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His Excellency Mr. Bogdan Klich
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Dear Minister Klich

TIME MAGAZINE ARTICLE

I have read Jason Motlagh's article "U.S. Troops in Afghanistan, Coalition Forces Are Mixed Blessing," and I wholeheartedly disagree with his assessment. I assure you, the comments in the article in no way, shape or form reflect the views of either NATO or U.S. civilian or military leadership. I know that Polish soldiers are well trained, experienced, and dedicated to their mission and I applaud the decision of the Polish Government to deploy their troops in this challenging and vital region.

I have personally witnessed the superb effort and impact your troops are making in Ghazni and I feel the comments in the Time article are completely misplaced. MG Campbell will take appropriate action to ensure that this does not occur again.

Change is difficult, and even more so for a multi-national alliance fighting a common enemy in an asymmetric combat environment. There is only one thing harder than fighting in a multi-national alliance, and that is fighting without one.

Yours sincerely,

J. Stavridis
Admiral, U.S. Navy

As you know I have the deepest respect for your brave soldiers