000 troops in Afghanistan?**

A1. The U.S. military is focused on the safe evacuation of U.S. citizens, Special Immigrant Visa applicants, and other at-risk Afghans, as quickly as possible.

Q2. What security measures are in place at Hamid Karzai International Airport (HKIA), to ensure the safety of U.S. personnel and individuals seeking departure? How will you prevent the airport from being overrun by the Taliban?

A2. The U.S. forces at HKIA are securing an outer perimeter at the airport to ensure safe operations on both the civilian and military sides of the airport. U.S. forces are also running airfield operations, including air traffic control, for all military and civilian / commercial / contract flights.

Q3. With almost 6,000 forces operating in Kabul, is it possible this mission will extend beyond August 31?

A3. Everyone working on this mission understand the urgency. Our forces are trained for this mission, and are proceeding with professionalism, agility, and speed. We are increasing our evacuation capacity, and plan to get this done.

Q4. What are the Rules of Engagement for U.S. forces supporting the evacuation operation underway?

A4. DoD has not changed our authorities. Our personnel are focused on the mission to facilitate and execute the evacuation of U.S. citizens, Special Immigrant Visa applicants, and other at-risk Afghans as quickly and safely as possible. Our forces retain the authority to act in their self-defense. The President has been clear that should the Taliban attempt to attack U.S. forces, we would respond robustly.

Q5. What is the DoD's current plan to transport and house Afghan Special Immigrant Visa recipients?

A5. U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Army North are currently supporting SIV processing at Fort Lee, Virginia, and are preparing to support SIV processing at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, and Fort Bliss, Texas. DoD support includes housing, food, medical screening and treatment, and other services. Individuals who come to these locations have been prescreened by the Department of Homeland Security. The Department of State is in the lead for the SIV program.

Q6. How did we get to this point? DoD spent more than a decade training, equipping, and funding an Afghan security force that disappeared in mere hours.

A6. Right now, Department leadership and our forces in Afghanistan are focused on the current military mission, which will be short in time, limited in scope, and focused on one objective – getting our U.S. personnel and at-risk Afghans to safety as quickly as possible.

Q7. What conversations are Department leaders having with partners and allies?

A7. We are in contact with numerous Allies and partners on a variety of issues. The Secretary thanks those Allies and partners who have offered assistance. We are also assisting with evacuations of Allied and partner personnel, and with the airfield operations necessary to help our Allies and partners safely and quickly evacuate their people.

Contacts:

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Additional Resources:

Department of Defense

[Afghanistan NEO Call Center, for manifest and logistics support – \(703\) 693-0799](#)

ATSD(PA) Press Briefing Transcripts – www.defense.gov/newsroom/transcripts

Military OneSource – (800) 342-9647, www.militaryonesource.mil

TRICARE – www.tricare.mil/mentalhealth

Military Health System – www.health.mil/mentalhealth

MHS offers several programs to provide military members and their families with mental health resources, including the Real Warriors Campaign, Psychological Health Resource Center, and inTransition Program.

Department of State (for requests for evacuation assistance)

Afghanistan Logistics Task Force – ATF-TF3@State.gov and

AfghanistanLogisticsTF@groups.state.gov

Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations Hotline – (888) 407-4747, (202) 501-4444

Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Crisis Line – (800) 273-8255, text 838255, www.VeteransCrisisLine.net

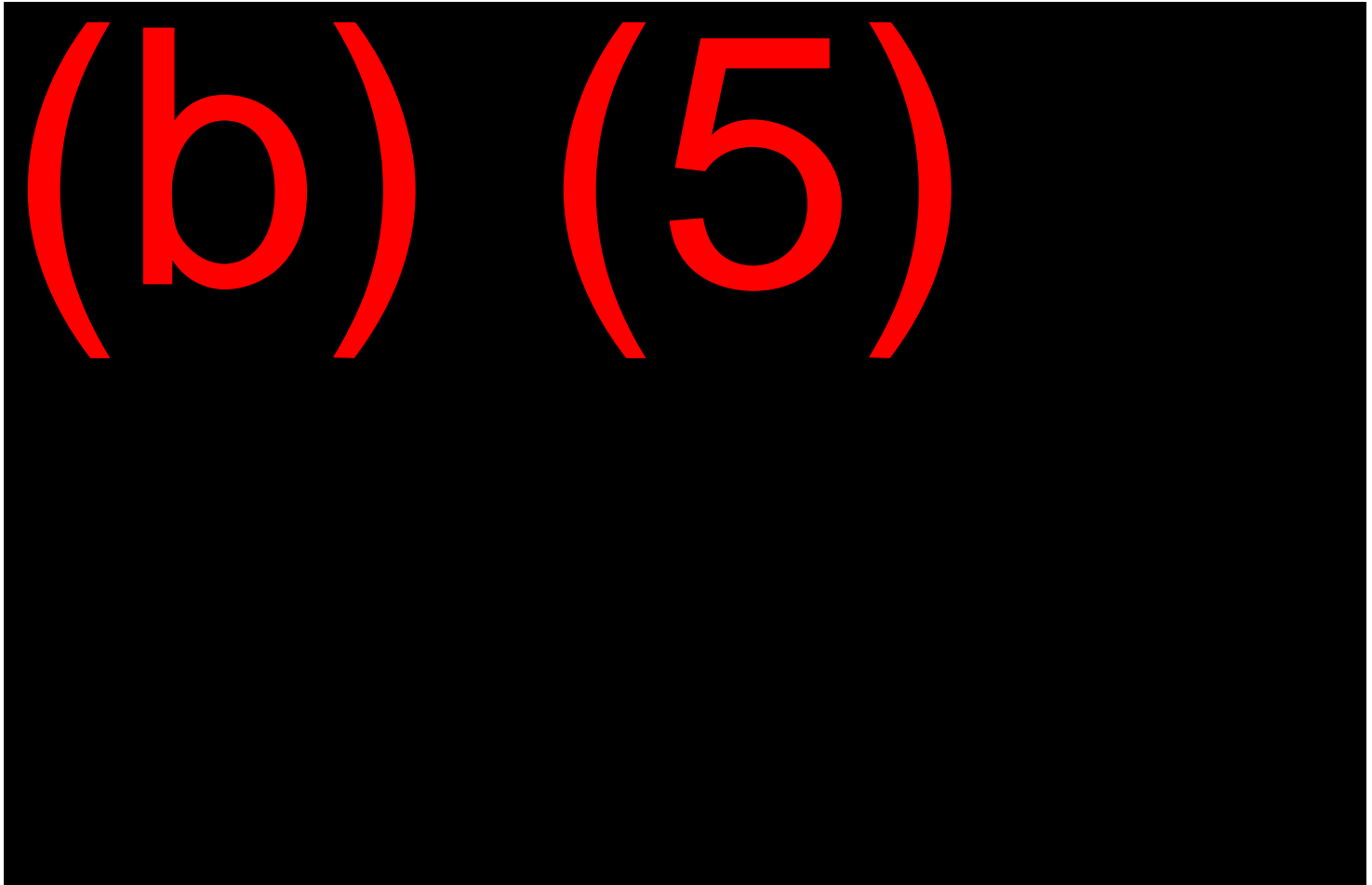
VA Mental Health – www.MentalHealth.va.gov

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Hi all – we are planning on putting this out on background now. We discussed with Pentagon earlier tonight. We’ll send at 10:15 PM. Please call with any concerns. Thanks

On background from WH Official:

Since last night’s update, the US military evacuated approximately 1800 individuals on 10 C-17s. Since August 14, we have evacuated nearly 6000 people.

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Colleagues- we’re prepping Mr. Kirby for a 10 am brief tomorrow. We need some lines to respond to President Biden’s comments on ABC today, indicating he’ll extend the 8/31 deadline if all AMCITS (and potentially SIVs) aren’t out of the country. I’m requesting your review and approval of the lines below:

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DoD Spokesman, Defense Press Operations

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Thank you – can you please add totals too?

State, confirming no SIVs out today?

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5:30 p.m. EST update: "These are the numbers as of Aug. 18 at 5:00 p.m. EST since last update time of 05:30 a.m., U.S. military flights evacuated approximately 902 personnel including approximately 111 U.S citizens on 4 C-17 flights."

Very Respectfully,

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Any update on PM stats?

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Respectfully,

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Also NYT just put up this quick story (which will be updated before tomorrow's paper) with a quote from the DNI:

Caution->>>><https://www.nytimes.com/live/2021/08/18/world/taliban-afghanistan-news/intelligence-officials-did-not-predict-the-imminence-of-the-afghan-governments-collapse-officials-said><<<; < Caution-

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Thank you for this. We should also add the total #SIVs to each update – State, will you provide those at the same times/pace?

Are there other data others would like to include in these?

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Teammates,

BLUF: Next data push is at 5:30 p.m. EST, August 18

Starting tomorrow, we will complete three data pushes throughout the day to this NSC daily email chain;

5:30 a.m. EST, 12:30 p.m. EST, 5:30 p.m. EST

Updates will look like this (using numbers from this morning as an example):

5:30 a.m. EST update: "These are the numbers as of Aug. 18 at 3:00 a.m. EST in the past 24 hours, U.S. military flights evacuated approximately 2000 personnel including approximately 325 U.S. citizens on 19 flights, 18 with C-17 sorties and one C-130. We have evacuated more than 4,700 people since Aug. 14."

12:30 p.m. EST update: "These are the numbers as of Aug. 18 at 11:00 a.m. EST since last update time of 3:00 a.m., U.S. military flights evacuated approximately ## personnel including approximately ## U.S. citizens on ## flights, ## with C-17 sorties and # C-130. We have evacuated more than ### people since Aug. 14."

5:30 p.m. EST update: "These are the numbers as of Aug. 18 at 5:00 p.m. EST since last update time of 11:00 a.m., U.S. military flights evacuated approximately ## personnel including approximately ## U.S. citizens on ## flights, ## with C-17 sorties and # C-130. We have evacuated more than ### people since Aug. 14."

I defer to State and NSC on how they would like to count the number of relocated SIVs.

This is how we will capture the data in a time bound manner.

Respectfully,

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Team, for numbers moving forward: let's please follow the formulation we used last night (below). Per another thread we're using August 15 as the start how we're counting overall evac efforts. Please make sure that gets folded into lines. Understand there's intense interest in #s of each category for flight/day, but let's stay publicly at overall numbers for categories and not do further breakdowns.

We also need consistency around how we're defining time – please no more “today” or “night” or “24 hour period” because that leads to confusion and inaccurate numbers, including some double-counting. We need to set a baseline and build on it with hours timebound and time zones always IDed when we give out numbers. JS – can you please set the battle rhythm here? Thanks all

Today, U.S. military flights evacuated approximately 1,100 U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, and their families on 13 flights, 12 with C-17 sorties and one C-130. Now that we have established the flow we expect those numbers to escalate.

We have evacuated more than 3,200 people so far [SINCE AUGUST 15], including our personnel. In addition to these more than 3,200 total evacuated, we have relocated nearly 2,000 Afghan special immigrants to the United States.

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We will have readout of POTUS meeting out from here soon.

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Kirby's lines on latest SIV support + CONUS installations from gaggle today:

As you know, the Department recently approved a request for assistance from the State Department to provide temporary housing, sustainment, and support inside the United States for up to 22,000 Afghan Special Immigration Visa applicants, their families and other at-risk individuals. Today, Secretary Austin authorized Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, to provide support to this important State Department mission. The US Northern Command will coordinate details with the State Department, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Health and Human Services, as necessary. This support will be provided under Presidential Drawdown Authority to the maximum extent possible, with additional support being provided on a reimbursable basis.

The Department is proud to support the State Department with this fast-developing mission. The details of this support are still being worked out - we will be happy to provide updates as specifics become available."

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DNI is about to put out background statement to reporters who are covering this closely

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Below and attached is the HKIA ops portion of Kirby's topper. He topped the CONUS SIV locations and provided update on DoD support to Haiti as well. Will get you those portions asap.

He added a line at the end on POTUS mtg with SD and CJCS too.

