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MEMORANDUM

February 16, 2020

To: Members of the Subcommittee on National Security

Fr: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing on “A Pathway for Peace in Afghanistan: Examining the Findings and Recommendations of the Afghanistan Study Group”

On **Friday, February 19, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.**, the Subcommittee will hold a virtual hearing via WebEx to examine the final report released by the Afghanistan Study Group (ASG) facilitated by the U.S. Institute of Peace, which Congress established in December 2019 to “consider the implications of a peace settlement, or the failure to reach a settlement, on U.S. policy, resources, and commitments in Afghanistan.”¹

I. HEARING PURPOSE

On February 3, 2021, the ASG released its final report, concluding that this moment presents an opportunity to “achieve a just and durable peace in Afghanistan,” but that doing so requires “a significant revision of U.S. policy.”² This hearing will examine the ASG’s findings and recommendations and consider how they might aid the new presidential administration as they evaluate how best to defend and protect U.S. national security interests in Afghanistan.

II. WITNESSES

The Honorable Kelly A. Ayotte
Co-Chair
Afghanistan Study Group

General Joseph F. Dunford Jr. (Ret)
Co-Chair
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¹ U.S. Institute of Peace, *Afghanistan Study Group Final Report* (Feb. 3, 2021) (online at www.usip.org/publications/2021/02/afghanistan-study-group-final-report-pathway-peace-afghanistan).

² *Id.*

The Honorable Nancy Lindborg
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