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SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

Somalia

- Jack reported briefly on results of meeting with OFAC on Somalia humanitarian assistance. He expressed concern that no definite limits were being discussed for amounts that could be paid.

Afghanistan

- [Redacted] Not much input expected from State for this.

Secretary's Meetings with Russians and Chinese

- Bill said he had been in touch with Jake and would send updated points on START and Iran for the Secretary's meetings with Lavrov and Yang tomorrow. (Note: I have forwarded these to Jake via the Line Team on the high side.)

Legal Issues

- [Redacted]
- Harold also flagged an action memo coming to the Secretary recommending that [Redacted]

Public Affairs

- Anticipate questions on Afghanistan and Honduras.

Congressional Issues

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- Rich noted that preparations are proceeding for Raj Shah's confirmation. He will start a round of Hill calls next Tuesday, and there will be a couple murder boards before his tentative hearing date on December 1.
- Today is in essence the drop dead date for getting nominations to the Hill in time for possible confirmation this year.
- Jack will send another letter to Senator Lugar that should result in his lifting the hold on agricultural assistance to Afghanistan.
- The timing of the Afghanistan/Pakistan rollout and hearings remains in flux.
- H is still waiting for the QFRs from Senator LeMieux with respect to Tom Shannon's nomination.

#### Afghanistan and Pakistan Bombings

- I noted that we still do not know the nationality of the 11 KBR contractors wounded along with 6 U.S. military in a suicide attack near Camp Phoenix (near Kabul) today. One foreign national was killed in the attack.
- Meanwhile, there were no reported U.S. casualties in the bombing of the ISI building in Peshawar, though the U.S. Consulate did sustain minor damage.