HKIA Ops Update

Good morning – here we are again, and I thank you for being with me and for getting the latest this morning. I'm going to provide you an operational update of the DOD effort in Afghanistan, but let's remember this is a snapshot in time.

There are a number of concurrent efforts to track movement of aircraft, military personnel, passengers, and equipment. We think we've sorted through sequencing of that information and plan to keep you updated consistently – a past 24 hours, most likely.

Currently the U.S. military footprint in Afghanistan is approximately 4,500 total Troops on the ground in Kabul. There may be a few hundred more flow in today, but we do not anticipate a significant shift in personnel beyond that at this time.

This operation is ongoing, and I'd like to give you an update this morning:

- Kabul Airport remains secure and open for flight operations. Military flights have arrived and departed consistently, as well as limited commercial flight operations and some foreign contracted flights.

- In the past 24 hours, 18 C-17s and 1 C-130 arrived with around 700 additional Troops and some equipment.

- Additionally, 18 C-17s have departed in the last 24 hours. These flights carried around 2,000 passengers. I can confirm 325 of these passengers are American citizens. The remainder included Afghans and some NATO personnel.

- In the next 24 hours, the scheduled airlift numbers will be similar to the last 24 hours. As I said yesterday, there are a number of factors that influence flight operations, and the circumstances could change. We will keep you updated.

- I want to point out one specific capability that is bolstering the efficiency and safety of operations at HKIA: The 621st CRG out of Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst arrived in the last 24 hours. This Contingency Response Group is a dynamic Air Force unit highly-specialized in the rapid deployment of personnel to quickly open airfields and establish, expand, sustain, and coordinate air mobility operations.

The Secretary of Defense and the Chairman are with the President as we speak, to address the ongoing effort in Afghanistan. And you will hear from them on the podium later today.

We continue to work very closely with our State Department counterparts. The success of this evacuation relies on the full efforts of a team of organizations, all of which are focused on the various elements with multiple parts.

I want to reinforce that we are focused on the present mission: to facilitate the safe evacuation of US Citizens, SIVs and Afghans at risk, to get these personnel out of Afghanistan as quickly and safely as possible. That mission has not changed.

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Thanks (b) (6) DOD, please send Kirby's topper/notes from gaggle as soon as you are able since we can't listen in?

Flagging State release of statement on women and girls, attached

We OKed Kirby confirming SecDef and Chairman at WH for briefing POTUS. Fuller readout coming from here soon, photo TBC

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We'll have an update shortly. Best, (b) (6)

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Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 8:46 AM

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+ DNI. Understand you are putting out a background statement on intel this morning. Possible to get that out before Kirby gaggles at 1000?

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Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 8:38 AM

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DoD Colleagues – once you’ve compiled your PAG for Kirby’s gaggle at 10:00, could you share? Want to make sure it’s folded into the latest TPs on our end as well. Thank you!

Sean

From: (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 8:29 AM

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Very helpful – adding our SCA colleagues.

From: Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC (b) (6)

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Stoltenberg was helpful overnight on CNN and in pressed:

Here's the link to full text: >>>>Caution->>Caution-
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Few key points:

- ~800 NATO personnel continuing work on civilian airport services
- will be time for lessons learned but focus now on getting people out (including evacs of Afghan local staff, several Allies looking into what they can do)
- surprised by speed of collapse but should recognize gains made (no attacks from Afg on Allies last 20 years, Allies maintain will and capability to address future threats)
- Taliban must be inclusive and respect rights - NATO help has meant Afg today very different from 2001 - and other gains of last 20 years not easy to reverse, eg women's education

Flagging below some notable excerpts:

The United States agreed with the Taliban last year that US troops would withdraw by May.

And after many rounds of consultations, all Allies agreed to follow the US decision.

Ending our military mission was not easy.

We were faced with a serious dilemma.

Either leave, and risk seeing the Taliban regain control.

Or stay, and risk renewed attacks, and an open-ended combat mission.

From: Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 5:57 AM

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Dave these are great, thank you for sharing. If you can pls share links on social too we can amplify thru our channels

On Aug 18, 2021, at 5:54 AM, Butler, David M COL USARMY JS OCJCS (USA)

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wrote:

In the interest of 'flatness' OSD released the attached images from yesterday. Sorry for sinking everyone's inbox.

More images will flow faster as we have the processes in place.

Emily,

Standing by for your direction on whether or not you want these, in this forum or otherwise.

Thanks,
Dave

Colonel Dave Butler

Communications Advisor

to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

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From: Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 5:44 AM

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Many many thanks

On Aug 18, 2021, at 5:37 AM, (b) (6) @state.gov (b) (6)

wrote:

BLUF: No significant overnight updates; HKIA remains secure, with next message to AmCits being sent for departure now, and anticipating today's departure of approx 800 SIVs:

- **Staffing Posture:** 99 USDH remain secure at HKIA; Amb remains in country.
- **Messaging to U.S. Citizens:** Consular Affairs is beginning to send next msg to ALL AmCits/LPRs who registered need for a flight with instructions to arrive to the airport to fill planes to capacity. Message will include an individualized pass that AmCits can show at security checkpoints to facilitate movement to HKIA. These are being slowly transmitted due to both security and technical issues (several hundred at a time).
- **HKIA Sitrep:** US Mil has maintained control over the military side of HKIA with flights open to military and civilian aircraft. Flight operations have resumed with US and partner flights arriving and departing over the last 12 hours. State ACTF observes approx 380 personnel have been evacuated on mili aircraft in the last 12 hours.
- **HKIA - Commercial Airspace:** Per 04:30 FAA Operations Center telcon, NOTAM is **in effect**, restricting commercial traffic to HKIA.
- **Mil-Air Manifested Passengers:** DOD manifests with ACTF indicate milair have evacuated the following individuals as of Aug 15:
 - 3,621 total persons
 - 1,244 AMCITS
 - 1,582 Afghans
 - 328 Nepalese
 - 871 Minors
 - 1,086 Female (women and girls)

- (b) (5) [Redacted]
- **SIV Relocation:** Expecting to transmit next msg to 800 SIVs with prior issued visas to go to HKIA today. They will be allowed to fill open seats after AmCits are loaded. Message will include an individualized pass that SIV holder can show at security checkpoints to facilitate their movement to HKIA.

Thanks,

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From: Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC (b) (6) [Redacted]
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Starting Wednesday coordination thread. **State and DOD, reminder we need sitreps and any update flight/pax stats by 0530 for AM hits.**

For tomorrow:

Currently, LTG is on CBS This Morning, but no other morning TV scheduled. We'll be nimble to do TV tomorrow AM with Jen, Jake, Jon, Kirby as needed in response to any events unfolding overnight.

Briefings:

- DOD off camera on the record gaggle in the AM – 10 AM-ish
- Wendy and Ned briefing at 2:30
- Milley and Austin briefing at 3

POTUS on ABC (Stephanopolous) airtime TBD

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Attachments: 2021 08 18 Joint Press Conference 3.jfk.docx

All – attached is SD’s topper for today’s press conference with CJCS.

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To: Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC (b) (6) (b) (3) (50 U.S.C. § 3024 (m)). (b) (6) (b) (6) CIV OSD PA (USA) (b) (6) Trudeau, Elizabeth K CIV OSD PA (USA) (b) (6) Savett, Sean D. EOP/NSC (b) (6) @state.gov; Butler, David M COL USARMY JS OCJCS (USA) (b) (6) DNI-Media <DNI-Media@dni.gov>; (b) (6) Col USAF OSD PA (USA) (b) (6); Media <Media@ucia.gov>
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Teammates,

BLUF: Next data push is at 5:30 p.m. EST, August 18

Starting tomorrow, we will complete three data pushes throughout the day to this NSC daily email chain;

5:30 a.m. EST, 12:30 p.m. EST, 5:30 p.m. EST

Updates will look like this (using numbers from this morning as an example):

5:30 a.m. EST update: "These are the numbers as of Aug. 18 at 3:00 a.m. EST in the past 24 hours, U.S. military flights evacuated approximately 2000 personnel including approximately 325 U.S. citizens on 19 flights, 18 with C-17 sorties and one C-130. We have evacuated more than 4,700 people since Aug. 14."

12:30 p.m. EST update: "These are the numbers as of Aug. 18 at 11:00 a.m. EST since last update time of 3:00 a.m., U.S. military flights evacuated approximately ## personnel including approximately ## U.S. citizens on ## flights, ## with C-17 sorties and # C-130. We have evacuated more than ### people since Aug. 14."

5:30 p.m. EST update: "These are the numbers as of Aug. 18 at 5:00 p.m. EST since last update time of 11:00 a.m., U.S. military flights evacuated approximately ## personnel including approximately ## U.S. citizens on ## flights, ## with C-17 sorties and # C-130. We have evacuated more than ### people since Aug. 14."

I defer to State and NSC on how they would like to count the number of relocated SIVs.

This is how we will capture the data in a time bound manner.

Respectfully,

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From: Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC (b) (6)
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Team, for numbers moving forward: let's please follow the formulation we used last night (below). Per another thread we're using August 15 as the start how we're counting overall evac efforts. Please make sure that gets folded into lines. Understand there's intense interest in #s of each category for flight/day, but let's stay publicly at overall numbers for categories and not do further breakdowns.

We also need consistency around how we're defining time – please no more “today” or “night” or “24 hour period” because that leads to confusion and inaccurate numbers, including some double-counting. We need to set a baseline and build on it with hours timebound and time zones always IDed when we give out numbers. JS – can you please set the battle rhythm here? Thanks all

Today, U.S. military flights evacuated approximately 1,100 U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, and their families on 13 flights, 12 with C-17 sorties and one C-130. Now that we have established the flow we expect those numbers to escalate.

We have evacuated more than 3,200 people so far [SINCE AUGUST 15], including our personnel. In addition to these more than 3,200 total evacuated, we have relocated nearly 2,000 Afghan special immigrants to the United States.

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Thanks (b) (6)

We will have readout of POTUS meeting out from here soon.

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Kirby's lines on latest SIV support + CONUS installations from gaggle today:

As you know, the Department recently approved a request for assistance from the State Department to provide temporary housing, sustainment, and support inside the United States for up to 22,000 Afghan Special Immigration Visa applicants, their families and other at-risk individuals. Today, Secretary Austin authorized Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, to provide support to this important State Department mission. The US Northern Command will coordinate details with the State Department, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Health and Human Services, as necessary. This support will be provided under Presidential Drawdown Authority to the maximum extent possible, with additional support being provided on a reimbursable basis.

The Department is proud to support the State Department with this fast-developing mission. The details of this support are still being worked out - we will be happy to provide updates as specifics become available."

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DNI is about to put out background statement to reporters who are covering this closely

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Below and attached is the HKIA ops portion of Kirby's topper. He topped the CONUS SIV locations and provided update on DoD support to Haiti as well. Will get you those portions asap.

He added a line at the end on POTUS mtg with SD and CJCS too.

HKIA Ops Update

Good morning – here we are again, and I thank you for being with me and for getting the latest this morning. I'm going to provide you an operational update of the DOD effort in Afghanistan, but let's remember this is a snapshot in time.

There are a number of concurrent efforts to track movement of aircraft, military personnel, passengers, and equipment. We think we've sorted through sequencing of that information and plan to keep you updated consistently – a past 24 hours, most likely.

Currently the U.S. military footprint in Afghanistan is approximately 4,500 total Troops on the ground in Kabul. There may be a few hundred more flow in today, but we do not anticipate a significant shift in personnel beyond that at this time.

This operation is ongoing, and I'd like to give you an update this morning:

- Kabul Airport remains secure and open for flight operations. Military flights have arrived and departed consistently, as well as limited commercial flight operations and some foreign contracted flights.
- In the past 24 hours, 18 C-17s and 1 C-130 arrived with around 700 additional Troops and some equipment.
- Additionally, 18 C-17s have departed in the last 24 hours. These flights carried around 2,000 passengers. I can confirm 325 of these passengers are American citizens. The remainder included Afghans and some NATO personnel.
- In the next 24 hours, the scheduled airlift numbers will be similar to the last 24 hours. As I said yesterday, there are a number of factors that influence flight operations, and the circumstances could change. We will keep you updated.
- I want to point out one specific capability that is bolstering the efficiency and safety of operations at HKIA: The 621st CRG out of Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst arrived in the last 24 hours. This Contingency Response Group is a dynamic Air Force unit highly-specialized in the rapid deployment of personnel to quickly open airfields and establish, expand, sustain, and coordinate air mobility operations.

