U.S. Special Envoy Shows Draft Deal with Taliban to Afghan President

The U.S. special representative for Afghanistan showed Ashraf Ghani on Monday the draft of an agreement between the United States and the Taliban expected to clear the way for a phased U.S. troop withdrawal, officials said.

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