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To: H
Subject: Re: Followup

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I am not at the off-site with Holbrooke and Petraeus but I'm getting regular updates and there will be a full readout. About 75% of the people who do Af/Pak policy in government are there, with Petraeus and Holbrooke co-chairing, and Jack Lew and Michele Flournoy helping run it. There are apparently 6 three-stars (including McKiernan's likely successor) and everyone from Barney Rubin to Sarah Chayes.

Paul Jones gave our civilian surge presentation and it went very well -- helped set the agenda in our favor. That said, there remains some "creative tension" between Holbrooke/Lew on the one hand and Flournoy/Petraeus on the other on whether the State Department will actually be able to meet the goals. The Pentagon folks keep pressing on how many assets they might have to deploy and when. The tension is playing out, though, in collegial, positive atmosphere and we're pushing back hard with the specifics of our plan.

Apparently, the meeting hit a snag on strategic communications -- the Pentagon does not seem to have a firm grasp of the enterprise or its role.

Two other quick points:

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On Sat, May 2, 2009 at 1:37 PM, H <HDR22@clintonemail.com> wrote:
 Are you at the planning meeting w Holbrooke and Patraeus?

Also, have you seen the readout from my Karzai call? Has Holbrooke? What's the feedback?