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(b)(6) Per the Deputy's request, please see the message below. Best, (b)(6)

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Deputy Secretary Sherman, Deputy Secretary McKeon, and Under Secretary Nuland—

Good afternoon. We received the dissent channel message below expressing concern regarding U.S. policy toward Afghanistan. Please let me know if you would like to provide initial guidance to shape our response on this matter.

Very respectfully,

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Policy Planning Staff (S/P)  
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12. ~~(SBU) Per 2 Fam 072~~, prior to resorting to this Dissent Channel cable, drafters made every effort to ensure the above alternative foreign policy views were communicated in a full and timely manner through regular operating channels and procedures.

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