The Secretary of Defense and the Chairman are with the President as we speak, to address the ongoing effort in Afghanistan. And you will hear from them on the podium later today.

We continue to work very closely with our State Department counterparts. The success of this evacuation relies on the full efforts of a team of organizations, all of which are focused on the various elements with multiple parts.

I want to reinforce that we are focused on the present mission: to facilitate the safe evacuation of US Citizens, SIVs and Afghans at risk, to get these personnel out of Afghanistan as quickly and safely as possible. That mission has not changed.

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Thanks (b) (6) DOD, please send Kirby's topper/notes from gaggle as soon as you are able since we can't listen in?

Flagging State release of statement on women and girls, attached

We OKed Kirby confirming SecDef and Chairman at WH for briefing POTUS. Fuller readout coming from here soon, photo TBC

DNI, any word on bground statement yet?

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OSD/JS, any word on getting these and other photos out on social? Eager to see these out and help lift

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+ DNI. Understand you are putting out a background statement on intel this morning. Possible to get that out before Kirby gaggles at 1000?

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DoD Colleagues – once you’ve compiled your PAG for Kirby’s gaggle at 10:00, could you share? Want to make sure it’s folded into the latest TPs on our end as well. Thank you!

Sean

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Very helpful – adding our SCA colleagues.

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Stoltenberg was helpful overnight on CNN and in pressed:

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Few key points:

- ~800 NATO personnel continuing work on civilian airport services
- will be time for lessons learned but focus now on getting people out (including evacs of Afghan local staff, several Allies looking into what they can do)
- surprised by speed of collapse but should recognize gains made (no attacks from Afg on Allies last 20 years, Allies maintain will and capability to address future threats)
- Taliban must be inclusive and respect rights - NATO help has meant Afg today very different from 2001 - and other gains of last 20 years not easy to reverse, eg women's education

Flagging below some notable excerpts:

The United States agreed with the Taliban last year that US troops would withdraw by May.
 And after many rounds of consultations, all Allies agreed to follow the US decision.
 Ending our military mission was not easy.
 We were faced with a serious dilemma.
 Either leave, and risk seeing the Taliban regain control.
 Or stay, and risk renewed attacks, and an open-ended combat mission.

From: Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 5:57 AM

To: Butler, David M COL USARMY JS OCJCS (USA) (b) (6)

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Cc: (b) (6) Savett, Sean D.

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Saez, Mariel S. EOP/WHO

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Subject: Re: WEDNESDAY 8/18 IA Coordination Line

Dave these are great, thank you for sharing. If you can pls share links on social too we can amplify thru our channels

On Aug 18, 2021, at 5:54 AM, Butler, David M COL USARMY JS OCJCS (USA)

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wrote:

In the interest of 'flatness' OSD released the attached images from yesterday. Sorry for sinking everyone's inbox.

More images will flow faster as we have the processes in place.

Emily,

Standing by for your direction on whether or not you want these, in this forum or otherwise.

Thanks,

Dave

Colonel Dave Butler
Communications Advisor
to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

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From: Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC (b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 5:44 AM

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Many many thanks

On Aug 18, 2021, at 5:37 AM, (b) (6) @state.gov (b) (6)

@state.gov > wrote:

BLUF: No significant overnight updates; HKIA remains secure, with next message to AmCits being sent for departure now, and anticipating today's departure of approx 800 SIVs:

- **Staffing Posture:** 99 USDH remain secure at HKIA; Amb remains in country.
- **Messaging to U.S. Citizens:** Consular Affairs is beginning to send next msg to ALL AmCits/LPRs who registered need for a flight with instructions to arrive to the airport to fill planes to capacity. Message will include an individualized pass that AmCits can show at security checkpoints to facilitate movement to HKIA. These are being slowly transmitted due to both security and technical issues (several hundred at a time).
- **HKIA Sitrep:** US Mil has maintained control over the military side of HKIA with flights open to military and civilian aircraft. Flight operations have resumed with US and partner flights arriving and departing over the last 12 hours. State ACTF observes approx 380 personnel have been evacuated on mili aircraft in the last 12 hours.
- **HKIA - Commercial Airspace:** Per 04:30 FAA Operations Center telcon, NOTAM is **in effect**, restricting commercial traffic to HKIA.
- **Mil-Air Manifested Passengers:** DOD manifests with ACTF indicate milair have evacuated the following individuals as of Aug 15:
 - 3,621 total persons

- o 1,244 AMCITS
- o 1,582 Afghans
- o 328 Nepalese
- o 871 Minors
- o 1,086 Female (women and girls)

- (b) (5) [Redacted]

- **SIV Relocation:** Expecting to transmit next msg to 800 SIVs with prior issued visas to go to HKIA today. They will be allowed to fill open seats after AmCits are loaded. Message will include an individualized pass that SIV holder can show at security checkpoints to facilitate their movement to HKIA.

Thanks,

(b) (6) [Redacted]

From: Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC (b) (6) [Redacted] (b) (6) [Redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 10:20 PM

To: Savett, Sean D. EOP/NSC (b) (6) [Redacted]

Kirby, John F SES (USA)

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Butler, David M COL USARMY JS OCJCS (USA)

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Subject: WEDNESDAY 8/18 IA Coordination Line

Starting Wednesday coordination thread. **State and DOD, reminder we need sitreps and any update flight/pax stats by 0530 for AM hits.**

For tomorrow:

Currently, LTG is on CBS This Morning, but no other morning TV scheduled. We'll be nimble to do TV tomorrow AM with Jen, Jake, Jon, Kirby as needed in response to any events unfolding overnight.

Briefings:

- DOD off camera on the record gaggle in the AM – 10 AM-ish
- Wendy and Ned briefing at 2:30
- Milley and Austin briefing at 3

POTUS on ABC (Stephanopolous) airtime TBD

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CTR (USA)

From: Kirby, John F SES (USA)
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 12:35 PM
To: Adi Raval
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Want to volunteer for our mission

Thanks Adi – very thoughtful of you! I will keep you in mind for sure.

Tough times.

John

From: Adi Raval <adi.raval@shield.ai>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 11:48 AM
To: Kirby, John F SES (USA) (b) (6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Want to volunteer for our mission

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

Dear John,

I know that like me, your heart grieves for the unfolding chaos in Afghanistan.

I am trying to help Afghan interpreters and others who worked alongside the US military to leave the country.

Please let me know if there's any kind of volunteer opportunity I could take on to help with this mission.

I stand ready to help in anyway that I can.

Thank you, Adi

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Adi Raval
Head of Communications
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CTR (USA)

From: Kirby, John F SES (USA)
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 6:53 PM
To: Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC
Subject: RE: [WARNING: UNSCANNABLE EXTRACTION FAILED]RE: THURSDAY 8/18 IA Coordination Line

I love that guy

From: Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC (b) (6)
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To: Kirby, John F SES (USA) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: [WARNING: UNSCANNABLE EXTRACTION FAILED]RE: THURSDAY 8/18 IA Coordination Line

[EXTERNAL]

The whole thing was so good

BLITZER: joining us now to discuss this and more, president biden's deputy national security adviser. jonathan, thank you very much for joining us. i know these are hectic moments for you. these diplomats warned the u.s. wasn't prepared for a rapid collapse of afghanistan which they saw unfolding. why did they feel ignored and why did they have to write this what they called dissent memo?

FINER: first of all, wolf, i want to say i worked at the state department in a previous administration. i have enormous respect for the expertise of our career diplomats and the risk they take every day, none more than kabul. i'll let the state department speak to the details of this. but i will mention a few key points. one is that the cable, as i predicted, predicted the potential fall of the government in the aftermath of a troop draw down. that happened more quickly than the cable which was concerned. the second thing they asked for was evacuation flights of special immigrant visa applicants. they asked for these to begin by august 1st. we began those flights in july. look, what we have said all along is when we are assessing the situation in afghanistan, we take a number of inputs. we get diplomatic reporting. we watch the reports of our news organizations like cnn and make the best assessment we can. i think the cable reflects what we said all along, which is that nobody had this right in predicting the government and army of afghanistan would fall in days.

BLITZER: there was no consensus as far as intelligence. but how sure are you this chaos was inevitable when just over a month ago he promised an orderly withdrawal?

FINER: look, wolf, what i would say about this is when a country's army and its government go from existing to essentially melting away in a matter of days, there is a degree of turbulence that will be inevitable in that situation, particularly in a place that is politically as complex and had the history in recent decades that afghanistan has. we had a plan in place for this even chew. we could flow those forces directly to kabul as soon as things started to melt down. we will draw down our diplomatic presence to a core functioning at the airport in kabul. that is why we're able to start in a matter of days these flights on a significant pace that is escalating day by day getting people out of the country. u.s. citizens, afghans that worked alongside the u.s. and other afghans.

BLITZER: is the nation, jonathan, more secure right now than it was before president biden announced this full withdrawal from afghanistan?

FINER: i'm not going to make an assessment yet as this is evolving in real-time, the situation in afghanistan. we are extremely focussed right now on one mission, on securing the airport facility. we've got several thousand troops now in

place to make that facility as hard as it possibly can be to outsiders who may be trying to target it and flowing our aircraft into that facility to evacuate people in need in afghanistan. that is job one, two and three. and i will leave it to others for an overall assessment because we are very focussed on the day-to-day.

BLITZER: the president acknowledged that u.s. troops could remain in afghanistan if americans still need evacuating. how much longer past that date, jonathan, could we see u.s. troops in afghanistan?

FINER: the one thing i want to make very clear is we are committed to helping any american in afghanistan that wants to get out of the country to get out of the country. we believe we can do that by august 31st, and we are working in real-time to execute that mission. we have been in close and constant communication with american citizens in afghanistan from the beginning of this administration and frankly before, urging them to get out of the country. as the situation continued to deteriorate in recent weeks and months, we sent messages warning of that deterioration, including offering financial assistance for people who might need it to get commercial flights out of the country. we communicated again with american citizens today, offering to help facilitate their exit from afghanistan. we are committed to getting that done.

BLITZER: a lot of them apparently can't get even to the embassy. so is there a date? is it going to be a few days into september or a few weeks, months? will it be forever? what's your assessment?

FINER: i mean, again, i will say we believe that we can get out americans who want to get out by the deadline of august 31st. and we are working day in, day out, hour by hour including some extraordinary efforts on the ground right now by our military personnel by our diplomats to facilitate american's exit from afghanistan. that is the number one mission they've got.

BLITZER: let's see if that happens. jonathan, good luck. thanks so much for joining us.

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This is gold

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Finer just did a great CNN (Wolf) hit that started with dissent cable; good ot point to his answer. Will send rush when available

From: Berner, Kate K. EOP/WHO (b) (6)

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 6:03 PM

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There we go!

Possible to get break down of the non US citizens? Who is not Afghan ? So that means 14k since end of Kuly? Thanks

On Aug 19, 2021, at 5:58 PM, (b) (6) LTC USARMY JS OCJCS (USA)
(b) (6) wrote:

Teammates,

5:30 p.m. EST Mid-day UPDATE: All information is data from August 19, 3:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST

- 6 C-17 flights and approximately 2000 personnel, 184 U.S. citizens
- Total personnel evacuated since Aug. 14 is approximately 9,000 personnel

The next update will be at 5:30 a.m. EST, August 20 and have a 24 hour roll up from the report below.

As of 3:00 a.m. EST report Aug. 19

In the past 24 hours, U.S. military flights evacuated approximately 2000 personnel including approximately 273 U.S. citizens on 12 flights all C-17 sorties. We have evacuated approximately 7000 personnel since Aug. 14.

