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President Barack Obama is expected to announce his intention to withdraw 33,000 U.S. troops sent to Afghanistan as part of a surge in U.S. forces by the end of 2012, with at least 5,000 personnel due to leave by the end of this year, according to administration officials. Obama, who has yet to determine the precise pace of withdrawal, will make the announcement Wednesday night at 8 in a televised address from the White House.

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