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  2. Shoukat Virk
- **Representing**
  - Self
  - Self (Mark Boal's dr)

(Untitled)
DATE      Tuesday, May 10, 2011

TO        George Little c/o

FAX #      

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MESSAGE: Letter from Filmmakers Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow

Dear 

Attached please find a letter from writer/producer Mark Boal and director/producer Kathryn Bigelow that was emailed to George Little this afternoon. Can you confirm receipt of this letter? If so, I am reachable via phone at _______ or via email at _______.

Thanks,

Jonathan Leven
Assistant to Mark Boal
VIA EMAIL

May 10, 2011

Mr. George Little
Central Intelligence Agency
Office of Public Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Little,

Please consider this brief note an introduction and a request for information.

As you may know, as a follow up to our film The Hurt Locker, Kathryn Bigelow and I are making a feature film about the extraordinary effort to capture or kill Usama Bin Laden. Given the historical nature of the subject matter, we intend to make accuracy and authenticity hallmarks of the production, for we believe that this is one of those rare instances where truth really is more interesting than fiction.

At this point, we have discussed the film with DCIA and Jeremy Bash, and we hope that now is an appropriate time to engage with your office and discuss the parameters of our research. If you agree, we would very much appreciate your guidance, and look forward to talking at your convenience about the appropriate next steps.

I can be reached by phone at [___ ___ ___] or [___ ___ ___] or via email at mark[@] ___ ___ ___ ___

Sincerely,

Mark Boal

Kathryn Bigelow

EASY STREET PRODUCTIONS - 9280 NIGHTINGALE DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90069
Marie / Prestonian—hope you're having fun Boating.

--George
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Office: PA

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1 Mark Boll | Self
2 Kathryn Bigelow | Self
3 Shoukat Ali Virk | Self
From: mark
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 10:46 AM
To: Morell
Subject: Morell

Pls shoot me his email, I lost his card from yesterday, and want to thank him.
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T
From: mark@  Thursday, June 09, 2011 11:47 AM
To:  Potentially useful New York Times coverage of UBL's death

The Times has a pretty useful page with maps of the compound, graphics about the operation (including the 7 steps in the raid), and a timeline of the intel case:

http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2011/05/02/world/asia/abbottabad-map-of-where-osama-bin-laden-was-killed.html

This is the general NYT site on UBL's death. There's some other good stuff on here too:


Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson
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- **Purpose of visit:** Meeting with Media Spokesperson Preston Golson

**Sponsor Information**
- Office: DIR/OPA

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Preston,

Mark is going to be there at 1030 tomorrow. I just sent his driver's info - it's the same guy as earlier in the week.

If you need to reach him, his email is mark

He'll chat with you and then George, and then Y and T in OPA's conference room.

I'm so happy you're back!!
Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson
From:                      
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 9:06 AM 
To:                        
Subject: Re: CIA driver - mark boal

Awesome, sounds good! Thanks for all your help on this :) 

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

From:                      
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 9:02 AM 
To:                        
Subject: RE: CIA driver - mark boal

Perfect, I will just clone the request. Have fun!

From:                      
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 6:26 PM 
To:                        
Subject: Fw: CIA driver - mark boal

Just landed in ATL and had this. It's the same driver as earlier this week.

Thanks!

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

From: Marie Harf          
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 06:24 PM 
To:                        
Subject: Fw: CIA driver - mark boal

From: Sarah Zukowski      
Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 20:35:55 +0000 
To: Marie Harf            
Subject: RE: CIA driver - mark boal
Hi Marie,

Everything is arranged for Mark's car tomorrow; it will be the same driver he had on Monday and Tuesday, whose information is below:

Name: Shoukal Ali Vird

Don't hesitate to let me know if there's anything else I can do help.

Best,
Sarah

-----Original Message-----
From: markboal [mailto:markboal]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 3:51 PM
To: Sarah Zukowski
Cc: Marie Harf
Subject: CIA driver - mark boal

Sarah
when you have the driver's info for tomorrow, please pass it along to Marie.
thanks
mark
What is his assistant's email address?

Nope, not yet... I just emailed and called him again.

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

Hi, any word from Marc Boal's assistant yet?
Sir, I tried to capture the meeting below, in order to bring others up to speed and get all on the same page.

Mark Boal, Writer/Producer of "Hurt Locker", is working on a Sony Pictures Movie portrayal of the hunt for UBL.

The meeting lasted 45 minutes and Mark spent most of the time laying out his way ahead.

