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Closed the loop with French. We will not do Afpak meeting on Nov. 8. Our agreed reason is that with elections now scheduled for Nov. 7, timing is not right. We can discuss Afpak with all the allies at the December 3 NATO ministerial.

Separate issue is whether to stop in Paris Nov. 8 for quick bilat. I said we remained open to that but that might be better to just put it off until we can do a "proper" Paris visit. Kouchner is in Beirut for the weekend but will get back to us soonest.