Respectfully,

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DoD colleagues do we have an update on today's #s in the format Maj. Gen. Taylor used this AM?
Thanks

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Aug 19 DoD PAG update attached. As Ms. Trudeau said, no change to TPs, just press posture within DoD.
Thanks.

V/r,
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Thank you!

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Could you also send his full press guidance and q&a? Same goes for DoD with PAG? Thank you

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Sean, you have the two toppers – that's the latest. Kirby briefs again at 1415.

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State and DoD colleagues – could you also send us your press guidance for today's briefings (in state's case once locked)? Want to make sure we incorporate into TPs we give Jake Sullivan for TV interviews he is pre-taping in a couple hours. Thanks,

Sean

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Emily, these are the lines we have on docs provided to get to HKIA for those who received the notification. Standing by to hear if okay to use today

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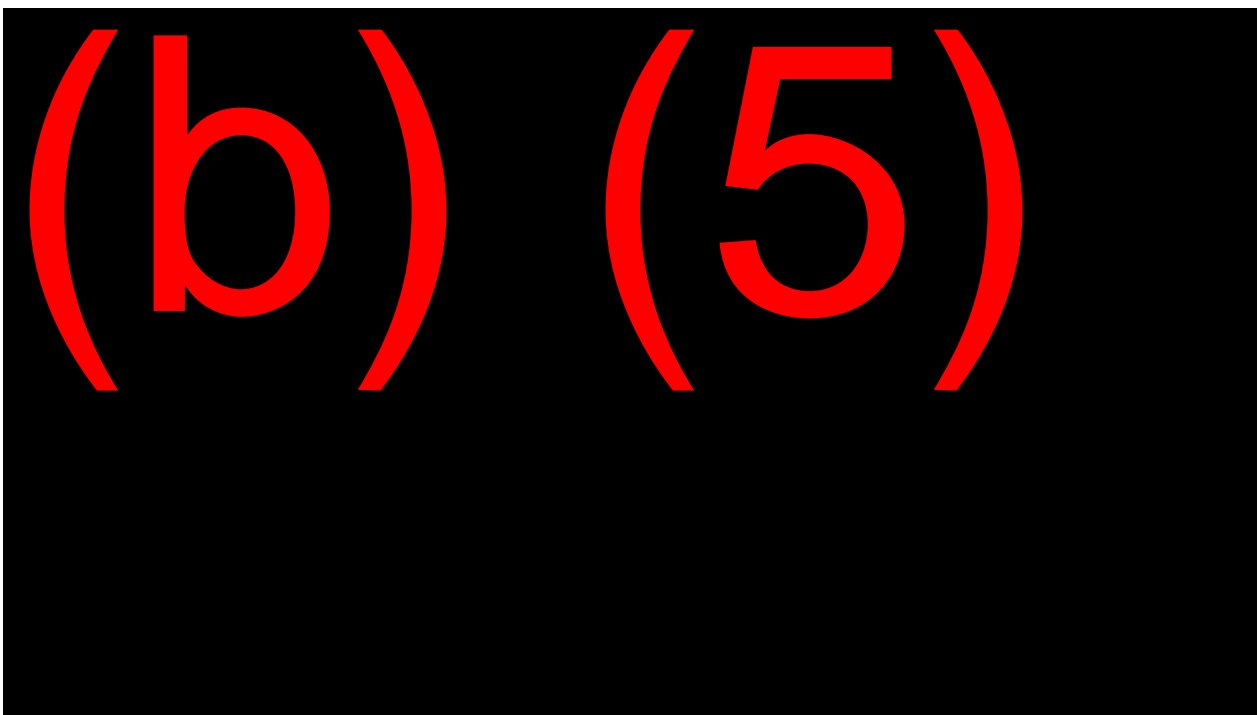
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An update: State plans to use the same numbers DoD uses in the 10am briefing at our 2pm briefing so we are not chasing down changes in that 4 hour time window and hopefully ensure greater accuracy.

We'll also include the G7 mtg in Ned's topper and issue a readout later today.

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Team, continued thanks for extraordinary work. A few tone/frame updates for everyone out of some convos here this AM:



Thanks all

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Also I realized this still has the 24 hour formulation we are trying to move away from? It would be great to know how many planes took off since the 4 flights reported last night. Thanks

On Aug 19, 2021, at 8:27 AM, Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC (b) (6) wrote:

(b) (6) any further insight/confirmation of the pax bump?

On Aug 19, 2021, at 5:46 AM, Berner, Kate K. EOP/WHO (b) (6) wrote:

That's great. Thanks (b) (6)

On Aug 19, 2021, at 5:33 AM, (b) (6) M LTC
USARMY JS OCJCS (USA)
(b) (6) wrote:

Good morning,

As of Aug. 19 at 3:00a.m. EST in the past 24 hours, U.S. military flights evacuated approximately 2000 personnel including approximately 273 U.S. citizens on 12 flights all C-17 sorties.

Working the total evacuation numbers – seems to be a big bump. Working to confirm the bump and reason for the delta. More as soon as I have it.

Respectfully,

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From: Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC

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Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 11:54 PM

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Getting us started – 0530 sitrep per usual format, please.

For tomorrow:

- POTUS ABC interview GMA
- 1000 Kirby gaggle; we'll take the ops update from Kirby's topper and flip it into a background note.
- State briefing timing TBC (afternoon?)
- DOD on camera w/ Vice and/or GEN Mingus (TBC)
- Other TV TBC; will send rundown in AM but POTUS will carry morning

Major proactive themes for Thursday:

- POTUS interview (WH/NSC)
- Continuing operations (all, DOD in lead)
- Partner nation commitments (State in lead)
- SIVs (State, WH/NSC)
- G7 FMs, announcement for leaders next week (State, WH/NSC)

To finalize:

- Sunday show guests
- Stepback pieces (Politico, NYT, WSJ, etc.)

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CTR (USA)

From: Trudy Rubin <(b) (6)@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 10:47 PM
To: Kirby, John F SES (USA)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] From Trudy Rubin, urgent question for column. Thank you

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

Bless you for asking, John. I know you must be going through hell.

Two things.

1. The two green card holders, US NGO staffers, (b) (6), still have not made it into the airport. Their NGOs, the Dept. of Women's Affairs at State, have all tried but no dice.
- 2.. Senators Casey and Inhofe are going to submit a letter Monday to Wendy Shernan with a list of around 120 that is mainly students and staff from the famous Marefat co-ed school, but also includes (b) (6). No guarantee it will get to Wendy's attention.

If the letter and list were sent to you, is there any way you could help get that list to the attention of Wendy Sherman/Gen.McKenzie, and help get them evacuated?.

If not, any ideas of how to help green card holders (b) (6) get out?

Thanks so much for any advice.

Trudy

P.S. Here is what I wrote yesterday.

President Biden, get our Afghan allies on evacuation planes |Trudy Rubin

Despite past history, Americans can't be so careless and hardhearted as to abandon Afghan translators and activists who stood with us.

by [Trudy Rubin](https://www.inquirer.com/author/rubin_trudy/) < Caution-https://www.inquirer.com/author/rubin_trudy/ > |
Columnist

Aug 19, 2021

There will be plenty of time to hash over the [U.S. mistakes in Afghanistan](#) < Caution-
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/16/books/review/carter-malkasian-the-american-war-in-afghanistan-craig-whitlock-the-afghanistan-papers.html> > over the last 20 years. There is almost no time left to live up to U.S. promises to evacuate 18,000 Afghan translators (and their families) who helped our military, along with thousands of women and human-rights activists.

Yet [listening to President Biden](#) < Caution-
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/16/us/politics/biden-taliban-afghanistan-speech.html> > this week it sounds as if [we may abandon most of them](#) < Caution-
<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/full-transcript-abc-news-george-stephanopoulos-interview-president/story?id=79535643> > to the Taliban because the White House bungled the withdrawal.

We can still get those people out, Mr. President. We have the means.

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If you fail to act, you shame not only the White House but our military and our country. And you make mud of [your claims](#) < Caution-
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/roberthart/2021/08/11/biden-to-host-world-leaders-at-summit-for-democracy/?sh=69b57939531e> > to lead the world's democracies in standing up for global human rights.

'Are we being punished for staying on the American side?'

Americans need to understand that our Afghan allies are real people, with families like our own.

The images of crowds surging toward a U.S. military plane or pictures of turbaned Taliban may be hard to relate to. But most of the interpreters who worked without military were professionals with skills, whose names are now on Taliban [hit lists](#) < Caution-
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/17/world/asia/taliban-leaders-kabul.html> > .

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Many of the strong Afghan women activists have emerged from tens of thousands of young women who went to high school and university over the last 20 years. They have

been involved in U.S.-funded projects like shelters for abused women or devising digital education programs. They have served in government posts and parliament.

Their involvement with the United States marks them at best for burka and virtual home arrest, at worst for prison or death.

We cannot carelessly dismiss these Afghan people as collateral damage in a failed war.

Read the message I received from a distinguished Afghan author with many U.S. connections, whose brother was a U.S. military translator: "I don't understand why people like us are being punished and President Biden does nothing about it except delivering some empty speeches.

"Are we being punished for staying on the American side for the past 20 years, for helping the U.S. military as interpreters, for working with USAID projects, for being their hands and mouths in Afghanistan? Now the U.S. is leaving our families to the wolves. If this is not a true definition of betrayal, then what is? The U.S. military is departing and leaving my family behind to rot in hell."

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What do you say to that, Mr. President?

A prophecy ignored

Of course, the United States has a history of badly planned departures from wars in developing countries, whose societies it misunderstood. Most recent was former President Donald Trump's overnight decision to pull U.S. troops back from the north Syrian border with Turkey in 2019. He didn't bother to warn our Syrian Kurdish allies, who were then murdered and dispossessed by the Turkish military.

Then there was George W. Bush's and Barack Obama's decisions to endorse a total pullout from Iraq, in 2008 and 2011, respectively, which led to the rise of ISIS.

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And, before that, of course, was Vietnam. Read Graham Greene's brilliant 1950s novel, *The Quiet American*, about a CIA agent, Alden Pyle, whose belief in U.S. exceptionalism blinded him to the disasters America would wreak on Vietnam. Prophecy ignored.

Yet our departure from Kabul is worse than the famed helicopter liftoff from a Saigon rooftop. When U.S. forces quit Vietnam they evacuated 120,000 Vietnamese who had U.S. connections along with Americans.

There is no excuse for doing less in Afghanistan.

The current evacuation disaster stems in large part from the rapid collapse of the Afghan army; events moved more quickly than most expected..

However, many U.S. experts on Afghanistan were predicting such a scenario as soon as the Biden announcement in April that all U.S. troops would exit by Sept. 11, depriving the Afghan army of critical air support, maintenance, intelligence — and morale. Believing the game was over, many Afghan soldiers stood down and local leaders made deals with the Taliban.

"The Taliban came to power in 10 days because the [Afghan] people decided they were the winners," says Boston University's Thomas Barfield, a noted expert on the country. "In Afghanistan the perception of power is power itself."

Still, this gross misunderstanding of the Afghan military mindset didn't dictate the Afghan endgame.

Biden's claim that the "chaos" of departure was inevitable is untrue. The White House chose not to do a mass evacuation of Afghan translators and activists, although it was begged to do so by bipartisan groups of legislators. The U.S. military knew that once it left the huge Bagram military air base such an evacuation would be almost impossible, but the brass fell in line.

**»READ MORE: [The horror of Afghan women abandoned by U.S. pullout | Trudy Rubin](https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/afghanistan-taliban-women-translators-biden-blinken-20210816.html#loaded) < Caution-
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"The White House never thought they had to do a mass evacuation," says Bill Roggio, editor of the Long War Journal. He says the Biden team thought it had a "decent interval" of months before the Taliban would take Kabul.