**They were just about to begin filming a movie focusing on the Battle of Tora Bora (2001) when 1 May changed everything.**

- **TIMELINE:**
  - Next two months will be spent on research/background to reconstruct as much as possible
  - Start Shooting in Fall of 2011
  - Release date set for 4th Qtr 2012 (Sep-Dec)

-- Boal indicated:
  - He wants it to be an accurate recreation of a historical event
  - Not interested in giving away TTPs (indicated that he was proud of not giving anything away in Hurt Locker)
  - Wants to highlight the great cooperation/coordination between CIA/DoD and the extensive Intel work (decade) that culminated in the OP.
  - He plans to return in late June, early July for some more in depth meetings (USDI indicated he would be willing to meet with him, but could not say at this point how much he would be able to discuss)

-- To Date:
  - To date has spoken with CIA pers to include DD Mike Morrell. (indicated he was going back tomorrow and would be returning the end of Jun)
  - Has not yet spoken to WH
  - Has not yet requested formal DoD support (realizes that will require a script for review)

USDI:
  - Recommended looking at it from 3 main components CIA, DoD, WH.
  - There was a 60-80% of certainty based on the Intel
  - Was a "Gutsy Decision" by the POTUS (WH involvement was critical)
  - Involved developing options, evolving and refining plans, rehearsing OP, and finally execution of OP
  - Asked if Boal had asked to speak with WH, SECDEF, CJCS, VCJCS, or [___]
-- Response was not yet, but certainly something he would be looking at doing - possibly when he returns to DC late Jun/early Jul.

POST Meeting:

-- I suggested he reach out to the WH to get a sense of their position/support for the project.
-- Also, recommended at the very least an informal request to OSD PA in regard to DoD participation in the research phase
  **(prior to a formal request for DoD support).**

Vr/Bob

Commander Bob Mehal
Public Affairs Officer
Defense Press Operations
1400 Defense Pentagon (Rm 2D961)
Washington, DC 20301-1400
(703) 697-4162
Hey Mariel thanks for arranging all of this. I'll def be there to see Mark.

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Hi guys! Thank you so much for your great work.

Hi guys!

Thank you so much for your great work talking to Mark Boal earlier this week. After talking to you, he was so impressed – he told me that you were both a screenwriter’s dream in terms of compelling characters. I thought that was a pretty good compliment.

He’ll be coming into HQs tomorrow for a few hours to chat before he heads back to LA on Saturday. If you are both free around 11:30, we have the OPA conference room reserved. We only have it for two hours, so don’t worry about this turning into another marathon session :)

I will be out of town at a wedding tomorrow, so my one or both of my OPA colleagues CC'ed on this email (Preston Golson was the one in the meetings with me on Monday...) will be there. Please let one of them know if there are any issues with this timing tomorrow.

Thanks again SO much!

Mariel

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs
From: Marie E. Harf  
Media Spokesperson  
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Re: Confirmation of meeting at 1400 tomorrow

Date: 06/21/2011 11:15 AM

Thanks for the note! I'm sorry your schedule is so crazy, but I know that goes with the territory.

Absolutely, we can reschedule for next week - I'll ping you to set something up when I have a sense for Mark's schedule!

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf  
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Marie, something has come up that requires...  
06/21/2011 11:12:03 AM

From: Marie E. Harf  
To: Marie E. Harf  
Cc:  
Date: 06/21/2011 11:12 AM

Subject: Re: Confirmation of meeting at 1400 tomorrow

Marie,
Something has come up that requires my presence elsewhere at 1400 today (two other places, actually, but I had to pick one). Could we reschedule this for next week sometime?

Marie E. Harf  
This email is to confirm a m...  
06/20/2011 05:25:12 PM
From: [Redacted]  
Date: 06/21/2011 14:12 AM  
Subject: Re: Confirmation of meeting at 1400 tomorrow

To: Marie E. Harf  
Cc: [Redacted]

This message is digitally signed.

Hi Marie,

Something has come up that requires my presence elsewhere at 1400 today (two other places, actually, but I had to pick one). Could we reschedule this for next week sometime?

[Email from Marie E. Harf]

This email is to confirm a meeting with screenwriter Mark Boal at 1400 tomorrow (Tuesday, June 21) in the OPA conference room.

Please let me know if anything changes; otherwise I will see you at 1400 tomorrow!

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf  
CIA Office of Public Affairs
Thanks, Marie. I'll see you then.

Marie E. Harf
This email is to confirm a meeting with screenwriter Mark Boal at 1400 tomorrow (Tuesday, June 21) in the OPA conference room.

Please let me know if anything changes; otherwise I will see you at 1400 tomorrow!

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs
Thanks Sarah!

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

Hi Marie,

Here are the details of Mark Boal’s driver and car for his visit to the Agency tomorrow:

Shoukat Ali Virk

Let me know if you need anything else. Thanks!

