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selective and localized strategy to serve America's aims in Eurasia and to better compete with China over the long run."

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