Now the White House and the Pentagon are trying to get Americans and allies out via the military side of Kabul International Airport, improvising amid the chaos. Stories proliferate — as I've heard by text and phone from Kabul — of Afghan activists being turned back from evacuation flights by U.S. guards or at [Taliban checkpoints](#) < Caution-
<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/08/18/world/asia/kabul-airport-afghanistan-maps.html> > . No U.S. security is being provided to get these activists to Kabul airport, and information is scarce.

More U.S. evacuation flights are planned. But in recent days, the president made clear he would [extend the final Aug. 31 departure date](#) < Caution-
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/18/world/biden-abc-news-afghanistan.html> > only to save Americans. Yet the evacuation is so messy that it is unlikely to get tens of thousands of translators and women out by that deadline.

"The Biden team didn't see the cost of this," says Brian Katulis, an expert on Afghanistan at the Center for American Progress. "The president himself felt they could leave and people wouldn't pay attention."

Perhaps then. But Americans are paying attention now. Despite our history, the American people cannot be so heedless as to abandon thousands of Afghan allies to the Talibs. And any GOP efforts to trash efforts to airlift those allies would be an outrageous attack on Afghan patriots who supported our country.

Extend the Aug. 31 date, Mr. President. Make sure those Afghan allies board evacuation planes. Otherwise, their blood will be on your hands.

On Fri, Aug 20, 2021 at 7:17 PM Kirby, John F SES (USA) (b) (6)

[REDACTED] wrote:

What can I do to help?

-----Original Message-----

From: Trudy (b) (6) @gmail.com < Caution-mailto(b) (6) @gmail.com > >
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 8:09 AM
To: Kirby, John F SES (USA) (b) (6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] From Trudy Rubin, urgent question for column. Thank you

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FYI, as I am sure you know, it is FUBAR to the max.
Two more green card holders I know, and a top Afghan woman on key State Dept lists for supposed evacuation of Afghan women turned away at gate this morning.

Worldview Columnist
The Philadelphia Inquirer
Caution-Caution-www.philly.com/trudyubin < Caution-http://Caution-Caution-www.philly.com/trudyubin >
C: (b) (6)

> On Aug 18, 2021, at 7:13 PM, Kirby, John F SES (USA) (b) (6) wrote:

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> Trudy,
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> We are working closely with the State Department to support their consular
> efforts at the airport. As you heard the Secretary say today, we are going to
> quickly open up the aperture. I'm terribly sorry for what happened to your
> friend.

>
> John

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Trudy (b) (6)
> Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 10:57 AM
> To: Kirby, John F SES (USA) (b) (6)
> Cc: Elizabeth Trudeau (b) (6) @state.gov (b) (6)
> Subject: [Non-DoD Source] From Trudy Rubin, urgent question for column. Thank
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> John,
> The head of a USAID project, green card holder ,DC resident, told to report
> at airport with husband at 4am today for evacuation flight, name on list,
> papers in hand, and was beaten badly with rifle butts by soldiers at the gate,
> and refused entry. She missed her flight, had to seek medical treatment.
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>
> Q.I know all is chaos, but is there no coherent military system in place for
> getting State Dept. Evacuees into the airport?
>
> Thanks for any reply. I know this is hell got you all, too!
>
> Trudy
> Worldview Columnist
> The Philadelphia Inquirer
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Subject: RE: NSC Guidance Non-DoD Source] URGENT - cyber attack on DOS

Rgr. Let's go with that.

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(b) (6)
Subject: NSC Guidance Non-DoD Source] URGENT - cyber attack on DOS

Sir, Ladies,

NSC would prefer we just say: we refer you to the DOS on this.

Sorry for the confusion.

V/r,

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(b) (6)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] URGENT - cyber attack on DOS

Sir, Ladies,

Just got off the phone with CYBERCOM:

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[Redacted]

Does this help?

Best,

V/r,

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] URGENT - cyber attack on DOS

Team,

Sorry, corrected email accounts for CYBERCOM...

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+ USCC_PublicAffairs@nsa.gov
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V/r,

From: (b) (6) CIV (USA) (b) (6) **On Behalf Of** Kirby, John F SES (USA)
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Teammates – can we run down answer here?

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John,

Urgently seeking comment on Cyber Command's warning about a possible serious cyber attack on State Department.

Jacqui Heinrich
White House Correspondent, Fox News Channel
(O) 212-301-3390 <tel:212-301-3390 >
(C) (b) (6)

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Subject: Re: WSJ: U.S. Considers Ordering Commercial Airlines to Help in Afghan Evacuation

Yup. Had the same thought.

From: "Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC" (b) (6)
Date: Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 10:04:22 PM
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I know you know this—(b) (5)

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Will do

From: "Horne, Emily J. EOP/NSC" (b) (6)
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To: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)" (b) (6) , "Berner, Kate K. EOP/WHO" (b) (6) "Savett, Sean D. EOP/NSC" (b) (6) "OSD Pentagon PA

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We'll work it.

Just informed SD approved CRAF-1. Am told NSC has been informed.

We will need to put out a statement. I think tonight is best before it leaks.

Working it now.

K

From: "Berner, Kate K. EOP/WHO" (b) (6)
Date: Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 8:45:17 PM
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Kirby – do you guys have an answer to the Q how will this impact commercial air travel? Thanks

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I'm fine with this edit.

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Hi All – could we request two changes to the quote to make it clearer that no decision has been made and that the CRAF would not be used to fly into Kabul? Suggesting language here:



Sean

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USARMY TRANSCOM TCPA (USA) (b) (6)
Subject: [WARNING: UNSCANNABLE EXTRACTION FAILED]RE: WSJ: U.S. Considers Ordering Commercial Airlines to Help in Afghan Evacuation

Perfect – appreciate it, sir. That statement should take care of 95% of them.

LTC (b) (6), USA

Department of Defense Spokesman
Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs
1400 Defense Pentagon (b) (6), Washington, DC 20301-1400

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(b) (6)

Good evening. It depends. If it has to do with the decision about CRAF and DOD level items, please answer at your level. TRANSCOM can't really comment much on CRAF until it is activate.

That said, if it has to do with the mechanics or execution of CRAF, send media to me.

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Very Respectfully,

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Subject: RE: WSJ: U.S. Considers Ordering Commercial Airlines to Help in Afghan Evacuation

Good evening –

I've got a lot of queries on this flowing into the duty box. Happy to provide lines from the briefing card, or should I be forwarding them over?

LTC (b) (6), USA
Department of Defense Spokesman
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Subject: RE: WSJ: U.S. Considers Ordering Commercial Airlines to Help in Afghan Evacuation

Emily,

Attached is U.S. Transportation Command Briefing Card and the warning order we sent out last night.

Very Respectfully,

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CAPT (b) (6), USN, APR
Chief of Public Affairs
U.S. Transportation Command

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Emily, send them here. (b) (6) can provide current line.

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We're sending these your way, pls share any lines for SA

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U.S. Considers Ordering Commercial Airlines to Help in Afghan Evacuation
The Biden administration is making preparations to invoke an emergency civil aviation program, while adding to the number of U.S. bases that can house Afghan evacuees.
By Gordon Lubold and Alison Sider
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WASHINGTON—The Biden administration is planning a dramatic ramp-up of its airlift from Kabul by making preparations to compel major U.S. airlines to help with the transportation of tens of thousands of evacuees from Afghanistan, while expanding the number of U.S. military bases that could house Afghans.

The White House is expected to consider activating the Civil Reserve Air Fleet, or CRAF, created in 1952 in the wake of the post-World War II Berlin Airlift, to provide nearly 20 commercial jets from up to five airlines to augment U.S. military efforts to transport Afghan evacuees from bases in the region, according to U.S. officials.

The civilian planes wouldn't fly in or out of Kabul, which fell to Taliban rule Aug. 15, officials said. Instead, commercial airline pilots and crews would help to ferry the thousands of Afghans and others who are stranded at U.S. bases in Qatar, Bahrain and Germany.

The involvement of the commercial airliners would relieve the pressure on those bases, which are fast filling up with Afghan evacuees as the U.S. expands efforts to fly them out of the airport

in Kabul. Thousands of Afghans at risk of retaliation from the Taliban because of their association with U.S. forces have flooded the airport in the past week.

The U.S. Transportation Command, part of the military, has provided an initial notification to airlines that they may be told to implement the reserve fleet, the U.S. officials said. White House, Pentagon and Commerce officials hadn't yet issued final approvals for its use, and alternative options still could be instituted, the officials said. The use of the CRAF hasn't been previously reported.

Carriers were notified Friday night that CRAF could potentially be activated, according to an industry official. Airlines also have held discussions about voluntary efforts to support the government's air lift efforts, the official said.

Pentagon officials referred queries to Transportation Command, which didn't immediately reply to requests for comment.

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Sir / Team,

One additional angle of this will be the degree to which our on-ground teams can facilitate media that just 'show up' on HKIA.

I AW your guidance below, while we will be very selective who WE 'embed' / move into HKIA, with so many other nations / organizations now flying into and out of HKIA, there are numerous other nations / means that I know media are exploiting to get into HKIA. For instance, I know Al Jazeera (Fadi Mansour) has worked a deal w/ Qatari Air Force to get in.

It will be challenging to identify / track additional 'non-US-endorsed' media that do this. The associated decision point will be whether to allow them to stay / facilitate them or put them in line to fly back out.

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All,

I have talked this over with NSC/WH comms.

We can continue providing access to organic media at HKIA – i.e. those outlets who are already on premises and/or we want to facilitate moving to the premises from outside the perimeter. I know we've done a couple, and that is great. Keep doing them. Frankly, I'd collar up Sam Kiley from CNN as well and get him with some of your leadership, and maybe a few troops/aircrew.

Want to show the order we are imposing on the disorder that was there.

To the degree these media can be escorted, they should be. But I recognize that is probably a tall order and not always feasible. I just ask that we try to stay as engaged/connected with them as much as possible ... not to interfere with their work or to censor in any way, of course.

For right now, we will NOT embed/embark media onto military aircraft going on or coming out. That might change in coming days; I will keep you posted.

Thanks again for everything you all are doing. I know it's a lot, and that it is dangerous.

Proud to be on the team.

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PS – do we know what media we have at Qatar and what they are doing/seeing?

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'The definition of gaslighting': As chaos unfolds at Kabul airport, Biden team projects calm
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Politico | Lara Seligman, Alex Thompson and Alexander Ward

Tens of thousands of Afghans awaiting U.S. visas and thousands of American citizens are still stuck in Kabul, unable to find safe passage through frantic crowds, Taliban checkpoints and Afghan guards stationed outside the airport.

Gunfire erupted outside of the north gate of Hamid Karzai International Airport on Monday, killing a number of Afghan security forces. American officials have repeatedly had to close the gates for extended periods, leading guards to turn away even U.S. passport holders.

Multiple sources point to deteriorating conditions inside the airport, including lack of power and sanitation. And tension has emerged between American troops on the ground and State Department officials trying to extract U.S. citizens and Afghan allies.

Meanwhile, the West Wing is looking increasingly disconnected from reality as the Biden White House strives to project a sense of calm competence — even as the Taliban tighten their grip on Afghanistan.

“We are actually overperforming in terms of the evacuation numbers,” national security adviser Jake Sullivan told reporters on Monday of the massive evacuation effort underway at Kabul airport to extract thousands of Americans and tens of thousands of Afghan allies from the city.

“If you look at what we're doing now and taking — evacuating thousands of people every day, it really has been a tremendous piece of work,” Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin told ABC’s “This Week” on Sunday.

While the evacuation has significantly ramped up in recent days, the reality on the ground belies the narrative that the situation is under control. The scenes around Kabul airport have been marked by violence, disorganization, bureaucratic in-fighting, and delays, according to video and text exchanges viewed by POLITICO.

The result is an administration that appears increasingly out of touch, as reports from Kabul continue to reflect a chaotic evacuation.

“I don’t think the president’s rhetoric matches the conditions on the ground,” said Jenna Ben-Yehuda, a 12-year veteran of the Bush and Obama State Department and president of the Truman Center, which is coordinating with other groups to try to evacuate Afghan allies.

