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For two decades, Johnson has conducted research and written on Afghanistan and South Asia. He has directed major research efforts for the U.S. Government on Afghanistan and U.S. policy towards this country. He has written and published numerous studies on Afghanistan and its politics, culture, and anthropology. He is a member of the Afghanistan Editorial Board of the National Security Archive. Johnson has also published in the areas of Central Asia and Afghanistan, insurrections, foreign policy analysis, peace research/conflict resolution, and political and defense economics modeling and simulation. His most recent
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