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• Intervention excerpt, as delivered:

"We must also support efforts by the Government of Afghanistan to separate the extremists of al-Qaida and the Taliban from those who joined their ranks not out of conviction, but out of desperation. This is, in fact, the case for a majority of those fighting with the Taliban. They should be offered an honorable form of reconciliation and reintegration into a peaceful society if they are willing to abandon violence, break with al-Qaida, and support the constitution."

• CNN excerpt:

QUESTION: And on this reconciliation, bringing members of the Taliban or al-Qaida --

SECRETARY CLINTON: Only the Taliban, we never said al-Qaida. We never said al-Qaida. We have no interest in any kind of reconciliation or any rapprochement by anyone with al-Qaida.

QUESTION: I'm glad you clarified that