“They keep saying this was inevitable, but there absolutely was a way to avoid this — if that’s not the definition of gaslighting I don’t what is,” said Chris Purdy, the project manager of the Veterans for American Ideals program at Human Rights First, which has been part of the coalition to help evacuate people from Afghanistan.

In order to speed the evacuation effort, defense officials in recent days proposed retaking Bagram airbase, the military’s main hub for the American war effort until it was handed over to the Afghans in July as part of the withdrawal. Using Bagram as an additional location for flights out of the country would help ease the backlog at Kabul, some argued. But the proposal was nixed because the White House and some Pentagon officials worried it would require deploying a large number of additional forces and could spark a conflict with the Taliban.

“It was discussed, but [was] not a good option,” said one senior defense official. “Bagram would have been an airborne assault. Just a huge operation. Would have looked like a re-invasion.”

Eric Pahon, a Pentagon spokesperson, said Bagram was never considered as the “primary” evacuation site “due to its remote location” relative to “the vast majority of evacuees” in Kabul, some 40 miles away. He added that reopening Bagram was not “seriously considered as a required secondary site either.”

White House officials said Tuesday that the American effort had successfully evacuated 58,700 people from Kabul since the operation began, including 21,600 in the past 24 hours. The Pentagon has also acknowledged conducting limited rescue operations within the city to bring Americans into the airport, including two helicopter evacuations in the past week, and at times sent troops over the wire to support the effort.

But officials are running up against an Aug. 31 deadline to withdraw all American troops from the country — and the Taliban said Sunday that they would not agree to extend that deadline.

Already there have been reports of violence against Americans by the group, which is manning checkpoints outside the airport. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin acknowledged in a phone call with lawmakers on Friday reports of Americans being beaten by Taliban members, saying the administration had relayed to Taliban leadership that such behavior was “unacceptable.”

American officials have held high-level meetings with the Taliban in recent days to discuss security at the airport. CIA Director William Burns met in secret with the Taliban’s de facto leader, Abdul Ghani Baradar, in Kabul on Monday, The Washington Post reported.

The situation is becoming increasingly dire for those who have not yet been able to get out. American citizens are routinely being turned away by Afghan guards at the airport despite showing U.S. passports, according to five sources familiar with the situation. In one instance, a guard told a group to leave the area or he would shoot them. In another, an Afghan interpreter and his family were beaten by Afghan guards after being rejected at the gates, and are now sleeping in their car because the Taliban burned down their house.

One video provided to POLITICO showed citizens holding blue U.S. passports who were stuck outside the gates, with a soldier of unknown nationality watching from the wall. They shared the video with the media through an intermediary because they wanted to raise awareness of the difference between the rhetoric and reality.

Americans and Afghan allies are having so much trouble getting into the airport that informal groups comprising people in Kabul, congressional staffers, military veterans and even citizens across America have cropped up to help coordinate meeting points and “snatch and grabs,” where U.S. troops briefly open the gates to bring in a small group of people.

While the administration tries to take credit for topline evacuation numbers, many outsiders — veterans, diplomats, NGOs and others — have been frantically coordinating to help American citizens and Afghan allies escape because the normal channels are chaotic. One such group of veterans has taken to calling themselves “digital Dunkirk” or “Task Force Dunkirk,” referring to the mass evacuation of allied troops from France in 1940.

“We are having to come up with alternatives to get people in,” said Mick Mulroy, a former defense official and CIA officer and Dunkirk member. “The sheer masses of people are making it very difficult.”

Members of these informal groups and the soldiers in the airport they are working with are increasingly frustrated by the bureaucracy and lack of support from the State Department. One person involved in the efforts shared screenshots of a chat with a soldier who expressed anger with State officials interfering at the last minute.

“They’re f***ing changing up everything because they decided to show up for the first time,” the soldier texted, after State officials changed the location for processing American citizens at the last minute.

A U.S. official acknowledged that at times the gates are closed because the airport is at capacity. Military commanders have been directed to still accept U.S. passport holders. However, the American citizens will be directed to an open gate “and there may be a delay if it is necessary to provide additional force protection at that gate to safely recover the individual during periods when the gate may be crowded.”

Meanwhile, the U.S. must still coordinate directly with the Taliban to keep the perimeter as calm as possible. One U.S. defense official said Taliban commanders are occasionally welcomed inside the airport to make plans directly with U.S. military personnel.

The situation is “absolutely requiring of us to keep these lines of communication with the Taliban open,” Pentagon spokesperson John Kirby told reporters Monday, adding that the Taliban run checkpoints outside the airport. “This deconfliction has worked well in terms of allowing access inflow to continue as well as reducing the overall size of the crowds just outside the airport.”

While some experts argue that closing Bagram was a strategic mistake that partially led to the current backlog at the Kabul airport, analysts are split on the issue. Jonathan Schroden, an expert on the Afghanistan war at the CNA think tank in Arlington, Va., agrees with the Biden administration's decision.

"The Taliban would have viewed staying at Bagram as a violation of the U.S.-Taliban deal and may have sought to attack us there had we stayed," he said. "Highly doubtful we could've sold that as part of our 'diplomatic presence.'"

What's more, officials and analysts agree, the U.S. would have needed thousands of additional troops to re-take the base and then secure it.

Schroden estimated it would take up to 1,500 troops alongside foreign forces to secure both the airport and the base, and even then, the U.S. would find it hard to protect both facilities. "At which point you'd probably be seeing the same scenes we're seeing now at two separate locations," Schroden said.

But Bill Roggio of the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies called the closure "a major mistake" because the U.S. left its primary "evacuation point in a city with 4.5 million civilians flooded with an untold number of people fleeing the Taliban."

Asked about the proposal to retake Bagram after Kabul fell, the National Security Council pointed to Sullivan's comments on "Meet The Press" Sunday in response to a question about why the U.S. abandoned Bagram instead of trying to hold it. The "best military advice" the White House received was that Bagram would be "difficult to secure over time and put our troops at risk," Sullivan said.

He added that "it didn't logistically make sense from an evacuation perspective because it is located outside of Kabul. And both American diplomats, American citizens, and most of the Afghans at risk lived inside of Kabul."

But former officials said that characterization is not accurate, and that tens of thousands of Afghans are still spread all over the country. Marc Polymeropoulos, a former senior CIA officer, said that dispersal makes the Aug. 31 deadline "almost impossible to meet" in terms of evacuating Afghan allies.

Analysts will continue to watch the administration's handling and judge its overall performance. "I think the question of competence comes down to two things: why wasn't a quick Taliban takeover anticipated, and planned for accordingly, and it also comes down to successful completion of the evacuation effort," said Madiha Afzal, a fellow at the Brookings Institution.

"I'm sure the former will be debated for a while, and the latter is still something the administration is actively working on."

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At tonight's synch, CC said they're also guiding folks in and opening gates at any time for AMCITs and SIVs.

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I don't see anything amiss with what he has attributed to you, but please let me know soonest if we need to push back on any of this.

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Thank you

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Hey All – can one of you give me a quick call about this Politico story? We’re getting a lot of incoming and trying to figure out the truth on it. (b) (6)

Thanks,
Sean

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U.S. officials in Kabul gave the Taliban a list of names of American citizens, green card holders and Afghan allies to grant entry into the militant-controlled outer perimeter of the city’s airport, a choice that's prompted outrage behind the scenes from lawmakers and military officials.

The move, detailed to POLITICO by three U.S. and congressional officials, was designed to expedite the evacuation of tens of thousands of people from Afghanistan as chaos erupted in Afghanistan’s capital city last week after the Taliban seized control of the country. It also came as the Biden administration has been relying on the Taliban for security outside the airport.

But the decision to provide specific names to the Taliban, which has a history of brutally murdering Afghans who collaborated with the U.S. and other coalition forces during the conflict, has angered lawmakers and military officials.

“Basically, they just put all those Afghans on a kill list,” said one defense official, who like others spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive topic. “It’s just appalling and shocking and makes you feel unclean.”

A spokesperson for U.S. Central Command declined to comment.

The issue came up during a classified briefing on Capitol Hill earlier this week, which turned contentious after top Biden administration officials defended their close coordination with the Taliban. Biden officials contended that it was the best way to keep Americans and Afghans safe and prevent a shooting war between Taliban fighters and the thousands of U.S. troops stationed at the airport.

After the fall of Kabul, in the earliest days of the evacuation, the joint U.S. military and diplomatic coordination team at the airport provided the Taliban with a list of people the U.S. aimed to evacuate. Those names included Afghans who served alongside the U.S. during the 20-year war and sought special immigrant visas to America. U.S. citizens, dual nationals and lawful permanent residents were also listed.

“They had to do that because of the security situation the White House created by allowing the Taliban to control everything outside the airport,” one U.S. official said.

But after thousands of visa applicants arrived at the airport, overwhelming the capacity of the U.S. to process them, the State Department changed course — asking the applicants not to come to the airport and instead requesting they wait until they were cleared for entry. From then on, the list fed to the Taliban didn’t include those Afghan names.

As of Aug. 25, only U.S. passport and green card holders were being accepted as eligible for evacuation, the defense official said.

Still, that U.S. officials handed over a list of Afghan allies and American citizens and residents shows the extent to which they outsourced security of the airport’s outer perimeter to the Taliban. The Taliban has gone [door-to-door](#) in search of Afghan interpreters and others who helped U.S. and Western forces.

In written and verbal communications, Gen. Frank McKenzie, commander of U.S. Central Command, and Rear Adm. Peter Vasely, head of U.S. forces on the ground in Afghanistan, have referred to the Taliban as “our Afghan partners,” according to two defense officials.

The Biden administration has been coordinating the evacuation effort and airport security with the Taliban, which is running the checkpoints outside the airport’s outer perimeter. Officials have been “in daily communication” with Taliban commanders about who to let in, Pentagon spokesperson John Kirby told reporters this week.

The news comes just hours after [two Islamic State terrorist attacks](#) rocked the area just outside the airport, killing at least four U.S. Marines and wounding dozens more. A number of Afghans were also killed in the bombings.

After the attacks, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chair Bob Menendez (D-N.J.) appeared to criticize the Biden administration’s strategy of coordinating with the Taliban, writing in a statement: “As we wait for more details to come in, one thing is clear: We can’t trust the Taliban with Americans’ security.”

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From: Nora Tyson (b) (6) @gmail.com >
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 6:33 PM
To: Kirby, John F SES (USA)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Nora Tyson - Afghanistan Question

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John,
Got your email address from Ryan - guess your yahoo address is ancient history....
Please take care of yourself during these trying times!
Hugs,
Nora

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Wayne Tyson <(b) (6) @yahoo.com < Caution-mailto:(b) (6) @yahoo.com > >
Date: Fri, Aug 27, 2021 at 10:36 AM
Subject: Nora Tyson - Afghanistan Question
To: <(b) (6) @yahoo.com < Caution-mailto:(b) (6) @yahoo.com > >
Cc: Nora Tyson (b) (6) @gmail.com < Caution-mailto:(b) (6) @gmail.com > >

John,
Nora Tyson here from Wayne's account. Hope you're doing okay - God bless you!

I know you are assholes and elbows right now but you are the best person I could think of who might have some guidance for our nephew. His email is below. He was an Army medic in Afghanistan.

I know you and the State Department are being inundated with similar emails/requests but I just had to reach out to see if you might have a suggestion.

Thank you, John, for what you are doing - you are my hero. Hope Donna and the family are well.

Very Sincerely,
Nora

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad < Caution-https://overview.mail.yahoo.com/?src=iOS >

Begin forwarded message:

On Friday, August 27, 2021, 06:31, Matthew Tyson <(b) (6)@gmail.com < Caution-mailto:(b) (6)@gmail.com >> wrote:

Good Morning Aunt Nora & Uncle Wayne,

I have no idea if you all have any way of assisting but I'm shaking every tree I can right now. If there is ANYTHING you can do to help, please let me know. He is stranded outside HKIA with his wife and cannot get past Taliban checkpoints. I worked with this man in Afghanistan and he is beyond reproach. Never took a break and was put into some of the most dangerous situations in the most kinetic environment at the time, without a weapon. He never failed us and without him, we would have had a significantly higher casualty rate. There are no conditions to this email, I just need to try as time is running out for him and his wife.

