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We need to think through building the case for the conduct of combat operations in Afghanistan against those involved in the drug trade – potentially a somewhat different basket of opponents than the terrorists and Taliban we are currently pursuing.

Please take the lead, working with Jim Haynes and the Joint Staff, to ensure that we know the proper approach if we decide to exercise options against drug traders and their infrastructure.

Thanks.

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