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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about treachery. Once again you are leaving allies in the lurch. At least the Afghan government is getting more warning than did the Kurdish forces in Syria but it will still be noticed by any group desperate enough to work with the US in future. While touting your great deal with the Taliban you put the actual deal part into secret annexes which Rep. Engel as House Foreign Affairs Committee chair calls an abuse of classification. You assert that the agreement ends violence, but attacks continue apace with at least fifteen slaughtered near Kunduz. Secretary Pompeo assures us that a prisoner swap was agreed to apparently surprising President Ghani. Overall it has the feel of a slipshod agreement reached by an eviscerated State Department with an eye to a signing ceremony and angry tweets as the main enforcement mechanism.

Please assure me that you will leave diplomacy to diplomats.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our global reach.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson