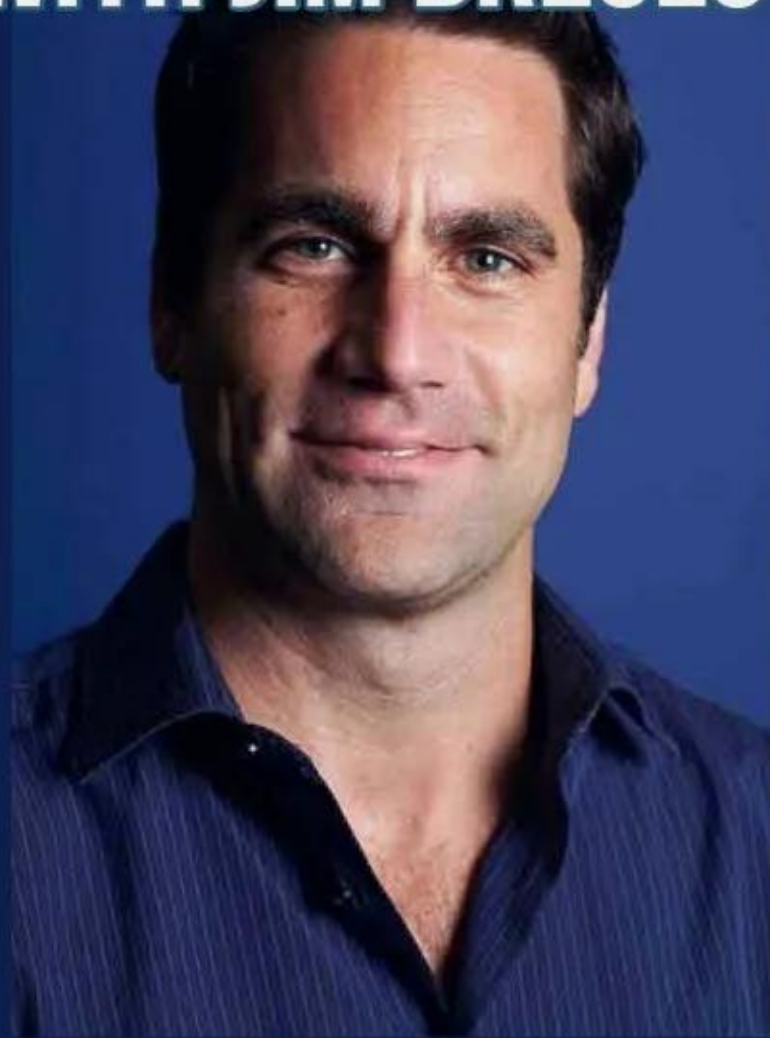


HIDDEN TRUTH SHOW WITH JIM BRESLO



**BRIG. GEN.
CHRIS PETTY**

LT. GEN. ROBERT "ROD" BISHOP



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00:00:05,430 --> 00:00:04,070
okay here's our interview with the

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00:00:07,110 --> 00:00:05,440
generals

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00:00:08,870 --> 00:00:07,120
here's my little thoughts on the

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00:00:11,669 --> 00:00:08,880
bungling of the of the the pull out it

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00:00:15,829 --> 00:00:11,679
seems to me primarily a failure of

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00:00:17,990 --> 00:00:15,839
intelligence because it seems that most

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00:00:20,230 --> 00:00:18,000
that most people even in the upper

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00:00:22,390 --> 00:00:20,240
echelons of the government

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00:00:24,390 --> 00:00:22,400
did not anticipate

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00:00:27,029 --> 00:00:24,400
that the taliban would take over so

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00:00:29,349 --> 00:00:27,039
quickly and be in kabul in what less

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00:00:31,349 --> 00:00:29,359
than a week so that would seem to me to

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00:00:33,510 --> 00:00:31,359

be failure of intelligence the other

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00:00:35,670 --> 00:00:33,520

comment i have is that

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00:00:37,190 --> 00:00:35,680

i i really wanted to look in to see what

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00:00:39,270 --> 00:00:37,200

this um

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00:00:40,869 --> 00:00:39,280

doha deal was that the trump

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00:00:44,389 --> 00:00:40,879

administration entered into with the

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00:00:46,709 --> 00:00:44,399

taliban in early 2020

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00:00:48,790 --> 00:00:46,719

and apparently a key provision of that

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00:00:50,790 --> 00:00:48,800

was that it only takes effect if we only

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00:00:52,069 --> 00:00:50,800

remove our troops if there is a

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00:00:54,229 --> 00:00:52,079

subsequent

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00:00:55,430 --> 00:00:54,239

deal between the taliban and the afghan

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00:00:56,630 --> 00:00:55,440

government

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00:00:58,389 --> 00:00:56,640

and you know essentially that's the

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00:01:02,069 --> 00:00:58,399

power sharing deal that you that you

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00:01:04,630 --> 00:01:02,079

hear about well that deal never happened

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00:01:06,469 --> 00:01:04,640

and the lack of such a deal

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00:01:08,550 --> 00:01:06,479

certainly seems to have played into what

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00:01:10,550 --> 00:01:08,560

we're seeing today

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00:01:12,310 --> 00:01:10,560

but the biden administration apparently

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00:01:14,789 --> 00:01:12,320

decided we're going to go ahead with the

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00:01:16,230 --> 00:01:14,799

troop pull out even though that element

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00:01:17,590 --> 00:01:16,240

of the deal

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00:01:18,789 --> 00:01:17,600

never came to

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00:01:20,870 --> 00:01:18,799

fruition

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00:01:22,149 --> 00:01:20,880

that seems to have perhaps have been a

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00:01:24,630 --> 00:01:22,159

significant

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00:01:25,429 --> 00:01:24,640

error here or or cause of what we're

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00:01:28,550 --> 00:01:25,439

seeing

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00:01:34,230 --> 00:01:31,830

yeah well i can start um i i

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00:01:35,910 --> 00:01:34,240

absolutely agree with you jim i think

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00:01:37,429 --> 00:01:35,920

but i think it's easy to blame the

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00:01:39,190 --> 00:01:37,439

intelligence

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00:01:41,910 --> 00:01:39,200

community

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00:01:44,149 --> 00:01:41,920

and we do we do it quite often you know

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00:01:45,749 --> 00:01:44,159

intelligence failure um

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00:01:49,190 --> 00:01:45,759

it's more than that as you you've

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00:01:50,469 --> 00:01:49,200

alluded to um the strategy was flawed

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00:01:53,590 --> 00:01:50,479
from the beginning we can talk about

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00:01:55,270 --> 00:01:53,600
that if you want to in a bit but

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00:01:57,109 --> 00:01:55,280
the handoff between the trump

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00:01:59,590 --> 00:01:57,119
administration and the biden

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00:02:02,230 --> 00:01:59,600
administration um and you mentioned the

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00:02:03,830 --> 00:02:02,240
doha agreement it's a key aspect of that

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00:02:05,350 --> 00:02:03,840
but it seems that

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00:02:07,270 --> 00:02:05,360
and we don't know how trump would have

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00:02:09,669 --> 00:02:07,280
done the withdrawal plan honestly we can

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00:02:11,510 --> 00:02:09,679
speculate on that um and i don't think

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00:02:13,750 --> 00:02:11,520
most americans would argue that getting

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00:02:16,710 --> 00:02:13,760
out of afghanistan is the wrong idea i

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00:02:18,790 --> 00:02:16,720

think there's widespread support for

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00:02:20,869 --> 00:02:18,800

sort of uh at least minimizing our

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00:02:23,110 --> 00:02:20,879

footprint and closing this chapter a

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00:02:24,869 --> 00:02:23,120

little bit in american history since

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00:02:25,750 --> 00:02:24,879

it's been 20 years

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00:02:29,750 --> 00:02:25,760

but

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00:02:31,589 --> 00:02:29,760

need to look at is

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00:02:33,190 --> 00:02:31,599

you know and at some point this will

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00:02:34,949 --> 00:02:33,200

come out you know when when we get to

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00:02:36,470 --> 00:02:34,959

bob order book you know we'll actually

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00:02:37,990 --> 00:02:36,480

know what happened in the national

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00:02:40,550 --> 00:02:38,000

security council

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00:02:43,190 --> 00:02:40,560

on the discussions between

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00:02:45,589 --> 00:02:43,200

the national security advisor the the

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00:02:47,910 --> 00:02:45,599

chairman of the joint chiefs um you know

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00:02:49,589 --> 00:02:47,920

the ambassador

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00:02:52,150 --> 00:02:49,599

secretary

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00:02:53,589 --> 00:02:52,160

you know how could you

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00:02:55,990 --> 00:02:53,599

take all of the

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00:02:57,589 --> 00:02:56,000

conditions that you were handed because

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00:02:59,990 --> 00:02:57,599

those were not perfect

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00:03:01,110 --> 00:03:00,000

and how could you then take that and

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00:03:03,750 --> 00:03:01,120

then

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00:03:05,270 --> 00:03:03,760

create this lack of what looks like a

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00:03:08,149 --> 00:03:05,280

lack of a plan

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00:03:10,070 --> 00:03:08,159

which which essentially turned to okay

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00:03:11,910 --> 00:03:10,080

here's our date we're gonna announce

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00:03:14,229 --> 00:03:11,920

that date to the world

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00:03:16,710 --> 00:03:14,239

we're gonna surrender all the initiative

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00:03:19,270 --> 00:03:16,720

to the enemy because not only are we

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00:03:20,309 --> 00:03:19,280

gonna announce a date but we are going

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00:03:22,229 --> 00:03:20,319

to

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00:03:23,509 --> 00:03:22,239

withdraw our command and control

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00:03:25,670 --> 00:03:23,519

headquarters

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00:03:28,149 --> 00:03:25,680

and then we're going to withdraw our

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00:03:29,509 --> 00:03:28,159

military forces and then we're going to

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00:03:33,270 --> 00:03:29,519

shut down

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00:03:36,149 --> 00:03:33,280

our primary secure air base for

101
00:03:39,030 --> 00:03:36,159
logistics and evacuation and everything

102
00:03:40,949 --> 00:03:39,040
and then we're going to respond to

103
00:03:43,430 --> 00:03:40,959
surprise events and maybe think about

104
00:03:44,229 --> 00:03:43,440
civilians and evacuations after the fact

105
00:03:47,750 --> 00:03:44,239
so

106
00:03:48,550 --> 00:03:47,760
that's what it looks like

107
00:03:49,990 --> 00:03:48,560
which

108
00:03:51,670 --> 00:03:50,000
you know we're all scratching our heads

109
00:03:53,910 --> 00:03:51,680
i think a lot of commentators a lot of

110
00:03:56,550 --> 00:03:53,920
very smart people especially saying

111
00:03:57,429 --> 00:03:56,560
how could that happen how could you move

112
00:03:59,910 --> 00:03:57,439
from

113
00:04:02,869 --> 00:03:59,920

what surely was a planning process for

114

00:04:04,470 --> 00:04:02,879

your withdrawal date for your uh you

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00:04:07,589 --> 00:04:04,480

know evacuation of

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00:04:10,390 --> 00:04:07,599

of non-combatants citizens um afghan

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00:04:13,589 --> 00:04:10,400

allies interpreters etc

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00:04:16,789 --> 00:04:13,599

you must have had a plan and even if you

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00:04:18,390 --> 00:04:16,799

mis understood or or misinterpreted or

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00:04:19,509 --> 00:04:18,400

the intelligence community somehow

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00:04:22,550 --> 00:04:19,519

failed to

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00:04:23,830 --> 00:04:22,560

warn about the collapse

123

00:04:25,990 --> 00:04:23,840

you could

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00:04:29,430 --> 00:04:26,000

you had to have a plan that that took

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00:04:30,790 --> 00:04:29,440

into account some level of degradation

126
00:04:33,909 --> 00:04:30,800
and collapse

127
00:04:36,870 --> 00:04:33,919
otherwise i i would argue you didn't

128
00:04:39,430 --> 00:04:36,880
really have a plan so

129
00:04:41,670 --> 00:04:39,440
i'm really curious what happened in the

130
00:04:43,909 --> 00:04:41,680
interim between here's our date here's

131
00:04:46,310 --> 00:04:43,919
what we're announcing to the world and

132
00:04:48,390 --> 00:04:46,320
oh my gosh everything's collapsing and

133
00:04:50,550 --> 00:04:48,400
we've got to bring back large military

134
00:04:52,230 --> 00:04:50,560
assets in here and react in a chaotic

135
00:04:54,629 --> 00:04:52,240
environment when we have

136
00:04:57,270 --> 00:04:54,639
absolutely given the initiative to the

137
00:04:59,830 --> 00:04:57,280
taliban and we've given that initiative

138
00:05:01,350 --> 00:04:59,840

away from ourselves so so i'm i'm

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00:05:02,469 --> 00:05:01,360

baffled by that whole thing jim i don't

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00:05:04,070 --> 00:05:02,479

know if that's

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00:05:05,749 --> 00:05:04,080

down the road where you want to go with

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00:05:08,550 --> 00:05:05,759

this and general bishop probably has

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00:05:14,550 --> 00:05:08,560

some thoughts as well

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00:05:18,790 --> 00:05:16,710

yeah i agree with what chris was saying

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00:05:21,590 --> 00:05:18,800

i'd like to tweak though

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00:05:23,350 --> 00:05:21,600

the concept of uh getting out

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00:05:26,550 --> 00:05:23,360

uh

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00:05:29,029 --> 00:05:26,560

ending these endless wars as our former

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00:05:30,629 --> 00:05:29,039

president like to say

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00:05:33,830 --> 00:05:30,639

i don't think that most americans

151
00:05:35,749 --> 00:05:33,840
realize we have 6 000 people deployed

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00:05:38,469 --> 00:05:35,759
across africa

153
00:05:40,230 --> 00:05:38,479
i don't think most americans realize

154
00:05:43,670 --> 00:05:40,240
every time an aircraft carrier leaves

155
00:05:45,350 --> 00:05:43,680
port that has 6 000 americans

156
00:05:46,510 --> 00:05:45,360
deployed on it

157
00:05:48,070 --> 00:05:46,520
so to have

158
00:05:51,430 --> 00:05:48,080
2500

159
00:05:54,310 --> 00:05:51,440
americans stationed at what really was

160
00:05:56,550 --> 00:05:54,320
a forward intelligent outpost

161
00:05:58,710 --> 00:05:56,560
you know to characterize that as

162
00:06:00,710 --> 00:05:58,720
bringing those americans home as ending

163
00:06:01,990 --> 00:06:00,720

the endless wars i'm with tony what tony

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00:06:03,909 --> 00:06:02,000

blair said

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00:06:05,590 --> 00:06:03,919

on that this past weekend

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00:06:08,550 --> 00:06:05,600

this is far different

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00:06:10,950 --> 00:06:08,560

than 2001 or even 2011

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00:06:12,309 --> 00:06:10,960

as to the commitment we had

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00:06:13,189 --> 00:06:12,319

so

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00:06:16,230 --> 00:06:13,199

um

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00:06:18,309 --> 00:06:16,240

the planning part chris has spot on

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00:06:21,029 --> 00:06:18,319

i've shot you know before i spent an

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00:06:22,350 --> 00:06:21,039

hour before the show looking at

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00:06:24,390 --> 00:06:22,360

the joint pub

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00:06:27,670 --> 00:06:24,400

3-68 which is

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00:06:29,430 --> 00:06:27,680

non-combatant evacuation operations

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00:06:30,950 --> 00:06:29,440

and it seems to me like they didn't take

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00:06:32,070 --> 00:06:30,960

it off the shelf

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00:06:34,390 --> 00:06:32,080

and

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00:06:35,990 --> 00:06:34,400

people tend to blame

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00:06:37,990 --> 00:06:36,000

the military

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00:06:38,870 --> 00:06:38,000

for a lack of a plan

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00:06:40,710 --> 00:06:38,880

but

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00:06:42,950 --> 00:06:40,720

those of us who have been around neos

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00:06:44,710 --> 00:06:42,960

and as a lifelong logistician i've been

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00:06:46,950 --> 00:06:44,720

around and planned a lot

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00:06:48,629 --> 00:06:46,960

uh we know that and i'm just gonna quote

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00:06:49,629 --> 00:06:48,639

here real quickly

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00:06:51,909 --> 00:06:49,639

during

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00:06:54,150 --> 00:06:51,919

non-uh combatant

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00:06:55,350 --> 00:06:54,160

evacuation operations the chief of

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00:06:56,309 --> 00:06:55,360

mission

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00:06:58,870 --> 00:06:56,319

neither

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00:06:59,909 --> 00:06:58,880

the geographic combatant commander nor

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00:07:05,110 --> 00:06:59,919

the

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00:07:07,430 --> 00:07:05,120

senior united government authority

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00:07:09,749 --> 00:07:07,440

and then to show again how the

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00:07:11,510 --> 00:07:09,759

department of defense is subservient to

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00:07:12,790 --> 00:07:11,520

the secretary of state the next page

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00:07:16,870 --> 00:07:12,800

goes on

201
00:07:18,950 --> 00:07:16,880
to say sec deaf advises

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00:07:21,029 --> 00:07:18,960
sac state in the heads of other

203
00:07:22,710 --> 00:07:21,039
government departments and agencies as

204
00:07:23,909 --> 00:07:22,720
appropriate

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so

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00:07:29,909 --> 00:07:25,440
as

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robert litter book will learn really

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00:07:33,589 --> 00:07:32,560
what went beyond or behind the scenes on

209
00:07:36,950 --> 00:07:33,599
all that

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00:07:39,189 --> 00:07:36,960
but one has to ask even if

211
00:07:41,510 --> 00:07:39,199
the secretary of state

212
00:07:43,189 --> 00:07:41,520
and potentially the president i guess

213
00:07:45,830 --> 00:07:43,199

were driving

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00:07:48,230 --> 00:07:45,840

this sequencing of

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00:07:49,670 --> 00:07:48,240

the withdrawal from afghanistan i need

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00:07:51,110 --> 00:07:49,680

to take

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00:07:53,990 --> 00:07:51,120

your troops

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00:07:54,869 --> 00:07:54,000

leave the weapons and then evacuate the

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00:07:57,670 --> 00:07:54,879

people

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00:07:58,469 --> 00:07:57,680

it just defies all logic

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00:08:00,469 --> 00:07:58,479

so

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00:08:02,550 --> 00:08:00,479

why in the world would we do that and

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00:08:04,469 --> 00:08:02,560

why would the secretary of defense the

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00:08:05,909 --> 00:08:04,479

defense department

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00:08:08,550 --> 00:08:05,919

not object

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00:08:11,749 --> 00:08:08,560

to that in a big way because

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00:08:13,830 --> 00:08:11,759

a dandelion could have seen this happen

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00:08:15,749 --> 00:08:13,840

i mean we we were talking about this

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00:08:17,830 --> 00:08:15,759

back in in

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00:08:19,510 --> 00:08:17,840

in july first part of july when we were

231

00:08:23,110 --> 00:08:19,520

evacuated

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00:08:26,390 --> 00:08:24,550

well yeah and that's what i'm trying to

233

00:08:28,230 --> 00:08:26,400

understand is

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00:08:29,909 --> 00:08:28,240

how they came to this decision and my

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00:08:32,230 --> 00:08:29,919

only thought is that they must have

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00:08:33,909 --> 00:08:32,240

assumed that this afghan military of

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00:08:34,630 --> 00:08:33,919

some 300 000

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00:08:36,630 --> 00:08:34,640

with

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00:08:38,230 --> 00:08:36,640

billions of dollars of american

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00:08:41,750 --> 00:08:38,240

equipment

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00:08:44,310 --> 00:08:41,760

was going to hold up longer than it did

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00:08:46,070 --> 00:08:44,320

so that anyone who did want to leave

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00:08:48,389 --> 00:08:46,080

would have plenty of time

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00:08:50,710 --> 00:08:48,399

to leave so even though it certainly

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00:08:52,310 --> 00:08:50,720

seems odd especially in hindsight that

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00:08:54,070 --> 00:08:52,320

the us military pulled out without

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00:08:55,750 --> 00:08:54,080

making sure that anyone who wanted to

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00:08:57,670 --> 00:08:55,760

leave could leave

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00:08:59,350 --> 00:08:57,680

seemed to me that they were assuming

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00:09:01,990 --> 00:08:59,360

that we were going to have

251
00:09:03,750 --> 00:09:02,000
let's just say a bare minimum bare bare

252
00:09:05,110 --> 00:09:03,760
minimum of a month

253
00:09:07,829 --> 00:09:05,120
before

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00:09:09,670 --> 00:09:07,839
the taliban was in kabul but certainly

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00:09:12,070 --> 00:09:09,680
the they assumed they projected many

256
00:09:13,590 --> 00:09:12,080
months and so that i assume their

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00:09:17,030 --> 00:09:13,600
thought was that there would be plenty

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00:09:19,430 --> 00:09:17,040
of time for anyone who chose to get out

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00:09:21,190 --> 00:09:19,440
to get out of course the hope was people

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00:09:22,949 --> 00:09:21,200
would perhaps never need to leave

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00:09:24,310 --> 00:09:22,959
because the afghan government would

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00:09:27,430 --> 00:09:24,320
would hold up

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00:09:30,310 --> 00:09:27,440

crumbled

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00:09:32,550 --> 00:09:30,320

in a matter of days

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00:09:34,630 --> 00:09:32,560

so

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00:09:36,630 --> 00:09:34,640

that's why i go back to

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00:09:38,870 --> 00:09:36,640

did we not see this that this thing was

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00:09:41,509 --> 00:09:38,880

going to crumble in a matter of days it

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00:09:43,509 --> 00:09:41,519

it seems that we didn't see that

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00:09:46,550 --> 00:09:43,519

well

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00:09:48,150 --> 00:09:46,560

you have have chris on to uh

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00:09:50,470 --> 00:09:48,160

because he spent more time there than i

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00:09:52,389 --> 00:09:50,480

have i i've been to afghanistan maybe

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00:09:54,790 --> 00:09:52,399

five or six times

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00:09:56,870 --> 00:09:54,800

but they were really only for overnights

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00:09:59,110 --> 00:09:56,880

but in just those overnights and talking

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00:10:01,670 --> 00:09:59,120

with the people mainly at bagram some in

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00:10:04,069 --> 00:10:01,680

kandahar when you ask them how it was

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00:10:06,069 --> 00:10:04,079

going you could never get clarity on

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00:10:08,550 --> 00:10:06,079

that answer

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00:10:10,949 --> 00:10:08,560

and that's what i referred to jim in my

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00:10:13,509 --> 00:10:10,959

email to you about the tank

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00:10:15,829 --> 00:10:13,519

i'm the air force guy the air force

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00:10:17,030 --> 00:10:15,839

representative for most of the year as a

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00:10:19,990 --> 00:10:17,040

two star

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00:10:22,710 --> 00:10:20,000

among three star desops because my three

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00:10:25,190 --> 00:10:22,720

star boss liked to travel a lot

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00:10:27,750 --> 00:10:25,200

and ninety percent of our meetings in

289

00:10:29,430 --> 00:10:27,760

the tank all had to do and the tank for

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00:10:30,630 --> 00:10:29,440

your audience you're not familiar with

291

00:10:32,710 --> 00:10:30,640

it's a little

292

00:10:34,550 --> 00:10:32,720

a conference room in the joint chiefs of

293

00:10:36,710 --> 00:10:34,560

staff area

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00:10:39,350 --> 00:10:36,720

and that's where the des ops the deputy

295

00:10:41,509 --> 00:10:39,360

of operations for all the services

296

00:10:45,030 --> 00:10:41,519

meet on monday and wednesday to tee up

297

00:10:46,470 --> 00:10:45,040

issues for the chiefs on friday

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00:10:47,670 --> 00:10:46,480

and 90

299

00:10:49,910 --> 00:10:47,680

of all the

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00:10:52,310 --> 00:10:49,920

tank meetings i was in was having to do

301
00:10:54,550 --> 00:10:52,320
with afghanistan and what's the next

302
00:10:56,790 --> 00:10:54,560
unit to rotate in

303
00:10:57,670 --> 00:10:56,800
and after about six months i finally

304
00:10:59,750 --> 00:10:57,680
said

305
00:11:02,150 --> 00:10:59,760
you know guys i mean there's a lot more

306
00:11:03,990 --> 00:11:02,160
going on in the world than just what the

307
00:11:07,190 --> 00:11:04,000
next army units are going to be the ones

308
00:11:09,110 --> 00:11:07,200
to rotate and where are metrics i mean

309
00:11:11,670 --> 00:11:09,120
what's the definition here how many

310
00:11:14,790 --> 00:11:11,680
people are we trying to train

311
00:11:16,630 --> 00:11:14,800
how qualified do they have to be

312
00:11:19,269 --> 00:11:16,640
and those are just

313
00:11:21,829 --> 00:11:19,279

you know kind of black and white metrics

314

00:11:22,710 --> 00:11:21,839

something that would be harder to get to

315

00:11:29,269 --> 00:11:22,720

is

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00:11:31,190 --> 00:11:29,279

to stay behind you may have seen

317

00:11:33,190 --> 00:11:31,200

the interview of general miller back in

318

00:11:35,190 --> 00:11:33,200

may the commander over there when a

319

00:11:37,110 --> 00:11:35,200

reporter is pressing him as

320

00:11:38,230 --> 00:11:37,120

well as the army is the afghan army

321

00:11:40,470 --> 00:11:38,240

going to hold

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00:11:41,829 --> 00:11:40,480

and he says they have to hold well are

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00:11:44,870 --> 00:11:41,839

they going to hold well they have to

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00:11:46,310 --> 00:11:44,880

hold to me that was an element of doubt

325

00:11:49,990 --> 00:11:46,320

and when you look at

326

00:11:53,269 --> 00:11:50,000

a map that many of us have seen

327

00:11:56,470 --> 00:11:53,279

the taliban had taken over half of

328

00:11:57,430 --> 00:11:56,480

afghanistan by the first of july

329

00:12:00,230 --> 00:11:57,440

so

330

00:12:02,710 --> 00:12:00,240

to say that we couldn't see this coming

331

00:12:05,430 --> 00:12:02,720

in the middle of august i think

332

00:12:06,949 --> 00:12:05,440

um we're putting our heads in

333

00:12:09,350 --> 00:12:06,959

sorry chris i think we stepped on one

334

00:12:11,750 --> 00:12:09,360

another no no sir uh absolutely

335

00:12:13,509 --> 00:12:11,760

appropriate um the one thing that as you

336

00:12:14,710 --> 00:12:13,519

were talking jim i'm thinking to myself

337

00:12:17,269 --> 00:12:14,720

okay

338

00:12:19,430 --> 00:12:17,279

even if we missed it as

339

00:12:20,470 --> 00:12:19,440

an intelligence community as military

340

00:12:21,670 --> 00:12:20,480

planners

341

00:12:24,150 --> 00:12:21,680

one of the things that we're always

342

00:12:26,389 --> 00:12:24,160

taught from day one is when you do any

343

00:12:28,949 --> 00:12:26,399

course of action planning

344

00:12:30,870 --> 00:12:28,959

you plan for the most likely

345

00:12:33,110 --> 00:12:30,880

enemy course of action to oppose your

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00:12:35,190 --> 00:12:33,120

plan but you also

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00:12:37,430 --> 00:12:35,200

you also always plan for the most

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00:12:40,389 --> 00:12:37,440

dangerous course of action that could

349

00:12:43,910 --> 00:12:40,399

affect your plan i mean that is that is

350

00:12:45,829 --> 00:12:43,920

planning 101 for any of our joint

351
00:12:48,069 --> 00:12:45,839
services so

352
00:12:49,990 --> 00:12:48,079
i can i can say with some

353
00:12:52,310 --> 00:12:50,000
assurance that

354
00:12:53,269 --> 00:12:52,320
members are senior military members did

355
00:12:55,750 --> 00:12:53,279
the

356
00:12:57,750 --> 00:12:55,760
most dangerous course of action planning

357
00:13:00,150 --> 00:12:57,760
and that's again i can't wait to see the

358
00:13:02,389 --> 00:13:00,160
real after action on this

359
00:13:06,069 --> 00:13:02,399
but then what was done with that was it

360
00:13:07,590 --> 00:13:06,079
ignored was it assumed away i mean that

361
00:13:09,509 --> 00:13:07,600
i think that's part of the crux of the

362
00:13:11,350 --> 00:13:09,519
problem because i can i'm just saying

363
00:13:12,949 --> 00:13:11,360

that's it's very basic most dangerous

364

00:13:15,110 --> 00:13:12,959

course of action is

365

00:13:16,790 --> 00:13:15,120

the military the afghan international

366

00:13:18,949 --> 00:13:16,800

army collapses

367

00:13:21,110 --> 00:13:18,959

we've already evacuated some

368

00:13:22,069 --> 00:13:21,120

some level of

369

00:13:23,750 --> 00:13:22,079

force

370

00:13:25,350 --> 00:13:23,760

and now we're responding to crisis

371

00:13:27,910 --> 00:13:25,360

that's that's the most dangerous course

372

00:13:31,509 --> 00:13:27,920

of action so

373

00:13:32,710 --> 00:13:31,519

i'm very curious about that plan

374

00:13:35,269 --> 00:13:32,720

yeah in other words there had to be a

375

00:13:37,430 --> 00:13:35,279

plan for the taliban to take over kabul

376

00:13:39,189 --> 00:13:37,440

what what happens when that takes place

377

00:13:40,389 --> 00:13:39,199

and and by the way that could have

378

00:13:42,710 --> 00:13:40,399

happened

379

00:13:44,069 --> 00:13:42,720

immediately which it did or it could

380

00:13:45,750 --> 00:13:44,079

have happened a month or two down the

381

00:13:47,110 --> 00:13:45,760

road and either way

382

00:13:49,910 --> 00:13:47,120

it would have been a great situation

383

00:13:52,470 --> 00:13:49,920

because it seems to me that's when

384

00:13:55,110 --> 00:13:52,480

all of the americans

385

00:13:57,030 --> 00:13:55,120

are wanting to get out is once they take

386

00:13:58,949 --> 00:13:57,040

over kabul i mean i don't think there

387

00:14:01,269 --> 00:13:58,959

was necessarily a thought that everybody

388

00:14:04,150 --> 00:14:01,279

was going to have to evacuate i mean

389

00:14:06,069 --> 00:14:04,160

what about our embassy was it assumed

390

00:14:10,069 --> 00:14:06,079

that america was going to give up our

391

00:14:15,030 --> 00:14:10,079

embassy in kabul but it's now been

392

00:14:18,389 --> 00:14:16,710

i'd be hard-pressed to think that that

393

00:14:20,150 --> 00:14:18,399

was in the list of assumptions that we

394

00:14:22,470 --> 00:14:20,160

were just going to walk away from that

395

00:14:23,910 --> 00:14:22,480

multi multi-million dollar structure

396

00:14:24,710 --> 00:14:23,920

overnight

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00:14:25,590 --> 00:14:24,720

right

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00:14:28,230 --> 00:14:25,600

whether it would have happened

399

00:14:30,550 --> 00:14:28,240

immediately as it did or even you know

400

00:14:31,829 --> 00:14:30,560

when the taliban eventually

401

00:14:33,990 --> 00:14:31,839

took over

402

00:14:35,750 --> 00:14:34,000

kabul i mean here we are negotiating

403

00:14:37,990 --> 00:14:35,760

with the taliban

404

00:14:40,069 --> 00:14:38,000

right we're assuming that you can have

405

00:14:41,430 --> 00:14:40,079

diplomatic relations with the taliban

406

00:14:43,350 --> 00:14:41,440

because we were having them we were

407

00:14:44,949 --> 00:14:43,360

negotiating with that we struck a deal

408

00:14:46,949 --> 00:14:44,959

with him that's the whole point of

409

00:14:49,350 --> 00:14:46,959

having an embassy is that you've got a

410

00:14:51,750 --> 00:14:49,360

relationship with the senate and

411

00:14:53,750 --> 00:14:51,760

whatever deal we struck with the taliban

412

00:14:54,790 --> 00:14:53,760

in in in doha

413

00:14:57,030 --> 00:14:54,800

you would have thought that that

414

00:14:58,870 --> 00:14:57,040
included us keeping an embassy

415

00:15:00,949 --> 00:14:58,880
in afghanistan

416

00:15:03,430 --> 00:15:00,959
and yet our

417

00:15:04,550 --> 00:15:03,440
embassy is gone i mean it's just

418

00:15:05,430 --> 00:15:04,560
stunning

419

00:15:07,430 --> 00:15:05,440
right

420

00:15:09,189 --> 00:15:07,440
so many things that don't make sense um

421

00:15:09,910 --> 00:15:09,199
and i won't repeat what i said earlier

422

00:15:11,750 --> 00:15:09,920
but

423

00:15:13,509 --> 00:15:11,760
one of the one of the big ones we we

424

00:15:15,670 --> 00:15:13,519
just talked about which is that most

425

00:15:18,150 --> 00:15:15,680
dangerous course of action planning

426
00:15:20,150 --> 00:15:18,160
but but even if you sort of set that

427
00:15:22,790 --> 00:15:20,160
aside for a minute

428
00:15:25,110 --> 00:15:22,800
even though there's a basic sequence of

429
00:15:27,990 --> 00:15:25,120
events here and general bishop alluded

430
00:15:30,550 --> 00:15:28,000
to this too that was just not followed

431
00:15:32,629 --> 00:15:30,560
in a common sense way i mean a lot of

432
00:15:34,710 --> 00:15:32,639
people have loved have really enjoyed

433
00:15:36,310 --> 00:15:34,720
drawing the parallel between saigon and

434
00:15:37,670 --> 00:15:36,320
75

435
00:15:41,030 --> 00:15:37,680
i mean they're not they're not really

436
00:15:43,269 --> 00:15:41,040
great analogies but even in saigon in 75

437
00:15:45,189 --> 00:15:43,279
we actually had a plan you know we

438
00:15:45,920 --> 00:15:45,199

really had a plan we

439

00:15:47,350 --> 00:15:45,930

we got

440

00:15:49,590 --> 00:15:47,360

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00:15:52,389 --> 00:15:49,600

an idea of who our citizens were where

442

00:15:54,710 --> 00:15:52,399

they were we established a code message

443

00:15:56,790 --> 00:15:54,720

on voice of america radio that we were

444

00:15:59,829 --> 00:15:56,800

broadcast so people could move to the

445

00:16:01,749 --> 00:15:59,839

help help pads on top of buildings

446

00:16:03,030 --> 00:16:01,759

i mean there was a plan

447

00:16:06,310 --> 00:16:03,040

so

448

00:16:07,350 --> 00:16:06,320

i just i i look at this lack of a plan

449

00:16:09,110 --> 00:16:07,360

and i'm just

450

00:16:11,189 --> 00:16:09,120

i'm just

451
00:16:13,030 --> 00:16:11,199
flabbergasted

452
00:16:15,749 --> 00:16:13,040
and i know it's boring to go back to

453
00:16:19,829 --> 00:16:15,759
pubs but i mean that's why you have

454
00:16:21,189 --> 00:16:19,839
joint pubs joint club 3-68

455
00:16:23,189 --> 00:16:21,199
neos

456
00:16:25,110 --> 00:16:23,199
lays all of this stuff out i mean it

457
00:16:27,350 --> 00:16:25,120
just seems like it was never taken off

458
00:16:31,110 --> 00:16:27,360
the shelf another great example

459
00:16:33,030 --> 00:16:31,120
is it talks about multinational planning

460
00:16:34,629 --> 00:16:33,040
since many evacuations of all other

461
00:16:36,949 --> 00:16:34,639
countries potential use of a

462
00:16:39,430 --> 00:16:36,959
multinational force in a neo should be a

463
00:16:41,269 --> 00:16:39,440

planning consideration where was that

464

00:16:42,870 --> 00:16:41,279

i mean we've heard from our allies

465

00:16:45,749 --> 00:16:42,880

saying hey you just left in the middle

466

00:16:50,550 --> 00:16:48,310

i know both of you have been critical of

467

00:16:52,710 --> 00:16:50,560

the direction our military has been

468

00:16:53,509 --> 00:16:52,720

going as far as leadership and

469

00:16:55,829 --> 00:16:53,519

you know

470

00:16:57,990 --> 00:16:55,839

the wokeness the woke culture that has

471

00:16:59,509 --> 00:16:58,000

taken over and so on

472

00:17:02,790 --> 00:16:59,519

do you think that what we're seeing in

473

00:17:05,270 --> 00:17:02,800

afghanistan is a manifestation of some

474

00:17:06,390 --> 00:17:05,280

of these problems of what it takes to be

475

00:17:08,390 --> 00:17:06,400

promoted

476

00:17:10,630 --> 00:17:08,400

in the military ranks these days isn't

477

00:17:11,750 --> 00:17:10,640

necessarily all about the best and the

478

00:17:13,669 --> 00:17:11,760

brightest

479

00:17:15,510 --> 00:17:13,679

so jim you'll you'll appreciate this

480

00:17:16,710 --> 00:17:15,520

answer because the lawyers have advised

481

00:17:18,710 --> 00:17:16,720

me

482

00:17:20,549 --> 00:17:18,720

before if i answer that question to make

483

00:17:23,189 --> 00:17:20,559

sure that i'm stating it

484

00:17:25,029 --> 00:17:23,199

as an individual person and not as the

485

00:17:27,909 --> 00:17:25,039

president of stand together against

486

00:17:29,350 --> 00:17:27,919

racism and radicalism and services so

487

00:17:32,630 --> 00:17:29,360

my own opinion

488

00:17:34,789 --> 00:17:32,640

uh before i've heard it said on tv a

489

00:17:37,270 --> 00:17:34,799

number of times now last week i said gee

490

00:17:39,270 --> 00:17:37,280

i guess i wish the chairman

491

00:17:41,830 --> 00:17:39,280

was paying a much attention to

492

00:17:43,990 --> 00:17:41,840

understanding how to conduct the meal as

493

00:17:47,590 --> 00:17:44,000

he as he wanted to be about

494

00:17:50,390 --> 00:17:47,600

understanding white rage so

495

00:17:52,789 --> 00:17:50,400

is it a distraction for the leadership

496

00:17:54,950 --> 00:17:52,799

um you'd have to think it plays a role i

497

00:17:57,750 --> 00:17:54,960

mean i think senator cotton does an

498

00:17:59,669 --> 00:17:57,760

excellent job of describing

499

00:18:01,029 --> 00:17:59,679

how you're just trying to shoehorn so

500

00:18:04,230 --> 00:18:01,039

much more

501
00:18:05,029 --> 00:18:04,240
on the plate of somebody in training

502
00:18:08,150 --> 00:18:05,039
well

503
00:18:08,950 --> 00:18:08,160
you know back in june and july when

504
00:18:10,630 --> 00:18:08,960
the

505
00:18:12,830 --> 00:18:10,640
defense department leadership was

506
00:18:16,870 --> 00:18:12,840
testifying and there was a lot of

507
00:18:19,029 --> 00:18:16,880
discussion and a lot of thought given to

508
00:18:21,669 --> 00:18:19,039
uh critical race theory are we teaching

509
00:18:23,430 --> 00:18:21,679
it in dod or not

510
00:18:24,950 --> 00:18:23,440
when really it seems to me maybe the

511
00:18:26,630 --> 00:18:24,960
focus should have been on

512
00:18:27,990 --> 00:18:26,640
what are we doing across

513
00:18:30,549 --> 00:18:28,000

across the farm

514

00:18:32,950 --> 00:18:30,559

across the seas they're in afghanistan

515

00:18:35,990 --> 00:18:32,960

personal opinion

516

00:18:37,990 --> 00:18:36,000

yeah i'll chime into um

517

00:18:40,710 --> 00:18:38,000

you know we're there's a there's a lot

518

00:18:42,630 --> 00:18:40,720

of us that are concerned that it is

519

00:18:45,669 --> 00:18:42,640

seeping into the culture

520

00:18:47,990 --> 00:18:45,679

with a very corrosive effect um

521

00:18:49,029 --> 00:18:48,000

but i will tell you this as a fact and

522

00:18:51,029 --> 00:18:49,039

i've got

523

00:18:52,950 --> 00:18:51,039

some fairly recent experience with this

524

00:18:54,070 --> 00:18:52,960

as a you know only retired for a few

525

00:18:56,950 --> 00:18:54,080

years

526

00:19:00,310 --> 00:18:56,960

is if you line up all the units across

527

00:19:02,630 --> 00:19:00,320

the services and and uh

528

00:19:05,669 --> 00:19:02,640

or or validate their training

529

00:19:07,590 --> 00:19:05,679

requirements on sexual assault equal

530

00:19:09,430 --> 00:19:07,600

opportunity

531

00:19:11,750 --> 00:19:09,440

gender awareness

532

00:19:13,990 --> 00:19:11,760

you can go down the list they'll be able

533

00:19:16,630 --> 00:19:14,000

to show you that they're 100 compliant

534

00:19:18,390 --> 00:19:16,640

or 99 compliant

535

00:19:20,630 --> 00:19:18,400

um

536

00:19:23,750 --> 00:19:20,640

but you you go talk about operational

537

00:19:26,070 --> 00:19:23,760

readiness rates and training levels and

538

00:19:28,390 --> 00:19:26,080

collective training levels wartime

539

00:19:29,909 --> 00:19:28,400

readiness footings

540

00:19:31,909 --> 00:19:29,919

it's uh

541

00:19:33,750 --> 00:19:31,919

they will not be able to address that as

542

00:19:36,070 --> 00:19:33,760

well and so

543

00:19:38,710 --> 00:19:36,080

at some point of course it it has to

544

00:19:40,470 --> 00:19:38,720

have a crowding out effect on

545

00:19:42,870 --> 00:19:40,480

war fighting readiness i think that's

546

00:19:44,870 --> 00:19:42,880

just a it's a little bit of a zero-sum

547

00:19:47,190 --> 00:19:44,880

game you only have so many

548

00:19:48,470 --> 00:19:47,200

days on a training calendar hours on a

549

00:19:50,150 --> 00:19:48,480

training day

550

00:19:53,350 --> 00:19:50,160

but i guarantee you they're 100

551
00:19:54,950 --> 00:19:53,360
compliant on those politically correct

552
00:19:56,390 --> 00:19:54,960
uh criteria

553
00:19:58,230 --> 00:19:56,400
does that crowd out warfighting

554
00:19:59,669 --> 00:19:58,240
readiness

555
00:20:00,390 --> 00:19:59,679
my assumption is

556
00:20:02,470 --> 00:20:00,400
it

557
00:20:04,870 --> 00:20:02,480
naturally does

558
00:20:08,149 --> 00:20:04,880
and what about affirmative action in the

559
00:20:10,149 --> 00:20:08,159
military and the impact that that has on

560
00:20:11,990 --> 00:20:10,159
leadership on morale

561
00:20:14,470 --> 00:20:12,000
you know and primarily when it comes to

562
00:20:17,350 --> 00:20:14,480
promotions i mean are we promoting the

563
00:20:19,669 --> 00:20:17,360

absolute best highest most qualified

564

00:20:21,590 --> 00:20:19,679

people up the ranks

565

00:20:24,549 --> 00:20:21,600

or is a faction getting in the way of

566

00:20:29,110 --> 00:20:26,230

general petty since you're you're you're

567

00:20:31,110 --> 00:20:29,120

most recently in i mean

568

00:20:32,789 --> 00:20:31,120

how much affirmative action did you see

569

00:20:34,789 --> 00:20:32,799

at play because i i've heard lots of

570

00:20:37,190 --> 00:20:34,799

anecdotal stories about affirmative

571

00:20:38,470 --> 00:20:37,200

action in the military

572

00:20:40,390 --> 00:20:38,480

yeah

573

00:20:42,630 --> 00:20:40,400

i mean

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00:20:44,390 --> 00:20:42,640

if you understand large bureaucratic

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00:20:47,510 --> 00:20:44,400

organizations you understand that these

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00:20:49,590 --> 00:20:47,520

things are inevitable and some of the

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00:20:52,470 --> 00:20:49,600

societal pressures and the political

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00:20:53,750 --> 00:20:52,480

pressures clearly hold its way

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00:20:54,950 --> 00:20:53,760

the uh

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00:20:57,029 --> 00:20:54,960

you know and i don't want to indict

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00:20:59,270 --> 00:20:57,039

anybody specifically because i just

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00:21:01,590 --> 00:20:59,280

think there's cultural

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00:21:02,710 --> 00:21:01,600

institutional pressures to do these

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00:21:03,750 --> 00:21:02,720

things

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00:21:06,390 --> 00:21:03,760

um

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00:21:09,029 --> 00:21:06,400

and the risk of speaking out of school i

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00:21:10,310 --> 00:21:09,039

i will say that i was just made aware

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00:21:11,669 --> 00:21:10,320

and i've got to do the research because

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00:21:14,789 --> 00:21:11,679

i got to figure out the ground truth on

590

00:21:17,510 --> 00:21:14,799

this i was just made aware that the navy

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00:21:20,549 --> 00:21:17,520

i i think it was the navy um

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00:21:22,870 --> 00:21:20,559

they started masking photos on promotion

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00:21:24,870 --> 00:21:22,880

boards so you couldn't tell the race or

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00:21:25,830 --> 00:21:24,880

sex of the applicant for a promotion

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00:21:28,230 --> 00:21:25,840

book

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00:21:31,190 --> 00:21:28,240

and they realized that uh

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00:21:33,110 --> 00:21:31,200

that had that had backfired and so

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00:21:35,510 --> 00:21:33,120

so now they're they're going back to the

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00:21:37,669 --> 00:21:35,520

photograph so they can help you know

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00:21:39,190 --> 00:21:37,679

adjust some of those numbers so

601
00:21:41,909 --> 00:21:39,200
you know there's all kinds of attempts

602
00:21:45,669 --> 00:21:41,919
going on to create you know the modern

603
00:21:48,149 --> 00:21:45,679
buzzword of equity which is is a whole

604
00:21:50,789 --> 00:21:48,159
you know strange term that we can debate

605
00:21:52,710 --> 00:21:50,799
yeah well equity

606
00:21:55,029 --> 00:21:52,720
sorry but but yeah that's an interesting

607
00:21:57,430 --> 00:21:55,039
story about masking the pictures that

608
00:21:59,750 --> 00:21:57,440
would be what they call equality where

609
00:22:02,230 --> 00:21:59,760
we do not consider somebody's race or

610
00:22:04,870 --> 00:22:02,240
sex in a promotion so i'm i'm good with

611
00:22:06,149 --> 00:22:04,880
the masking of the pictures equity is

612
00:22:07,750 --> 00:22:06,159
where you know you're supposed to look

613
00:22:10,710 --> 00:22:07,760

at the picture and you're supposed to

614

00:22:12,870 --> 00:22:10,720

recognize that for the black individual

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00:22:14,630 --> 00:22:12,880

there's been systemic racism that that

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00:22:16,470 --> 00:22:14,640

person has to deal with for the female

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00:22:18,870 --> 00:22:16,480

there's been systemic sexism they've had

618

00:22:20,870 --> 00:22:18,880

to deal with and and you know equity is

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00:22:23,909 --> 00:22:20,880

basically affirmative action whereas

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00:22:24,950 --> 00:22:23,919

equality is colorblind

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00:22:26,710 --> 00:22:24,960

right

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00:22:28,630 --> 00:22:26,720

i i can tell you this and i think i

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00:22:31,510 --> 00:22:28,640

think general bishop will agree with me

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00:22:33,669 --> 00:22:31,520

as we grow up in the military and he's a

625

00:22:35,510 --> 00:22:33,679

few years older than me for sure but

626
00:22:36,710 --> 00:22:35,520
you know for the last 30 years that i

627
00:22:38,710 --> 00:22:36,720
know of

628
00:22:42,230 --> 00:22:38,720
you know i worked for

629
00:22:46,230 --> 00:22:42,240
excellent black officers female officers

630
00:22:48,070 --> 00:22:46,240
it just didn't matter it wasn't an issue

631
00:22:50,870 --> 00:22:48,080
i know there was some race issues back

632
00:22:51,750 --> 00:22:50,880
in the 70s post-vietnam i i understand

633
00:22:54,230 --> 00:22:51,760
that

634
00:22:57,750 --> 00:22:54,240
but in my experience over you know three

635
00:23:00,149 --> 00:22:57,760
decades in uniform it was just never

636
00:23:03,350 --> 00:23:00,159
an uh a corrosive influence it was never

637
00:23:05,909 --> 00:23:03,360
in us versus them it it never took away

638
00:23:07,430 --> 00:23:05,919

from the value of the team

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00:23:09,669 --> 00:23:07,440

and now all of a sudden

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00:23:11,909 --> 00:23:09,679

it's everywhere all of a sudden it's

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00:23:14,470 --> 00:23:11,919

everywhere as uh

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00:23:16,070 --> 00:23:14,480

uh you know tearing apart the the team

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00:23:18,310 --> 00:23:16,080

and making people

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00:23:19,830 --> 00:23:18,320

pitting one group against another

645

00:23:22,950 --> 00:23:19,840

it's just not my experience how about

646

00:23:25,110 --> 00:23:22,960

you general bishop

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00:23:26,549 --> 00:23:25,120

one of the zoo meetings we had with the

648

00:23:28,950 --> 00:23:26,559

superintendent

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00:23:31,430 --> 00:23:28,960

of the air force academy

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00:23:32,549 --> 00:23:31,440

regarding the black lives matter video

651
00:23:35,350 --> 00:23:32,559
jim

652
00:23:38,710 --> 00:23:35,360
he had quote a number of

653
00:23:40,470 --> 00:23:38,720
black retired general officers on his

654
00:23:42,950 --> 00:23:40,480
side

655
00:23:45,430 --> 00:23:42,960
and my response when i was told that

656
00:23:47,269 --> 00:23:45,440
is there should be no sides

657
00:23:49,430 --> 00:23:47,279
on this issue

658
00:23:50,870 --> 00:23:49,440
that being said one of the black general

659
00:23:52,710 --> 00:23:50,880
officers

660
00:23:55,430 --> 00:23:52,720
said to me

661
00:23:56,789 --> 00:23:55,440
that the people who are least likely to

662
00:24:00,149 --> 00:23:56,799
see

663
00:24:02,070 --> 00:24:00,159

discrimination among

664

00:24:05,590 --> 00:24:02,080

black and white in particular in the

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00:24:08,230 --> 00:24:05,600

services are white general officers

666

00:24:10,710 --> 00:24:08,240

so i took that on board i've had a

667

00:24:11,590 --> 00:24:10,720

number of conversations with other

668

00:24:14,549 --> 00:24:11,600

white

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00:24:17,029 --> 00:24:14,559

uh general officers like chris

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00:24:19,110 --> 00:24:17,039

one was retired four star who served 42

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00:24:21,510 --> 00:24:19,120

years and i asked him how many

672

00:24:22,470 --> 00:24:21,520

racial incidents had he seen and he said

673

00:24:24,630 --> 00:24:22,480

none

674

00:24:27,190 --> 00:24:24,640

well i had seen one so my personal

675

00:24:28,630 --> 00:24:27,200

experience kind of goes along with what

676
00:24:30,549 --> 00:24:28,640
chris says

677
00:24:31,830 --> 00:24:30,559
but i think going back to your original

678
00:24:34,470 --> 00:24:31,840
question

679
00:24:36,230 --> 00:24:34,480
is is there affirmative action

680
00:24:39,590 --> 00:24:36,240
unfortunately i guess we have to admit

681
00:24:41,510 --> 00:24:39,600
it i had a conversation not too long ago

682
00:24:44,070 --> 00:24:41,520
with a senior person

683
00:24:45,350 --> 00:24:44,080
at air force personnel regarding matthew

684
00:24:47,269 --> 00:24:45,360
lohmeir

685
00:24:49,750 --> 00:24:47,279
and i've known this individual for a

686
00:24:51,909 --> 00:24:49,760
long time and in the end

687
00:24:54,630 --> 00:24:51,919
the conversation she kind of concluded

688
00:24:57,750 --> 00:24:54,640

well all things being equal

689

00:24:59,269 --> 00:24:57,760

if it comes down between a female

690

00:25:01,029 --> 00:24:59,279

a minority

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00:25:02,310 --> 00:25:01,039

and a white male

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00:25:04,149 --> 00:25:02,320

the white male is going to be

693

00:25:05,669 --> 00:25:04,159

discriminated against in today's

694

00:25:07,510 --> 00:25:05,679

political environment

695

00:25:10,230 --> 00:25:07,520

which i think was what chris was

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00:25:14,870 --> 00:25:12,710

yeah yeah i i've and i've seen it

697

00:25:17,190 --> 00:25:14,880

through many many personal stories that

698

00:25:19,590 --> 00:25:17,200

i've heard of uh regarding promotions in

699

00:25:21,190 --> 00:25:19,600

the military um okay

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00:25:23,350 --> 00:25:21,200

let's go back to the kind of the second

701
00:25:24,149 --> 00:25:23,360
subject which is the nation building

702
00:25:29,110 --> 00:25:24,159
that

703
00:25:31,110 --> 00:25:29,120
going to stand as this

704
00:25:32,870 --> 00:25:31,120
uh example that's going to be pointed to

705
00:25:34,070 --> 00:25:32,880
that's going to cause america to

706
00:25:36,470 --> 00:25:34,080
certainly

707
00:25:38,390 --> 00:25:36,480
not engage in this type of nation and

708
00:25:40,350 --> 00:25:38,400
military building again i mean the the

709
00:25:43,029 --> 00:25:40,360
amount of money spent is

710
00:25:45,669 --> 00:25:43,039
astronomical uh the time spent the

711
00:25:48,950 --> 00:25:45,679
resources and and manpower and of course

712
00:25:51,190 --> 00:25:48,960
casualties um trying to

713
00:25:53,669 --> 00:25:51,200

create a stable country in the middle

714

00:25:55,350 --> 00:25:53,679

east that has utterly failed and if you

715

00:25:56,549 --> 00:25:55,360

look at it now

716

00:25:58,630 --> 00:25:56,559

it's

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00:26:00,789 --> 00:25:58,640

arguably more dangerous than it was when

718

00:26:02,310 --> 00:26:00,799

we went in considering what we left the

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00:26:05,830 --> 00:26:02,320

taliban with which was billions of

720

00:26:08,070 --> 00:26:05,840

dollars worth of weapons and so on so

721

00:26:10,549 --> 00:26:08,080

i'd like each of you to weigh in on

722

00:26:12,149 --> 00:26:10,559

what should have been the mission

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00:26:13,430 --> 00:26:12,159

we've got the benefit of hindsight now

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00:26:15,590 --> 00:26:13,440

but and we'll take the benefit of

725

00:26:17,669 --> 00:26:15,600

hindsight but uh in light of what

726

00:26:20,789 --> 00:26:17,679

happened in 911

727

00:26:23,830 --> 00:26:20,799

al Qaeda being uh in Afghanistan the

728

00:26:25,669 --> 00:26:23,840

Taliban uh protecting them essentially

729

00:26:27,990 --> 00:26:25,679

um and

730

00:26:29,269 --> 00:26:28,000

we're coming off of

731

00:26:30,630 --> 00:26:29,279

911

732

00:26:33,350 --> 00:26:30,640

what should have been the original

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00:26:34,549 --> 00:26:33,360

mission in Afghanistan

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00:26:35,669 --> 00:26:34,559

you know Patty

735

00:26:36,549 --> 00:26:35,679

General Bishop

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00:26:39,350 --> 00:26:36,559

yeah

737

00:26:41,350 --> 00:26:39,360

General Bishop

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00:26:43,190 --> 00:26:41,360

okay uh yeah let me just take you back

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00:26:45,110 --> 00:26:43,200
to uh 9 11.

740

00:26:47,750 --> 00:26:45,120
uh on 9 11

741

00:26:49,669 --> 00:26:47,760
i was at u.s southern command

742

00:26:51,510 --> 00:26:49,679
and we evacuated the building because we

743

00:26:52,870 --> 00:26:51,520
are right under the final approach fix

744

00:26:54,549 --> 00:26:52,880
for miami

745

00:26:57,190 --> 00:26:54,559
and you know we have airplanes going to

746

00:26:58,710 --> 00:26:57,200
the pentagon the twin towers we go oh

747

00:27:00,390 --> 00:26:58,720
you know this may be deeper than we

748

00:27:01,750 --> 00:27:00,400
thought so the four star said let's get

749

00:27:03,510 --> 00:27:01,760
out of here

750

00:27:04,950 --> 00:27:03,520
the next morning we had to battle our

751
00:27:07,430 --> 00:27:04,960
way through force

752
00:27:08,789 --> 00:27:07,440
protection con delta to get back into

753
00:27:11,510 --> 00:27:08,799
the building

754
00:27:13,430 --> 00:27:11,520
and we at southern command had to

755
00:27:15,190 --> 00:27:13,440
like all the other combat commands had

756
00:27:17,669 --> 00:27:15,200
24 hours

757
00:27:19,590 --> 00:27:17,679
to respond to what are our

758
00:27:20,789 --> 00:27:19,600
recommendations for this global war of

759
00:27:23,269 --> 00:27:20,799
terrorism

760
00:27:24,950 --> 00:27:23,279
so we didn't say much about afghanistan

761
00:27:26,789 --> 00:27:24,960
because our part of the world was

762
00:27:28,870 --> 00:27:26,799
working with the interagency southern

763
00:27:30,710 --> 00:27:28,880

command as the bottom feeder

764

00:27:32,070 --> 00:27:30,720

of all the combatant commands in terms

765

00:27:34,470 --> 00:27:32,080

of money

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00:27:36,070 --> 00:27:34,480

so we recommended three things

767

00:27:38,230 --> 00:27:36,080

two of them were instituted within a

768

00:27:41,269 --> 00:27:38,240

year one was stand up a combatant

769

00:27:42,389 --> 00:27:41,279

command with a inland uh an inward focus

770

00:27:44,310 --> 00:27:42,399

homeland

771

00:27:46,830 --> 00:27:44,320

security type of thing northern command

772

00:27:50,710 --> 00:27:46,840

was split up in less than a year

773

00:27:52,470 --> 00:27:50,720

uh set up a department that has that

774

00:27:53,990 --> 00:27:52,480

brings all the disparate intelligence

775

00:27:55,990 --> 00:27:54,000

agencies to get

776

00:27:57,990 --> 00:27:56,000

together to focus on

777

00:27:59,990 --> 00:27:58,000

inward security the department of

778

00:28:02,789 --> 00:28:00,000

homeland security was set up

779

00:28:04,389 --> 00:28:02,799

within us within a year and i'm giving

780

00:28:06,470 --> 00:28:04,399

you this background because the next one

781

00:28:08,149 --> 00:28:06,480

nobody did anything either under bush or

782

00:28:09,190 --> 00:28:08,159

president obama until president trump

783

00:28:12,070 --> 00:28:09,200

came along

784

00:28:14,149 --> 00:28:12,080

and that was we reasoned that if

785

00:28:16,789 --> 00:28:14,159

uh enough drugs were coming through our

786

00:28:18,870 --> 00:28:16,799

poorest southern border to kill 30 000

787

00:28:21,029 --> 00:28:18,880

americans a year terrorists

788

00:28:24,070 --> 00:28:21,039

could use those same networks so some

789

00:28:25,830 --> 00:28:24,080

same roadways the same contacts etc

790

00:28:27,350 --> 00:28:25,840

to infiltrate our country with

791

00:28:30,070 --> 00:28:27,360

terrorist-like activities hopefully

792

00:28:33,110 --> 00:28:30,080

that's not going to be a case

793

00:28:34,389 --> 00:28:33,120

but we lost a lot of our assets

794

00:28:36,149 --> 00:28:34,399

to

795

00:28:39,430 --> 00:28:36,159

afghanistan

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00:28:40,950 --> 00:28:39,440

we had a bunch of predators all lined up

797

00:28:43,350 --> 00:28:40,960

because we have pretty much shut off the

798

00:28:46,230 --> 00:28:43,360

drug flow by air in the sea but that

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00:28:48,149 --> 00:28:46,240

poor southern border was just uh

800

00:28:50,789 --> 00:28:48,159

was just for reports

801
00:28:52,549 --> 00:28:50,799
and so uh we had some predators lined up

802
00:28:55,269 --> 00:28:52,559
to help us shore that up

803
00:28:57,590 --> 00:28:55,279
we had worked some uh wait sorry you're

804
00:28:58,549 --> 00:28:57,600
talking about predator drones right and

805
00:29:01,430 --> 00:28:58,559
are you talking sorry are you talking

806
00:29:03,669 --> 00:29:01,440
about the southern border with mexico or

807
00:29:04,389 --> 00:29:03,679
that we were using predator drones there

808
00:29:05,830 --> 00:29:04,399
to

809
00:29:07,909 --> 00:29:05,840
we just had them lined up we hadn't

810
00:29:09,590 --> 00:29:07,919
deployed them and neither there or off

811
00:29:12,789 --> 00:29:09,600
the coast of columbia

812
00:29:14,310 --> 00:29:12,799
to kind of clamp down on this but

813
00:29:16,310 --> 00:29:14,320

because of

814

00:29:18,070 --> 00:29:16,320

the drug and this is a long way to get

815

00:29:19,350 --> 00:29:18,080

to your answer jim i apologize but

816

00:29:21,909 --> 00:29:19,360

because of

817

00:29:23,590 --> 00:29:21,919

the taliban's major source of income

818

00:29:27,190 --> 00:29:23,600

being poppy

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00:29:28,070 --> 00:29:27,200

uh we lost all of those uh you know

820

00:29:30,070 --> 00:29:28,080

eyes

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00:29:31,830 --> 00:29:30,080

that we had planned

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00:29:34,149 --> 00:29:31,840

so it seemed like

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00:29:36,789 --> 00:29:34,159

uh right then and there not too long

824

00:29:38,149 --> 00:29:36,799

after 9 11 the mission

825

00:29:40,470 --> 00:29:38,159

uh had

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00:29:41,990 --> 00:29:40,480

creeped in afghanistan from one of

827

00:29:44,470 --> 00:29:42,000

counter terrorism

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00:29:47,029 --> 00:29:44,480

to something else and it wasn't clear to

829

00:29:49,350 --> 00:29:47,039

me what that something else was until my

830

00:29:51,750 --> 00:29:49,360

next assignment was in the tank and then

831

00:29:55,029 --> 00:29:51,760

i'm in the tank and it seemed like okay

832

00:29:58,149 --> 00:29:55,039

now we're more into a counter insurgency

833

00:30:01,510 --> 00:29:58,159

and then pretty clearly it seemed like

834

00:30:03,430 --> 00:30:01,520

we had moved the the the

835

00:30:05,430 --> 00:30:03,440

goal post so to speak that we were a

836

00:30:07,669 --> 00:30:05,440

nation builder and

837

00:30:08,789 --> 00:30:07,679

my that was why i was pressing for

838

00:30:11,269 --> 00:30:08,799

metrics

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00:30:13,190 --> 00:30:11,279

if we're going to be nation building

840

00:30:14,149 --> 00:30:13,200

we have to realize

841

00:30:17,190 --> 00:30:14,159

that

842

00:30:19,750 --> 00:30:17,200

american political resolve

843

00:30:21,190 --> 00:30:19,760

blows with which direction the political

844

00:30:23,430 --> 00:30:21,200

winds are blowing

845

00:30:25,269 --> 00:30:23,440

we can look back at afghanistan and see

846

00:30:27,590 --> 00:30:25,279

what happened

847

00:30:29,669 --> 00:30:27,600

so if we're gonna go into

848

00:30:31,669 --> 00:30:29,679

um nation building

849

00:30:33,269 --> 00:30:31,679

is there some declaration are we letting

850

00:30:34,830 --> 00:30:33,279

the american people know that this is

851

00:30:37,990 --> 00:30:34,840

what we're gonna be about

852

00:30:40,789 --> 00:30:38,000

or are we just going to do it and it was

853

00:30:43,269 --> 00:30:40,799

kind of reminded me of a number of other

854

00:30:45,029 --> 00:30:43,279

operations where something just gets a

855

00:30:47,510 --> 00:30:45,039

momentum of its own

856

00:30:49,269 --> 00:30:47,520

and it just happens and it wasn't very

857

00:30:50,389 --> 00:30:49,279

clear even

858

00:30:51,830 --> 00:30:50,399

even in

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00:30:54,149 --> 00:30:51,840

the center

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00:30:56,230 --> 00:30:54,159

conference room of the belly of the

861

00:30:57,110 --> 00:30:56,240

joint chiefs of staff it just wasn't

862

00:30:59,350 --> 00:30:57,120

clear

863

00:31:01,590 --> 00:30:59,360

that this is what we're about

864

00:31:03,750 --> 00:31:01,600

what do i think it should have been i

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00:31:05,909 --> 00:31:03,760

don't think we should have personally

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00:31:07,590 --> 00:31:05,919

not about nation building i mean it's

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00:31:09,669 --> 00:31:07,600

it's great that

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00:31:12,070 --> 00:31:09,679

i guess half the afghanis alive today

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00:31:13,830 --> 00:31:12,080

have never lived under california

870

00:31:15,029 --> 00:31:13,840

and maybe that will

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00:31:16,389 --> 00:31:15,039

bode well

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00:31:17,909 --> 00:31:16,399

uh for

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00:31:19,909 --> 00:31:17,919

the future of their country they've had

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00:31:21,669 --> 00:31:19,919

a taste of freedom but

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00:31:23,350 --> 00:31:21,679

it sure didn't do much in the last two

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00:31:27,029 --> 00:31:23,360

months

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00:31:30,070 --> 00:31:27,039

so so sorry to be clear then um

878

00:31:31,590 --> 00:31:30,080

you're saying we should have gone in

879

00:31:33,909 --> 00:31:31,600

taking out al qaeda to the extent we

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00:31:36,230 --> 00:31:33,919

could debilitate the taliban to the

881

00:31:37,509 --> 00:31:36,240

extent we could or get some retribution

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00:31:39,029 --> 00:31:37,519

uh to to

883

00:31:40,310 --> 00:31:39,039

to show them that hey don't mess with

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00:31:41,350 --> 00:31:40,320

the u.s

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00:31:43,750 --> 00:31:41,360

um

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00:31:47,110 --> 00:31:43,760

and get bin laden which ultimately

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00:31:49,269 --> 00:31:47,120

happened in pakistan years later but

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00:31:50,549 --> 00:31:49,279

disrupt everything that's going on there

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00:31:52,389 --> 00:31:50,559

and get out

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00:31:54,070 --> 00:31:52,399

is that what you say should have been

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00:31:57,269 --> 00:31:54,080

the mission i'm not sure that i would

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00:31:58,950 --> 00:31:57,279

have said get out i would have wanted to

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00:32:00,870 --> 00:31:58,960

have better clarity on what the

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00:32:03,269 --> 00:32:00,880

intelligence was what we were gaining

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00:32:04,870 --> 00:32:03,279

from the intelligence i mean this is a

896

00:32:06,389 --> 00:32:04,880

bad part of the world

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00:32:08,389 --> 00:32:06,399

to have had

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00:32:10,230 --> 00:32:08,399

that capability in the com i mean i'm

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00:32:12,070 --> 00:32:10,240

not lobbying for

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00:32:13,029 --> 00:32:12,080

keeping a large number of american

901
00:32:14,470 --> 00:32:13,039

troops

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00:32:16,470 --> 00:32:14,480

there

903
00:32:18,789 --> 00:32:16,480

i'm not sure we should have lost so many

904
00:32:21,190 --> 00:32:18,799

lives trying to

905
00:32:22,789 --> 00:32:21,200

pacify and maybe democracize the whole

906
00:32:24,789 --> 00:32:22,799

the whole country

907
00:32:26,389 --> 00:32:24,799

but we had a very good intel source in

908
00:32:28,549 --> 00:32:26,399

the you know an important part of the

909
00:32:31,110 --> 00:32:28,559

world and we've just kind of walked away

910
00:32:32,630 --> 00:32:31,120

from it i would have stuck more to the

911
00:32:33,909 --> 00:32:32,640

counter terrorism

912
00:32:36,070 --> 00:32:33,919

maybe a little bit of a counter

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00:32:37,990 --> 00:32:36,080

insurgency type nation so so you think

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00:32:40,310 --> 00:32:38,000

we could have theoretically kept a base

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00:32:43,830 --> 00:32:40,320

there without

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00:32:45,509 --> 00:32:43,840

creating this new afghan government and

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00:32:46,710 --> 00:32:45,519

theoretically the taliban could have

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00:32:48,950 --> 00:32:46,720

continued to

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00:32:50,230 --> 00:32:48,960

run the country with a u.s base

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00:32:52,149 --> 00:32:50,240

in afghanistan

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00:32:54,789 --> 00:32:52,159

well i'm not sure the

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00:32:57,110 --> 00:32:54,799

the taliban would have um

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00:32:59,190 --> 00:32:57,120

you know we we had pretty much had the

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00:33:00,389 --> 00:32:59,200

taliban on the run i remember talking

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00:33:03,269 --> 00:33:00,399

with a

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00:33:05,110 --> 00:33:03,279
retired or now retired three-star but my

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00:33:07,350 --> 00:33:05,120
one-time boss who is head of the air

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00:33:09,750 --> 00:33:07,360
force special operations

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00:33:12,070 --> 00:33:09,760
he was very very proud of

930
00:33:13,990 --> 00:33:12,080
what uh air force special ops had done

931
00:33:15,830 --> 00:33:14,000
with the guys on horseback

932
00:33:16,870 --> 00:33:15,840
early in the war

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00:33:19,830 --> 00:33:16,880
so

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00:33:21,350 --> 00:33:19,840
i i just think we potentially moved too

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00:33:23,590 --> 00:33:21,360
fast to that

936
00:33:26,389 --> 00:33:23,600
nation-building mission without enough

937
00:33:30,549 --> 00:33:28,549
there may have been something less than

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00:33:31,990 --> 00:33:30,559

that is what i'm doing

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00:33:35,029 --> 00:33:32,000

yeah i mean it requires congress to

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00:33:38,470 --> 00:33:35,039

declare war but um who is it that has to

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00:33:40,389 --> 00:33:38,480

declare nation building because the war

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00:33:42,470 --> 00:33:40,399

creeped into nation building clearly and

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00:33:44,549 --> 00:33:42,480

i think that was a bush decision as far

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00:33:45,990 --> 00:33:44,559

as i could tell he wanted to democratize

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00:33:47,509 --> 00:33:46,000

the middle east that was kind of a

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00:33:49,830 --> 00:33:47,519

mission that he was

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00:33:51,269 --> 00:33:49,840

on but i think that you make a great

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00:33:52,630 --> 00:33:51,279

point about the political side of things

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00:33:55,190 --> 00:33:52,640

when you talk about the united states of

950

00:33:57,190 --> 00:33:55,200

america where the executive the

951
00:33:59,190 --> 00:33:57,200
commander-in-chief can change every four

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00:34:01,909 --> 00:33:59,200
years not to mention congress and

953
00:34:03,990 --> 00:34:01,919
everything else that we don't you know

954
00:34:05,110 --> 00:34:04,000
we can't make 30-year plans like china

955
00:34:08,710 --> 00:34:05,120
can

956
00:34:11,270 --> 00:34:08,720
and four years because it could be

957
00:34:13,510 --> 00:34:11,280
changed by the civilian

958
00:34:15,829 --> 00:34:13,520
military civilian controlled military at

959
00:34:18,230 --> 00:34:15,839
any time and and that limitation on

960
00:34:20,869 --> 00:34:18,240
america's ability to conduct nation

961
00:34:22,230 --> 00:34:20,879
building needs to be recognized and and

962
00:34:24,869 --> 00:34:22,240
maybe that's

963
00:34:26,550 --> 00:34:24,879

one of the results of afghanistan uh

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00:34:28,470 --> 00:34:26,560

general petty

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00:34:30,550 --> 00:34:28,480

yeah i would uh i'm i'm pretty much

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00:34:32,629 --> 00:34:30,560

aligned with general bishop on this one

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00:34:34,710 --> 00:34:32,639

i'll just add a couple of things

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00:34:36,629 --> 00:34:34,720

i think i think it'd be difficult to

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00:34:39,109 --> 00:34:36,639

argue with you know going in and

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00:34:41,829 --> 00:34:39,119

striking hard at the

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00:34:44,950 --> 00:34:41,839

taliban and hunting down bin laden was

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00:34:46,550 --> 00:34:44,960

an appropriate response for before 9 11

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00:34:48,470 --> 00:34:46,560

i think all of america was on board with

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00:34:50,790 --> 00:34:48,480

that so i think

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00:34:53,030 --> 00:34:50,800

that was good and that that policy

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00:34:55,909 --> 00:34:53,040

decision was good and i think you had a

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00:34:59,670 --> 00:34:55,919

mill a reasonable military

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00:35:02,069 --> 00:34:59,680

uh objective in mind to make that happen

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00:35:03,750 --> 00:35:02,079

and i i absolutely agree with general

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00:35:07,109 --> 00:35:03,760

bishop that the

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00:35:08,790 --> 00:35:07,119

that things really started to morph and

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00:35:11,670 --> 00:35:08,800

mission creep

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00:35:14,310 --> 00:35:11,680

over those years um

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00:35:16,150 --> 00:35:14,320

and you know all of a sudden we're

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00:35:18,390 --> 00:35:16,160

we're moving from you know topple the

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00:35:21,190 --> 00:35:18,400

taliban and hunt the bad guys and

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00:35:23,430 --> 00:35:21,200

prevent afghanistan from being a

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00:35:24,550 --> 00:35:23,440

uh launching pad for future terror

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00:35:28,550 --> 00:35:24,560

strikes to

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00:35:30,870 --> 00:35:28,560

creating a gender sensitive multi-ethnic

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00:35:34,390 --> 00:35:30,880

democratic state that's a that is a

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00:35:36,390 --> 00:35:34,400

gigantic change of mission

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00:35:38,470 --> 00:35:36,400

you know we it happened over time so you

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00:35:40,630 --> 00:35:38,480

didn't notice it as the

995

00:35:42,870 --> 00:35:40,640

stark contrast that it just sounded when

996

00:35:44,630 --> 00:35:42,880

i said it but i mean there's a that's a

997

00:35:47,670 --> 00:35:44,640

significant change

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00:35:50,150 --> 00:35:47,680

um and what what frustrates me

999

00:35:52,950 --> 00:35:50,160

as a guy who studies this sometimes is

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00:35:56,390 --> 00:35:52,960

we've got a pretty bad record with

1001
00:35:58,710 --> 00:35:56,400
lately you know last 70 years or so of

1002
00:36:00,069 --> 00:35:58,720
analyzing the operating environment that

1003
00:36:01,430 --> 00:36:00,079
we're planning

1004
00:36:04,390 --> 00:36:01,440
to

1005
00:36:06,790 --> 00:36:04,400
shape with some foreign policy

1006
00:36:08,630 --> 00:36:06,800
goal you know afghanistan in this case

1007
00:36:11,750 --> 00:36:08,640
was the operating environment that we

1008
00:36:12,390 --> 00:36:11,760
wanted to go in and do things to create

1009
00:36:19,109 --> 00:36:12,400
a

1010
00:36:20,230 --> 00:36:19,119
so

1011
00:36:23,109 --> 00:36:20,240
you know we

1012
00:36:27,030 --> 00:36:23,119
we failed miserably at understanding the

1013
00:36:29,670 --> 00:36:27,040

environment and its history of of uh you

1014

00:36:32,069 --> 00:36:29,680

know tribal factions and

1015

00:36:34,230 --> 00:36:32,079

distrust of central authority

1016

00:36:36,230 --> 00:36:34,240

and the literacy of our population makes

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00:36:38,630 --> 00:36:36,240

it hard to even train them on you know

1018

00:36:41,270 --> 00:36:38,640

rifle marksmanship um

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00:36:43,910 --> 00:36:41,280

we you know the terrorist safe haven in

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00:36:46,150 --> 00:36:43,920

pakistan i mean there's so many things

1021

00:36:48,270 --> 00:36:46,160

that line up against

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00:36:50,630 --> 00:36:48,280

a strong uh

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00:36:52,390 --> 00:36:50,640

counterinsurgency type strategy as

1024

00:36:53,910 --> 00:36:52,400

general bishop mentioned

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00:36:55,510 --> 00:36:53,920

that if you're just doing a logical

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00:36:57,670 --> 00:36:55,520

assessment of your operating environment

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00:36:58,870 --> 00:36:57,680

to see if your end state policy goals

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00:37:00,630 --> 00:36:58,880

are realistic

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00:37:02,470 --> 00:37:00,640

you would you conclude that they're just

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00:37:04,790 --> 00:37:02,480

not realistic and

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00:37:07,190 --> 00:37:04,800

again hindsight's 2020 but

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00:37:09,670 --> 00:37:07,200

but i'm i'm really disappointed

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00:37:10,870 --> 00:37:09,680

that the war changed over time and

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00:37:15,510 --> 00:37:10,880

nobody

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00:37:16,390 --> 00:37:15,520

and i remember when i was in afghanistan

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00:37:18,790 --> 00:37:16,400

getting

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00:37:19,510 --> 00:37:18,800

briefings from the top generals and the

1038

00:37:22,069 --> 00:37:19,520

top

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00:37:24,630 --> 00:37:22,079

state department officials and even the

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00:37:27,510 --> 00:37:24,640

minister of defense from afghanistan

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00:37:29,670 --> 00:37:27,520

it was clear to me that

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00:37:34,230 --> 00:37:29,680

that we had

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00:37:37,510 --> 00:37:34,240

lost our way and it was difficult to

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00:37:38,870 --> 00:37:37,520

put into words how we had lost our way

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00:37:40,550 --> 00:37:38,880

because everyone was

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00:37:42,470 --> 00:37:40,560

rolling the oars and everyone was on the

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00:37:44,710 --> 00:37:42,480

team and everyone was doing good metrics

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00:37:45,589 --> 00:37:44,720

as general bishop pointed out

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00:37:50,870 --> 00:37:45,599

but

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00:37:53,030 --> 00:37:50,880

senior military member like well not

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00:37:55,270 --> 00:37:53,040
name said uh

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00:37:57,589 --> 00:37:55,280
said chris this isn't switzerland we're

1053
00:37:59,430 --> 00:37:57,599
basically keeping pressure on 20

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00:38:00,870 --> 00:37:59,440
terrorist organizations

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00:38:02,870 --> 00:38:00,880
i mean that's kind of

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00:38:06,069 --> 00:38:02,880
his summary of the mission

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00:38:08,710 --> 00:38:06,079
which didn't sound a lot like gender

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00:38:10,230 --> 00:38:08,720
sensitive multi-ethnic democracy in the

1059
00:38:11,670 --> 00:38:10,240
middle east so

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00:38:14,069 --> 00:38:11,680
it was never

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00:38:15,829 --> 00:38:14,079
incongruence and it's a real problem

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00:38:19,030 --> 00:38:15,839
that we've had i think we're going to

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00:38:22,470 --> 00:38:19,040

continue to have till we figure this out

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00:38:24,790 --> 00:38:22,480

yeah jim just to uh to tag on to that

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00:38:27,589 --> 00:38:24,800

chris is bringing back memories so i

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00:38:30,390 --> 00:38:27,599

shared with you my stories in the tank

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00:38:33,589 --> 00:38:30,400

25 2005

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00:38:37,589 --> 00:38:33,599

basically 2004 2005.

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00:38:39,750 --> 00:38:37,599

when i retired 2009 2010

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00:38:41,270 --> 00:38:39,760

i was what was called an air force

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00:38:45,670 --> 00:38:41,280

senior mentor

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00:38:47,990 --> 00:38:45,680

and for the first year i could not go to

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00:38:49,990 --> 00:38:48,000

air force exercises

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00:38:51,910 --> 00:38:50,000

so i because you can't talk to people of

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00:38:53,430 --> 00:38:51,920

your own service for a year as a retired

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00:38:57,829 --> 00:38:53,440

flag officer

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00:39:00,630 --> 00:38:57,839

so i was uh with at with all the army

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00:39:03,750 --> 00:39:00,640

units spinning up for taking command

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00:39:06,069 --> 00:39:03,760

either in afghanistan or iraq

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00:39:08,230 --> 00:39:06,079

and they had moved

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00:39:09,390 --> 00:39:08,240

from now having metrics

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00:39:11,349 --> 00:39:09,400

from

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00:39:13,349 --> 00:39:11,359

2004-2005 they didn't

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00:39:15,829 --> 00:39:13,359

they didn't have any now now they would

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00:39:17,430 --> 00:39:15,839

inundate you with metrics from the state

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00:39:18,950 --> 00:39:17,440

department all

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00:39:21,510 --> 00:39:18,960

different areas where they thought

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00:39:22,870 --> 00:39:21,520

progress was being made

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00:39:24,950 --> 00:39:22,880

but i

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00:39:28,790 --> 00:39:24,960

will tell you honestly

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00:39:30,550 --> 00:39:28,800

you just had to think to yourself okay

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00:39:32,950 --> 00:39:30,560

the same question that was asked of

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00:39:34,550 --> 00:39:32,960

general miller will the afghan military

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00:39:36,630 --> 00:39:34,560

have the resolve

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00:39:37,910 --> 00:39:36,640

you know klauswicz talks about the moral

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00:39:39,750 --> 00:39:37,920

factor

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00:39:41,430 --> 00:39:39,760

being three times more important than

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00:39:43,829 --> 00:39:41,440

the physical factor

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00:39:45,750 --> 00:39:43,839

will they be there well

1100

00:39:48,069 --> 00:39:45,760

i think they pretty much were there i

1101

00:39:50,710 --> 00:39:48,079

mean they've lost 60 000

1102

00:39:53,670 --> 00:39:50,720

people over the last several years

1103

00:39:56,069 --> 00:39:53,680

we had what 8 000 nato troops 2500 or so

1104

00:39:58,470 --> 00:39:56,079

americans they were pretty well there

1105

00:40:00,470 --> 00:39:58,480

but what in the world could we possibly

1106

00:40:02,550 --> 00:40:00,480

have expected

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00:40:03,829 --> 00:40:02,560

when you're gonna pack up

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00:40:06,390 --> 00:40:03,839

walk away

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00:40:08,870 --> 00:40:06,400

you're not there anymore we taught them

1110

00:40:10,309 --> 00:40:08,880

how to fight with close air support i

1111

00:40:12,069 --> 00:40:10,319

remember the chief of staff for the air

1112

00:40:13,190 --> 00:40:12,079

force telling me one time before i went

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00:40:15,430 --> 00:40:13,200

to

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00:40:17,270 --> 00:40:15,440

one of those army exercises rod tell the

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00:40:19,109 --> 00:40:17,280

army that we want to be there every time

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00:40:21,030 --> 00:40:19,119

they knock on the door we want to have

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00:40:23,270 --> 00:40:21,040

that overwatch

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00:40:25,270 --> 00:40:23,280

so now if you put yourself in the

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00:40:28,150 --> 00:40:25,280

position of a

1120

00:40:29,910 --> 00:40:28,160

afghan army soldier when you no longer

1121

00:40:31,750 --> 00:40:29,920

have that overwatch

1122

00:40:35,109 --> 00:40:31,760

you have all the people that have

1123

00:40:37,670 --> 00:40:35,119

trained you packing up and leaving

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00:40:39,510 --> 00:40:37,680

what are you going to decide

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00:40:41,750 --> 00:40:39,520

do i want to hurt turn over my gun and

1126

00:40:43,510 --> 00:40:41,760

maybe my family will live

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00:40:46,069 --> 00:40:43,520

or am i going to fight without the

1128

00:40:50,950 --> 00:40:46,079

capabilities that i've had for the last

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00:40:55,430 --> 00:40:53,030

it it sounds as if you're saying general

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00:40:57,190 --> 00:40:55,440

bishop that while perhaps there was a

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00:40:58,950 --> 00:40:57,200

lot of mission creep and we should have

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00:41:01,670 --> 00:40:58,960

gotten in and out a lot more quickly

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00:41:03,030 --> 00:41:01,680

that considering ultimately

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00:41:05,589 --> 00:41:03,040

what we did end up

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00:41:08,230 --> 00:41:05,599

spending there and you know the 20-year

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00:41:10,790 --> 00:41:08,240

effort and the trillion dollar effort

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00:41:14,309 --> 00:41:10,800

that once you get to that point

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00:41:17,190 --> 00:41:14,319

that to just abandon it as we did

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00:41:18,550 --> 00:41:17,200

wasn't wise that okay maybe we should

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00:41:21,510 --> 00:41:18,560

have been there for 20 years but since

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00:41:22,630 --> 00:41:21,520

we were and we didn't go that far

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00:41:24,710 --> 00:41:22,640

my gosh

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00:41:26,470 --> 00:41:24,720

keep the 2500 there

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00:41:28,390 --> 00:41:26,480

to at least you know

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00:41:30,309 --> 00:41:28,400

keep your presence there and and and

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00:41:33,030 --> 00:41:30,319

keep a close eye on

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00:41:34,710 --> 00:41:33,040

what the terrorist groups are doing and

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00:41:37,109 --> 00:41:34,720

try to

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00:41:39,030 --> 00:41:37,119

keep that that government afloat with

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00:41:41,430 --> 00:41:39,040

2500 troops which as you say is less

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00:41:43,510 --> 00:41:41,440

than what's on an aircraft carrier

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00:41:46,870 --> 00:41:43,520

well that's the way i i personally feel

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00:41:49,030 --> 00:41:46,880

and i i guess i just talked him back

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00:41:50,069 --> 00:41:49,040

to uh i mean this has been a tough week

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00:41:51,270 --> 00:41:50,079

and a half

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00:41:53,829 --> 00:41:51,280

um

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00:41:56,390 --> 00:41:53,839

when i think of all those

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00:41:58,790 --> 00:41:56,400

six in the morning until 8 p.m days in

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00:42:01,190 --> 00:41:58,800

the pentagon for a couple of years

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00:42:02,950 --> 00:42:01,200

at least i got to come home to a warm

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00:42:04,870 --> 00:42:02,960

house and i have all my

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00:42:07,190 --> 00:42:04,880

body parts

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00:42:08,470 --> 00:42:07,200

um when i think of the sacrifice and you

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00:42:10,470 --> 00:42:08,480

know i see the

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00:42:12,630 --> 00:42:10,480

congressmen who are vets

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00:42:14,150 --> 00:42:12,640

saying that their sacrifice was not in

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00:42:16,630 --> 00:42:14,160

vain that kept us

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00:42:18,950 --> 00:42:16,640

safe for 20 years well

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00:42:20,950 --> 00:42:18,960

could maybe uh this minimal commitment

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00:42:23,510 --> 00:42:20,960

that we're making

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00:42:25,109 --> 00:42:23,520

uh kept us free from

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00:42:27,430 --> 00:42:25,119

potential terrorist activities for

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00:42:28,950 --> 00:42:27,440

another 20. i mean we have what 30 000

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00:42:30,230 --> 00:42:28,960

people and

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00:42:31,349 --> 00:42:30,240

in

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00:42:34,309 --> 00:42:31,359

korea

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00:42:38,550 --> 00:42:34,319

we have case i don't know when i left

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00:42:39,589 --> 00:42:38,560

nato in 2008 we had 32 000 airmen just

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00:42:41,190 --> 00:42:39,599

in europe

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00:42:43,430 --> 00:42:41,200

let alone what the army and the other

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00:42:45,990 --> 00:42:43,440

services done

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00:42:47,829 --> 00:42:46,000

so uh i guess

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00:42:49,829 --> 00:42:47,839

why i don't like the nation building

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00:42:51,910 --> 00:42:49,839

role so much is because

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00:42:53,430 --> 00:42:51,920

we've seen it happen again i mean the

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00:42:54,550 --> 00:42:53,440

political winds blow a different

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00:42:56,870 --> 00:42:54,560

direction

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00:43:00,230 --> 00:42:56,880

and we pull ourselves away from

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00:43:02,390 --> 00:43:00,240

the mission if we more clearly define a

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00:43:04,230 --> 00:43:02,400

smaller mission set

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00:43:05,589 --> 00:43:04,240

can we have a bigger impact and be

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00:43:10,069 --> 00:43:05,599

successful

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00:43:13,510 --> 00:43:12,390

yeah this is a this is not a new concept

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00:43:15,990 --> 00:43:13,520

the uh

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00:43:16,790 --> 00:43:16,000

the well not like when i was there in 16

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00:43:20,950 --> 00:43:16,800

the

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00:43:23,349 --> 00:43:20,960

state department leadership were talking

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00:43:26,470 --> 00:43:23,359

about this concept of the

1199

00:43:29,030 --> 00:43:26,480

basically a counter-terror plot

1200

00:43:31,510 --> 00:43:29,040

in a secure

1201

00:43:33,430 --> 00:43:31,520

area like a bob room or something as

1202

00:43:35,589 --> 00:43:33,440

having a long-term benefit not just for

1203

00:43:38,230 --> 00:43:35,599

afghanistan but for the region so that

1204

00:43:41,030 --> 00:43:38,240

was an active thought in both state and

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00:43:43,190 --> 00:43:41,040

dod back in 2016 so i don't know why

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00:43:45,349 --> 00:43:43,200

that just disappeared

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00:43:47,750 --> 00:43:45,359

yeah talk about that bagram air base for

1208

00:43:49,349 --> 00:43:47,760

me real quick um as far as what you know

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00:43:51,030 --> 00:43:49,359

about it apparently it was built by the

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00:43:52,710 --> 00:43:51,040

soviet union and

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00:43:54,309 --> 00:43:52,720

i've read about how

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00:43:57,030 --> 00:43:54,319

secure

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00:43:58,390 --> 00:43:57,040

it is and and so forth and you know

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00:44:00,230 --> 00:43:58,400

people being upset that we obviously

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00:44:03,349 --> 00:44:00,240

that we gave it up but what do you know

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00:44:04,950 --> 00:44:03,359

about this this airbase

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00:44:06,550 --> 00:44:04,960

well you want me to go first jim i mean

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00:44:08,950 --> 00:44:06,560

i've been there probably as i say

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00:44:11,430 --> 00:44:08,960

probably five or six times it's a huge

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00:44:12,710 --> 00:44:11,440

base uh i hope you had a chance to watch

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00:44:13,990 --> 00:44:12,720

that video

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00:44:16,870 --> 00:44:14,000

of uh

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00:44:17,670 --> 00:44:16,880

the company i worked for losing at 747

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00:44:19,990 --> 00:44:17,680

there

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00:44:21,670 --> 00:44:20,000

i mean that's probably a 10 minute ride

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00:44:23,349 --> 00:44:21,680

from the major part of the base over to

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00:44:25,510 --> 00:44:23,359

that base where it went down and there

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00:44:28,230 --> 00:44:25,520

was a dorm over there

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00:44:29,829 --> 00:44:28,240

so it's a lot of ground to protect uh

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00:44:32,230 --> 00:44:29,839

for sure

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00:44:34,150 --> 00:44:32,240

and the wing commander the last time i

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00:44:37,190 --> 00:44:34,160

was in bagram had been a wing commander

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00:44:39,109 --> 00:44:37,200

for me in europe and i asked him what

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00:44:40,710 --> 00:44:39,119

kept him awake at night

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00:44:43,270 --> 00:44:40,720

and he said

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00:44:45,349 --> 00:44:43,280

an afghani coming through the front gate

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00:44:47,670 --> 00:44:45,359

and getting past security with a vest

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00:44:50,150 --> 00:44:47,680

and coming into the dining hall

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00:44:51,750 --> 00:44:50,160

so there's a there's a constant threat

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00:44:52,550 --> 00:44:51,760

there for sure

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00:44:55,670 --> 00:44:52,560

but

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00:44:58,150 --> 00:44:55,680

um i mean with the right security forces

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00:45:00,230 --> 00:44:58,160

and they did have a lot of contractors

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00:45:02,390 --> 00:45:00,240

i mean you could have been on any base

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00:45:05,109 --> 00:45:02,400

usa i mean with its wendy's and

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00:45:07,750 --> 00:45:05,119

mcdonald's and the space exchange

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00:45:11,990 --> 00:45:07,760

it was quite the complex and is that

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00:45:14,069 --> 00:45:12,000

where our 2500 um military members were

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00:45:16,390 --> 00:45:14,079

a good portion of them

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00:45:19,510 --> 00:45:16,400

and not to mention we we should say nato

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00:45:21,349 --> 00:45:19,520

i think had another what five thousand

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00:45:24,710 --> 00:45:21,359

there approximately

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00:45:26,790 --> 00:45:24,720

yeah i've heard uh five date

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00:45:27,829 --> 00:45:26,800

but chris you've been there since i have

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00:45:30,470 --> 00:45:27,839

um

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00:45:32,630 --> 00:45:30,480

so chime in yeah and chris

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00:45:33,990 --> 00:45:32,640

address if you could for us

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00:45:36,069 --> 00:45:34,000

do you think that we could have

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00:45:37,990 --> 00:45:36,079

maintained that base

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00:45:43,190 --> 00:45:38,000

in other words i do pulled out of

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00:45:48,309 --> 00:45:45,750

yeah i i think you well i think you

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00:45:50,790 --> 00:45:48,319

could have we could have maintained that

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00:45:53,030 --> 00:45:50,800

base and and frankly the king zone

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00:45:54,950 --> 00:45:53,040

compound with the embassy on it too

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00:45:57,589 --> 00:45:54,960

now granted they were

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00:45:59,349 --> 00:45:57,599

you know a short vehicle ride you know

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00:46:01,670 --> 00:45:59,359

through a crowded city but helicopter

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00:46:02,870 --> 00:46:01,680

transport was easy back and forth

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00:46:05,349 --> 00:46:02,880

we did it

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00:46:07,510 --> 00:46:05,359

plenty of times um

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00:46:09,510 --> 00:46:07,520

so yeah i think it was feasible now of

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00:46:11,589 --> 00:46:09,520

course there's going to be risk there

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00:46:13,750 --> 00:46:11,599

of course if the taliban comes back in

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00:46:15,589 --> 00:46:13,760

power it's going to be constantly under

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00:46:16,630 --> 00:46:15,599

threat but you could still build the

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00:46:19,349 --> 00:46:16,640

right

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00:46:22,390 --> 00:46:19,359

force package and forward patrols and

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00:46:23,589 --> 00:46:22,400

presence and counter battery assets of

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00:46:25,589 --> 00:46:23,599

everything

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00:46:27,190 --> 00:46:25,599

that the

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00:46:28,390 --> 00:46:27,200

you know anybody with bad intentions

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00:46:29,910 --> 00:46:28,400

would really think twice because they'd

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00:46:31,589 --> 00:46:29,920

get hammered

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00:46:34,230 --> 00:46:31,599

if they tried to launch mortars into

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00:46:35,990 --> 00:46:34,240

that base etc etc so you could have you

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00:46:38,309 --> 00:46:36,000

could have done it um

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00:46:40,710 --> 00:46:38,319

it would have been worth a try is i

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00:46:42,390 --> 00:46:40,720

think is the important thing yeah

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00:46:44,630 --> 00:46:42,400

because also you can

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00:46:46,470 --> 00:46:44,640

any operations pertaining to pakistan

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00:46:47,990 --> 00:46:46,480

and and keeping an eye you know drones

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00:46:49,829 --> 00:46:48,000

flying over pakistan and so on would go

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00:46:52,630 --> 00:46:49,839

out of that base right

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00:46:55,030 --> 00:46:52,640

right right

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00:46:57,270 --> 00:46:55,040

and and what are just total you know

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00:47:00,390 --> 00:46:57,280

miscalculation it seems to me by by

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00:47:01,589 --> 00:47:00,400

biden of linking this pull out to 911

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00:47:04,550 --> 00:47:01,599

like this was going to be some

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00:47:07,670 --> 00:47:04,560

celebratory thing that we pull out in

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00:47:08,470 --> 00:47:07,680

honor of the 20th anniversary of 9 11

1301
00:47:09,349 --> 00:47:08,480
when

1302
00:47:10,470 --> 00:47:09,359
you know

1303
00:47:12,630 --> 00:47:10,480
it's kind of

1304
00:47:15,030 --> 00:47:12,640
shameful i mean it just brings back all

1305
00:47:17,510 --> 00:47:15,040
the bad feelings of 911

1306
00:47:19,109 --> 00:47:17,520
and realizing how we haven't really

1307
00:47:21,750 --> 00:47:19,119
accomplished anything and we've left

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00:47:22,870 --> 00:47:21,760
afghanistan probably in worse condition

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00:47:25,270 --> 00:47:22,880
than when we

1310
00:47:27,430 --> 00:47:25,280
first went in well you are so right on

1311
00:47:30,790 --> 00:47:27,440
jim can you can you i mean you can see

1312
00:47:32,950 --> 00:47:30,800
the pictures already and it's not 911

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00:47:33,750 --> 00:47:32,960

i bet for sure that we'll have pictures

1314

00:47:40,549 --> 00:47:33,760

of

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00:47:42,150 --> 00:47:40,559

and celebrating 911.

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00:47:43,670 --> 00:47:42,160

right

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00:47:45,829 --> 00:47:43,680

wearing our uniforms

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00:47:47,990 --> 00:47:45,839

did you guys see this sorry the

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00:47:50,549 --> 00:47:48,000

the iwo jima picture

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00:47:53,030 --> 00:47:50,559

yes i didn't see it i didn't see it but

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00:47:55,270 --> 00:47:53,040

i can't imagine i mean i know i i have

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00:47:56,069 --> 00:47:55,280

to believe that president biden didn't

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00:47:59,109 --> 00:47:56,079

didn't

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00:48:02,230 --> 00:47:59,119

purposely hand the taliban a

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00:48:04,549 --> 00:48:02,240

major street again to victory

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00:48:06,710 --> 00:48:04,559

but the end result is this is a major

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00:48:09,670 --> 00:48:06,720

propaganda victory for that for that

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00:48:15,270 --> 00:48:12,470

yeah well it it goes just along the

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00:48:18,150 --> 00:48:16,710

not wanting

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00:48:19,670 --> 00:48:18,160

you know there's an argument that the

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00:48:22,390 --> 00:48:19,680

obama administration now the bite

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00:48:26,230 --> 00:48:22,400

administration does not want a strong

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00:48:28,069 --> 00:48:26,240

united states you know it's

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00:48:30,309 --> 00:48:28,079

the american exceptionalism and putting

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00:48:31,829 --> 00:48:30,319

america first and seeing america as a

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00:48:33,829 --> 00:48:31,839

world

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00:48:37,190 --> 00:48:33,839

leader

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00:48:40,150 --> 00:48:37,200

is not something that they seem to want

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00:48:41,829 --> 00:48:40,160

to promote and certainly as a result of

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00:48:43,430 --> 00:48:41,839

his actions here he's brought america

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00:48:45,670 --> 00:48:43,440

standing in the world

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00:48:48,950 --> 00:48:45,680

down a number of notches

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00:48:49,829 --> 00:48:48,960

so you do kind of wonder how intentional

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00:48:51,510 --> 00:48:49,839

it is

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00:48:53,750 --> 00:48:51,520

or maybe

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00:48:56,470 --> 00:48:53,760

yeah i just hope um

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00:48:57,670 --> 00:48:56,480

now i know president trump got a lot of

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00:48:59,829 --> 00:48:57,680

criticism

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00:49:02,069 --> 00:48:59,839

when he took over for the

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00:49:03,430 --> 00:49:02,079

kind of the outward approach he had

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00:49:06,309 --> 00:49:03,440

towards nato

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00:49:08,790 --> 00:49:06,319

but having worked in that environment i

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00:49:11,190 --> 00:49:08,800

i felt like it was justified our our

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00:49:12,230 --> 00:49:11,200

nato allies are good allies they're with

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00:49:17,670 --> 00:49:12,240

us

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00:49:19,510 --> 00:49:17,680

and uh

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00:49:22,069 --> 00:49:19,520

you know to for this lack of

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00:49:24,630 --> 00:49:22,079

coordination seemingly that happened

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00:49:27,670 --> 00:49:24,640

here i just hope it hasn't damaged

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00:49:29,910 --> 00:49:27,680

in that particular treaty

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00:49:31,750 --> 00:49:29,920

nato was never stronger when trump uh

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00:49:34,390 --> 00:49:31,760

left office because he got the countries

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00:49:36,309 --> 00:49:34,400

to put more money in right i mean

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00:49:39,589 --> 00:49:36,319

that whole thing that oh trump didn't

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00:49:41,349 --> 00:49:39,599

support nato he he didn't support a nato

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00:49:42,790 --> 00:49:41,359

where america was putting in its fair

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00:49:45,109 --> 00:49:42,800

share and the others were not that was

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00:49:46,950 --> 00:49:45,119

my understanding of his position

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00:49:48,950 --> 00:49:46,960

but it does but to be fair it sounds

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00:49:51,430 --> 00:49:48,960

like general bishop

1371

00:49:52,630 --> 00:49:51,440

you would you are critical of trump's

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00:49:54,870 --> 00:49:52,640

decision

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00:49:56,069 --> 00:49:54,880

to cut this deal with the taliban and to

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00:49:58,470 --> 00:49:56,079

pull all

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00:50:00,549 --> 00:49:58,480

troops out because it's your view and i

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00:50:02,710 --> 00:50:00,559

think i share it that that

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00:50:05,430 --> 00:50:02,720

we should have left a base there

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00:50:07,990 --> 00:50:05,440

i think the way i would um

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00:50:09,670 --> 00:50:08,000

crouch that gym is

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00:50:12,950 --> 00:50:09,680

so much is

1381

00:50:15,430 --> 00:50:12,960

hangs on the words and how you say it

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00:50:17,349 --> 00:50:15,440

uh you know bringing all americans home

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00:50:19,670 --> 00:50:17,359

ending the endless war

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00:50:21,750 --> 00:50:19,680

has political appeal

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00:50:24,309 --> 00:50:21,760

i think he could have accomplished much

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00:50:26,870 --> 00:50:24,319

in fact i i think we did accomplish much

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00:50:28,549 --> 00:50:26,880

of what the trump administration won

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00:50:29,910 --> 00:50:28,559

we haven't had an american killed there

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00:50:32,549 --> 00:50:29,920

in 18 months

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00:50:34,470 --> 00:50:32,559

i mean we weren't necessarily quote at

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00:50:36,710 --> 00:50:34,480

war i know if somebody's firing at you

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00:50:39,990 --> 00:50:36,720

you feel like you're at war but

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00:50:42,390 --> 00:50:40,000

nobody has died over there in 18 months

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00:50:44,950 --> 00:50:42,400

and i think as chris has alluded it was

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00:50:46,790 --> 00:50:44,960

a strategic part of the world where we

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00:50:48,870 --> 00:50:46,800

could have had

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00:50:51,460 --> 00:50:48,880

some eyes and ears

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00:50:53,109 --> 00:50:51,470

this over the horizon

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00:50:55,349 --> 00:50:53,119

[Music]

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00:50:57,589 --> 00:50:55,359

capability that president biden speaks

1401
00:50:59,589 --> 00:50:57,599
about i'm wondering where that over the

1402
00:51:02,069 --> 00:50:59,599
horizon is coming from

1403
00:51:05,510 --> 00:51:02,079
i mean i've flown a lot between

1404
00:51:07,349 --> 00:51:05,520
uh dubai and abu Dhabi and

1405
00:51:09,910 --> 00:51:07,359
kuwait

1406
00:51:13,349 --> 00:51:09,920
into Afghanistan

1407
00:51:17,190 --> 00:51:13,359
it's it's about a three-hour flight

1408
00:51:19,270 --> 00:51:17,200
where is our closest base at this point

1409
00:51:20,790 --> 00:51:19,280
well i i would guess

1410
00:51:22,390 --> 00:51:20,800
um unless

1411
00:51:23,910 --> 00:51:22,400
you know i don't have a map in front of

1412
00:51:26,069 --> 00:51:23,920
me there may be some

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00:51:28,309 --> 00:51:26,079

incirlik at turkey maybe a little closer

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00:51:30,790 --> 00:51:28,319

but i mean where we see what the

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intermediate isb is here for this

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00:51:37,190 --> 00:51:34,000

evacuation is how you beat and cutter

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so we have a basin cutter yes

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well it's a qatari base but

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you know we we pay a lot for it

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it's their base but we

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we pay for it

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right and the navy has a base in bahrain

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those two places are probably the

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closest

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there's also an installation

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in kuwait that's more army focused chris

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could probably talk about that one

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and the navy has some places

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down in uae

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i believe fujira

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they have a little bit of a station

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there and there's

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another air base that we work with emrex

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and uau as well

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uh final thought

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general petty i'll go to you any concern

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that

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this affects recruiting for the military

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does this make recruiting more difficult

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yeah i think it's bound to have some

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effect i mean we're still gonna have a

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small percentage of the population that

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is patriotic and wants to serve and and

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stand by the colors and do good things

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for america so

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you know it's not gonna affect everybody

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but it's it's it's bound to have an

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effect you want to be on a team

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you know and you want to

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you want to be proud of what your

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services are accomplishing and i'm not

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i'm not painting a broad brush against

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the services here i'm like i said

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earlier on i'm

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really curious about the the internal

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after-action review when we get the true

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story of what went on in the national

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security council

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but uh yeah i think it's gonna have

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some effect on recruiting

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yeah it's just that i mean so many

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patriotic americans signed up for the

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military after 9 11 you know just

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similar to to pearl harbor

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and to have it kind of end this way

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is makes it extra depressing

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yeah i mean we all know history i mean

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soldiers and sailors and airmen

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and marines and coast guardsmen have

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have made the ultimate sacrifice through

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ages and

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not every conflict has turned out well

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um but they did what they signed up to

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do they did what they were asked to do

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they served honorably and that's all

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they can ask of them

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thank you again to lieutenant general

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rod bishop and brigadier general chris

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petty you can support their very

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important project at stars.us that's

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s-t-a-r-r-s-u-s stand together against

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racism and radicalism in the services

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thank you to our producer michael parker

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00:54:12,150 --> 00:54:10,480

thank you all for listening we'll be

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back soon with another episode of the

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