Thank You,
Matthew Tyson
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From: (b) (6)@state.gov (b) (6)
Date: Fri, Aug 27, 2021 at 2:29 AM
Subject: Interpreter info
To: (b) (6)@gmail.com < Caution-mailto:(b) (6)@gmail.com > <(b) (6)@gmail.com < Caution-mailto:(b) (6)@gmail.com >>

Matt,

Below is the info on T. I appreciate the outreach. Hopefully we can get him out.

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My former interpreter for US forces in Kunar province, directly subordinate to me as a US Army Officer deployed in 2010-2011, fled home region last week as they were killing former interpreters, narrowly passed through several Taliban checkpoints, and is currently in Kabul. He has active Special Immigrant (b) (6). He is accompanied by his wife.

I have sent his information to the Department of State SIV Applications and TF-3 emails, to my Senator, Congressional representative, and other contacts to ensure the information is in the State Department system.

The word is that currently only American citizens and legal permanent residents are officially permitted entry to HKIA and evac, however others are getting through. It seems up to the discretion of the Taliban and US servicemembers on the line in the midst of the chaos.

Supporting documentation is attached.

- DS 187 Special Immigrant Visa Application
- Passport scan
- ID card scan
- Spouse ID card scan
- Letter of Recommendation, 2021
- Letter of Recommendation, 2011
- Letter of Recommendation, 2010
- Letter of Recommendation, Dec 2009
- Letter of Recommendation, Apr 2009
- Interpreter/linguist employment verification letter
- Certificates of Appreciation, 2010 (2) and 2009

Respectfully,

(b) (6)

Major, U.S. Army

Army Attaché

U.S. Embassy Bucharest, Romania

Office: (b) (6)

Mobile: (b) (6)

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CTR (USA)

From: Brown, Charles W RDML USN CHINFO WASHINGTON DC (USA) (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 8:31 PM
To: Kirby, John F SES (USA)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Interesting Guidance from ONI

Copy, thanks sir. I'll take care of it.

V/r

Charlie

From: Kirby, John F SES (USA) (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 8:25:52 PM
To: Brown, Charles W RDML USN CHINFO WASHINGTON DC (USA) (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Interesting Guidance from ONI

From: "John Kirby" (b) (6)
Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 8:25:20 PM
To: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)" (b) (6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: Interesting Guidance from ONI

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John F. Kirby
Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs/Pentagon Press Secretary

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From: Kendell pease <(b) (6)@gmail.com>
Date: August 29, 2021 at 7:46:45 PM EDT
To: Frank Thorp (b) (6)@gmail.com>, Stephen Pietropaoli <(b) (6)@verizon.net>, John Kirby (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: Interesting Guidance from ONI

Can this be real?

EXCLUSIVE: Active Duty, Retired Naval Intelligence Members Told They Cannot 'Disrespect' Biden Over Afghanistan Debacle | The Daily Wire < Caution-
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By **Chrissy Clark** < Caution-
<https://www.dailywire.com/author/chrissy-clark> > , Aug 27,
2021 **DailyWire.com**

Top leadership at the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) informed active duty and retired service members that they cannot condemn President Joe Biden amid the chaotic — and now deadly — pullout of American troops from Afghanistan.

In an email from the ONI's Chief of Staff, ONI members were reminded that per a Uniform Code of Military Justice and Department of Defense Directive clause they cannot disrespect senior government leadership. This includes the President, Vice President, Congress, the Secretary of Defense, and more.

The email reads:

Given the heightened political and social atmosphere surrounding Afghanistan, it is important to remind our uniformed personnel (active duty and reservists on temporary active duty) and military retirees of their responsibilities and obligations under Article 88 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and Department of Defense Directive 1344.10. While it is vital to protect the constitutional right of freedom of expression for these groups, consistent with mission accomplishment, national security, and good order and discipline, it's important to remember certain limitations. Namely, uniformed personnel and military retirees are prohibited from disrespecting senior government leadership (e.g. the President, Vice President, Congress, Secretary of Defense, Service Secretaries, etc.).

Per the same uniformed personnel policy, ONI members cannot participate in partisan political activity or distribute partisan political literature. An internal ONI member told The Daily Wire that these policies were more relaxed under the Trump administration and recalled retired officers condemning the former President.

The email continues to claim that the policy extends to ONI "civilians" as well. These members were specifically directed to avoid "being too vocal in criticism of, say, the President."

The email reads:

Even for civilians, you are reminded of the danger that your public comments will/could be attributed to ONI or the Department of Defense. While you are entitled to your opinion and to share your opinion amongst those you know and trust, being too vocal in criticism of, say, the President or members of the military and civilian leadership may reflect poorly on ONI. It is important to share your opinions, if you choose to do so, in a professional manner that does not call into question your employment, the Department of Defense, or the federal government as a whole.

The direction for ONI members to stay silent was delivered on August 23. The directive has not shifted following the death of 13 U.S. service members in a suicide bombing near the Kabul airport.

In other portions of the email, ONI members are reassured that their investment in the Afghanistan war

was not a waste of time. They were also directed to military crisis lines if they needed help following the fallout.

“After Kabul fell to the Taliban last week, the scenes of chaos and desperation have been hard for all Americans to watch, especially for those of us in the national security establishment, as well as those who served selflessly in Afghanistan over the last 20 years,” the ONI Chief of Staff said. “Watching the Taliban sweep back into power after two decades of investment can be a bitter pill to swallow”

The Department of Defense did not immediately respond to the Daily Wire’s request for comment. This article will be updated accordingly if comment is received.

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CTR (USA)

From: (b) (6) (Bill) CAPT USN CENTCOM CCCI (USA)
Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 12:18 AM
To: Trudeau, Elizabeth K CIV OSD PA (USA); Kirby, John F SES (USA); (b) (6) LT USN COMTENTHFLT (USA); (b) (6) CIV OSD PA (USA); (b) (6) Butler, David M COL USARMY JS OCJCS (USA); (b) (6) MAJ USARMY OSD PA (USA); Lawhorn, Michael T CIV CENTCOM CCCI (USA); (b) (6) LTC USARMY 82 ABN DIV (USA); OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Duty Officer Press Operations
Cc: (b) (6) CAPT USN OSD PA (USA); (b) (6) CIV OSD PA (USA)
Subject: Re: Today's activity

Thanks Ma'am. Deploying on the record in response to query.

From: "Trudeau, Elizabeth K CIV OSD PA (USA)" (b) (6)
Date: Monday, August 30, 2021 at 12:14:59 AM
To: (b) (6) CAPT USN CENTCOM CCCI (USA)" (b) (6), "Kirby, John F SES (USA)" (b) (6) CIV OSD PA (USA)" (b) (6), "Butler, David M COL USARMY JS OCJCS (USA)" (b) (6) MAJ USARMY OSD PA (USA)" (b) (6), "Lawhorn, Michael T CIV CENTCOM CCCI (USA)" (b) (6), "OSD Pentagon PA Mailbox Duty Officer Press Operations" (b) (6)
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Subject: Re: Today's activity

WH confirms that detail is good to add, statement on record and they will add statement from WH now to follow CENTCOM

Thanks, all.

If anyone needs me, call (b) (6)

From: (b) (6) CAPT USN CENTCOM CCCI (USA)" (b) (6)
Date: Monday, August 30, 2021 at 12:06:38 AM
To: "Trudeau, Elizabeth K CIV OSD PA (USA)" (b) (6), "Kirby, John F SES (USA)" (b) (6)

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Cc: (b) (6) CAPT USN OSD PA (USA)" (b) (6) CIV OSD PA (USA)"
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Subject: Re: Today's activity

Thanks. Can also say that airfield operations continue.

From: "Trudeau, Elizabeth K CIV OSD PA (USA)" (b) (6)
Date: Monday, August 30, 2021 at 12:04:29 AM
To: (b) (6) CAPT USN CENTCOM CCCI (USA)" (b) (6) "Kirby, John F SES
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(USA)" (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Today's activity

Capt (b) (6) and I spoke. He will deploy on background and we will continue to assess as the situation continues.

From: (b) (6) CAPT USN CENTCOM CCCI (USA)" (b) (6)
Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 11:26:45 PM
To: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)" (b) (6)
(b) (6) CIV OSD PA (USA)"

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(b) (6) CIV OSD PA (USA)" (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Today's activity

Sir,

Recommend:

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Very respectfully,
CAPT (b) (6)

From: (b) (6) CAPT USN CENTCOM CCCI (USA)"
(b) (6)
Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 10:57:51 PM
To: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)" (b) (6)
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(b) (6) CIV OSD PA (USA)" (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Today's activity

Sir,

Hearing 5 inbound rockets. Initial reports, 2 landed inside, 3 outside HKIA. 100% accountability. No casualties. Recommend:

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Very respectfully,
CAPT (b) (6)

From: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)" (b) (6)
Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 6:53:37 PM
To: (b) (6) CAPT USN CENTCOM CCCI (USA)"
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PA (USA)" (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Today's activity

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From: (b) (6) CAPT USN
CENTCOM CCCI (USA)"

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Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 6:53:14 PM

To: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)"

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CIV OSD PA (USA)"

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Subject: RE: Today's activity

Sir,

To be clear, if an American stumbles up to the gate and identifies themselves as such, leadership at HKIA has been directed to get that individual.

Very respectfully,

CAPT (b) (6)

Dir. of Communication Integration

U.S. Central Command

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From: Kirby, John F SES (USA)

Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 6:48 PM

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Cc: (b) (6) CAPT USN OSD PA (USA)
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(b) (6) CIV OSD PA (USA)
Subject: Re: Today's activity

Thanks (b) (6) Stay safe.

From: "(b) (6) LT USN
COMTENTHFLT (USA)"
(b) (6)
Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021
at 10:54:04 AM
To: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)"
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CIV OSD PA
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V/r,
LT (b) (6)

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From: Kirby, John F SES (USA)

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Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021

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Subject: Re: Today's activity

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From: (b) (6) CIV OSD PA
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Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021
at 10:14:43 AM

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Subject: RE: Today's activity

Well, TB (Zabihullah) just
announced our strike. AP is
reporting our strike and the
CIVCAS as 2 separate incidents.

US Airstrike Hits Suicide
Bomber Targeting Airport

Associated Press | Kathy
Gannon, Tameem Akhgar and

Jon Gambrell

Kabul, Afghanistan -- The Taliban said that a U.S. airstrike targeted a suicide bomber in a vehicle Sunday who wanted to attack the Kabul international airport amid the American military's evacuation there.

There were few initial details about the incident, as well as a rocket that struck a neighborhood just northwest of the airport, killing a child. The two strikes initially appeared to be separate incidents, though information on both remained scarce.

The attack comes as the United States winds down a historic airlift that saw tens of thousands evacuated from Kabul's international airport, the scene of much of the chaos that engulfed the Afghan capital since the Taliban took over two weeks ago. After an Islamic State affiliate's suicide attack that killed over 180 people, the Taliban increased its security around the airfield

as Britain ended its evacuation flights Saturday.

U.S. military cargo planes continued their runs into the airport Sunday, ahead of a Tuesday deadline earlier set by President Joe Biden to withdraw all troops from America's longest war. However, Afghans remaining behind in the country worry about the Taliban reverting to their earlier oppressive rule — something fueled by the recent shooting death of a folk singer in the country by the insurgents.

Zabihullah Mujahid said in a message to journalists that the strike targeted the bomber as he drove a vehicle loaded with explosives. Mujahid offered few other details.

U.S. military officials could not be immediately reached for comment.

The rocket attack meanwhile

struck Kabul's Khujja Bughra neighborhood, said Rashid, the Kabul police chief who goes by one name. Video obtained by The Associated Press in the aftermath of the attack showed smoke rising from building at the site around a kilometer (half a mile) from the airport.

No group immediately claimed the attack, however militants have fired rockets in the past.

Meanwhile, the family of a folk singer north of Kabul say the Taliban killed him.

The shooting of Fawad Andarabi came in the Andarabi Valley for which he was named, an area of Baghlan province some 100 kilometers (60 miles) north of Kabul. The valley had seen upheaval since the Taliban takeover, with some districts in the area coming under the control of militia fighters opposed to the Taliban rule. The Taliban say they have since retaken those areas, though neighboring Panjshir in the Hindu Kush mountains remains

the only one of Afghanistan's 34 provinces not under its control.

The Taliban previously came out to Andarabi's home and searched it, even drinking tea with the musician, his son Jawad Andarabi told the AP. But something changed Friday.

"He was innocent, a singer who only was entertaining people," his son said. "They shot him in the head on the farm."

His son said he wanted justice and that a local Taliban council promised to punish his father's killer.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told the AP that the insurgents would investigate the incident, but had no other details on the killing.

Andarabi played the ghichak, a bowed lute, and sang traditional songs about his

birthplace, his people and Afghanistan as a whole. A video online showed him at one performance, sitting on a rug with the mountains of home surrounding him as he sang.

"There is no country in the world like my homeland, a proud nation," he sang. "Our beautiful valley, our great-grandparents' homeland."

Karima Bennoune, the United Nations special rapporteur on cultural rights, wrote on Twitter that she had "grave concern" over Andarabi's killing.

"We call on governments to demand the Taliban respect the #humanrights of #artists," she wrote.

Agnes Callamard, the secretary-general of Amnesty International, similarly decried the killing.

“There is mounting evidence that the Taliban of 2021 is the same as the intolerant, violent, repressive Taliban of 2001," she wrote on Twitter. “20 years later. Nothing has changed on that front.”

Meanwhile on Sunday, private banks across Afghanistan resumed their operations. However, they limited withdrawals to no more than the equivalent of \$200 a day.

While some complained of still being unable to access their money, government employees say they haven't been paid over the last four months. The Afghani traded around 90.5 to \$1, continuing its depreciation as billions of dollars in the country's reserves remain frozen overseas.

--Akhgar reported from Istanbul, Gambrell from Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

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DoD Spokesman, Defense Press
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From: (b) (6)
CAPT USN CENTCOM CCCI
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Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021
10:09 AM

To: (b) (6) CIV OSD PA
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Subject: Re: Today's activity

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From: (b) (6) CIV OSD PA
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Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021

at 10:07:45 AM

To: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)"

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Subject: RE: Today's activity

Capt. (b) (6) (b) (5)

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From: Kirby, John F SES (USA)

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Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021
10:01 AM

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From: (b) (6)
CAPT USN CENTCOM CCCI
(USA)"

(b) (6)

Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021
at 9:56:41 AM

To: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)"

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CIV OSD

PA (USA)"

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"Butler, David M COL
USARMY JS OCJCS (USA)"

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MAJ USARMY OSD PA (USA)"

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"Trudeau, Elizabeth

K CIV OSD PA (USA)"

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"Lawhorn,
Michael T CIV CENTCOM CCCI
(USA)"

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"OSD Pentagon PA
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Operations"

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Cc: (b) (6)

CIV OSD PA (USA)"
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Subject: Re: Today's activity

Sir,

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Very respectfully,

CAPT (b) (6)

From: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)"

(b) (6)

Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021
at 9:46:25 AM

To: (b) (6)

CAPT USN CENTCOM CCCI

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OSD PA (USA)"

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"Butler, David M COL

USARMY JS OCJCS (USA)"

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Michael T CIV CENTCOM CCCI
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Subject: Re: Today's activity

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From: "(b) (6)
CAPT USN CENTCOM CCCI
(USA)"

(b) (6)

Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021
at 9:43:02 AM

To: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)"

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CIV OSD

PA (USA)"

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"Butler, David M COL

USARMY JS OCJCS (USA)"

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MAJ USARMY OSD PA (USA)"

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"Trudeau, Elizabeth

K CIV OSD PA (USA)"

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"Lawhorn,
Michael T CIV CENTCOM CCCI
(USA)"

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"OSD Pentagon PA
Mailbox Duty Officer Press
Operations"

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OSD PA (USA)"

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Subject: Re: Today's activity

Sir,

(b) (5)

Very respectfully,

CAPT (b) (6)

From: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)"

(b) (6)

Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021
at 9:37:47 AM

To: (b) (6)
CAPT USN CENTCOM CCCI
(USA)"

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"Butler, David M COL
USARMY JS OCJCS (USA)"

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"Lodewick, Robert L
MAJ USARMY OSD PA (USA)"

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"Trudeau, Elizabeth
K CIV OSD PA (USA)"

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"Lawhorn,
Michael T CIV CENTCOM CCCI
(USA)"

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Subject: Re: Today's activity

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From: (b) (6)

CAPT USN CENTCOM CCCI
(USA)"

(b) (6)

Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021
at 9:36:55 AM

To: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)"

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"Butler, David M COL
USARMY JS OCJCS (USA)"

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MAJ USARMY OSD PA (USA)"

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"Lawhorn,

Michael T CIV CENTCOM CCCI
(USA)"

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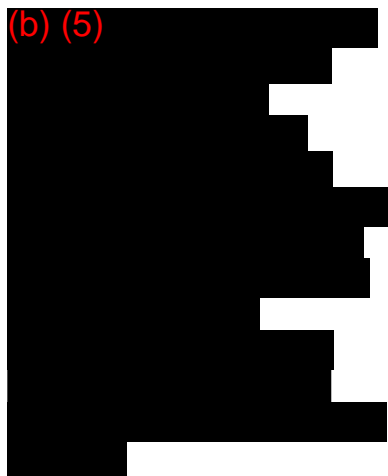
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Subject: Re: Today's activity

Sir,

CENTCOM's proposed
statement:

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Very respectfully,

CAPT (b) (6)

From: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)"

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(b) (6)

Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021
at 9:31:09 AM

To: "(b) (6) CIV OSD PA
(USA)"

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"Butler, David M COL
USARMY JS OCJCS (USA)"

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MAJ USARMY OSD PA (USA)"

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Trudeau, Elizabeth
K CIV OSD PA (USA)"

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"Lawhorn,
Michael T CIV CENTCOM CCCI
(USA)"

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(b) (6) >, "Lea, Ashley B (Brett)
(b) (6)

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OSD PA (USA)"

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CIV OSD PA (USA)"

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Subject: Re: Today's activity

I'm all for being contextual. But
I do not want to go any faster
than facts will allow. There will
be time to update. Slow and
steady keeps us disciplined.

From: "(b) (6) CIV OSD PA
(USA)"

(b) (6)

Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021

at 9:28:51 AM

To: (b) (6)

"Kirby, John F SES
(USA)"

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"Butler, David M COL
USARMY JS OCJCS (USA)"

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(USA)"

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MAJ USARMY OSD PA (USA)"

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"Trudeau, Elizabeth
K CIV OSD PA (USA)"

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Michael T CIV CENTCOM CCCI
(USA)"

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Subject: RE: Today's activity

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From: (b) (6) CIV (USA)

(b) (6)

Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021
9:19 AM

To: Kirby, John F SES (USA)

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Butler, David M COL
USARMY JS OCJCS (USA)

(b) (6)

CAPT USN CENTCOM CCCI
(USA)

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MAJ USARMY OSD PA (USA)

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Trudeau, Elizabeth
K CIV OSD PA (USA)

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Lawhorn,
Michael T CIV CENTCOM CCCI
(USA)

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PA (USA)
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Cc: (b) (6) CAPT USN
OSD PA (USA)
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CIV OSD PA (USA)
(b) (6)

Subject: Re: Today's activity

(b) (6)

From: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)"

(b) (6)

Date: Sunday, August 29, 2021
at 9:18:09 AM

To: "Butler, David M COL
USARMY JS OCJCS (USA)"

(b) (6)

CAPT USN CENTCOM CCCI
(USA)"

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CIV OSD PA (USA)"

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Michael T CIV CENTCOM CCCI
(USA)"

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Subject: Today's activity

Just spoke with CAPT (b) (6) (b) (6)

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I know we are all getting pinged. I'd ask that we hold on confirming anything until Bill and his team have been able to get the facts.

They're job will be hard enough without trying to deal with stray voltage out there.

Thanks.

K

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CTR (USA)

From: Kirby, John F SES (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 8:33 PM
To: (b) (6) CAPT USN TRANSCOM TCPA (USA)
Cc: (b) (6) CAPT USN OSD PA (USA); (b) (6) CAPT USN OSD PA (USA);
 Trudeau, Elizabeth K CIV OSD PA (USA); (b) (6) Col USAF OSD PA (USA); (b) (6)
 (b) (6) COL USARMY OSD PA (USA); (b) (6)
 (b) (6) CIV USAF AMC PA (USA); (b) (6)

Subject: Re: INFO// CRAF Deactivation Message to Airlines

(b) (5)

From: "(b) (6) CAPT USN TRANSCOM TCPA (USA)" (b) (6)
Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 8:11:27 PM
To: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)" (b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
 "DeWalt, Brook CAPT USN OSD PA (USA)" (b) (6) "Trudeau, Elizabeth K CIV OSD
 PA (USA)" (b) (6) Col USAF OSD PA (USA)"
 (b) (6) COL USARMY OSD PA (USA)"
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 (b) (6) CIV USAF AMC PA (USA)"
 (b) (6)

Subject: Re: INFO// CRAF Deactivation Message to Airlines

Sir,

(b) (5)

(b) (5)

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)

From: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)" (b) (6)

Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 6:04:00 PM

To: (b) (6)

(b) (6) CAPT USN OSD PA (USA)"
(b) (6) "Trudeau, Elizabeth K CIV OSD PA (USA)"
(b) (6) Col USAF OSD PA (USA)"
(b) (6) COL USARMY OSD PA (USA)"

Subject: Re: INFO// CRAF Deactivation Message to Airlines

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From: (b) (6) CAPT USN TRANSCOM TCPA (USA)"

(b) (6)

Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 6:25:59 PM

To: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)" (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)

(b) (6) CAPT USN OSD PA
(b) (6) "Trudeau, Elizabeth K CIV OSD PA
(b) (6) Col
(b) (6) USAF OSD PA (USA)"

(b) (6) COL USARMY OSD PA (USA)"

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(b) (6) CIV USAF AMC PA (USA)"

Subject: Re: INFO// CRAF Deactivation Message to Airlines

Sir,

(b) (5)

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6)

From: "Kirby, John F SES (USA)"

(b) (6)

Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 5:11:28 PM

To: "(b) (6) CAPT USN TRANSCOM TCPA (USA)"

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Cc: (b) (6)

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CAPT USN OSD PA (USA)"

(b) (6)

"Trudeau, Elizabeth K CIV

OSD PA (USA)" (b) (6)

CoI USAF OSD PA (USA)"

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COL USARMY OSD PA (USA)"

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CIV USAF AMC PA (USA)"

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Subject: RE: INFO// CRAF Deactivation Message to Airlines

(b) (5)

From: (b) (6) CAPT USN TRANSCOM TCPA (USA)

(b) (6)

Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 2:00 PM

To: Kirby, John F SES (USA) (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)

(b) (6) CAPT USN OSD PA (USA)

(b) (6) ; Trudeau, Elizabeth K CIV

OSD PA (USA) (b) (6)

Col USAF OSD PA (USA)

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COL USARMY OSD PA (USA)

(b) (6)

CIV USAF AMC PA (USA)

(b) (6)

Subject: INFO// CRAF Deactivation Message to Airlines

Mr. Kirby,

Sir, FYSA. (b) (5)

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Very Respectfully,

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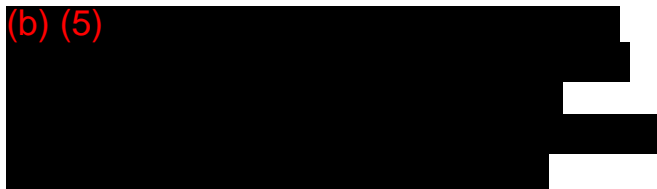
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