Sarah
From: Sarah Zukowski [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 6:06 PM
To: Marie E. Harf
Subject: Mark Boal at CIA tomorrow

Hi Marie,

Here are the details of Mark Boal's driver and car for his visit to the Agency tomorrow:

Shoukat Ali Virk

Let me know if you need anything else. Thanks!

Sarah

GPG Sarah Zukowski Assistant
1528 F St NW - 9th Floor - Washington DC 20004
202.337.0808 = 202.337.9157 fax
www.gloverparkgroup.com
From: Mark Boal [mark@]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 4:22 PM
To: 
Subject: Re: Details for tomorrow

good,
changed my mind, will take a car service
will be the same driver
info to follow

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sent by ipad

On Jun 23, 2011, at 3:51 PM, <__> wrote:

Yeah, of course. Do you need me to give you directions?

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson.

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From: mark@ [mailto:mark@]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 3:50 PM
To: 
Subject: Re: Details for tomorrow

Thx
Can I take my own vehicle, rental car?

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T
From: |

Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2011 15:23:29 -0400

To: <mark@ |

Subject: Details for tomorrow

Mark,

Tomorrow’s event begins at 1:30 at CIA Headquarters. Everyone needs to be seated by 1:15, and the tent opens at 12:30, so you can plan to get here any time after noon. Let me know when you’ll be arriving so I can meet you.

Can you also have GPG let me know about your driver?

Thanks!

Marie

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson
Hi,

Thanks for reaching out. I don't mind chatting with him at all, and next Tuesday would probably work for me.

Sounds very interesting!

Thanks!

Marie E. Harf

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I'm one of the media spokespersons in OPA, and we've been informally working with movie producer and screenwriter Mark Boal, who is making a movie about the UBL operation. As you may know, Mark won two Academy Awards for "The Hurt Locker," which focused on an Army bomb diffuson team that he was embedded with in Iraq. Mark is a serious filmmaker who's looking to do an accurate portrayal (at least as far as Hollywood goes) of UBL and the operation. He's been working on this movie for some time and has met with a number of your colleagues in CTC and throughout the Agency.

One of those folks he's chatted with is [redacted], who recommended you as someone else who might want to sit down with Mark. This discussion won't be for attribution in any way. Basically, he's spoken to a number of folks who worked on the operation from HQs, and to your predecessor [redacted], but he's looking for more color about what it was like to be working this from the field.

He's going to be at HQs next Tuesday afternoon (this time, chatting with [redacted]), and I thought if you were interested you chat with him then too.

Don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions! It's totally up to you whether or not you want to participate. I know this isn't the typical CIA experience :)

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Fw: [Link to Attachment(s)]

Date: 06/20/2011 02:29 PM

Driver info for tomorrow!

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs
— Forwarded by Marie E. Harf —

From: Sarah Zukowski
To: —
Date: 06/20/2011 02:08 PM
Subject: [Link to Attachment(s)]

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Hi Marie,

Here is the information for the driver that is bringing Mark to the Agency for his Noon meeting tomorrow:

Driver Name: Shoukat Ali Virk

Do you need the car make/model and license plate number as well? I am more than happy to get that if necessary. Thanks so much and let me know if you need anything else.

Best,
Hi Marie,

Here is the information for the driver that is bringing Mark to the Agency for his Noon meeting tomorrow:

Driver Name: Shoukat Ali Virk

Do you need the car make/model and license plate number as well? I am more than happy to get that if necessary. Thanks so much and let me know if you need anything else.

Best,
Sarah
From: Jonathan Leven
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 8:04 PM
To: mark@
Cc: 
Subject: From Mark Boal's office - Production Attorney Contact Info

Hi George,

Per your conversation with Mark, below is contact information for production attorney, Irwin Rappaport:

Irwin M. Rappaport, P.C.

Best Wishes,

Jonathan Leven
Office of Mark Boal
Thanks so much for the additional suggestions for folks to chat with Mark Boal -- they all make a lot of sense. This is so helpful. Mark is actually going to be back in DC on June 20 and 21, and then for the week of the 27th as well. I will work to get these three lined up to chat with him on one of those dates.

I can't tell you enough how much we appreciate you and all your colleagues working on this project with us. We really do have a sense that this is going to be the movie on the UBL operation - and we all want CIA to be as well-represented in it as possible.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 29, 2011

Fact Sheet: National Strategy for Counterterrorism

“As a country, we will never tolerate our security being threatened, nor stand idly by when our people have been killed. We will be relentless in defense of our citizens and our friends and allies. We will be true to the values that make us who we are. And on nights like this one, we can say to those families who have lost loved ones to al Qaeda’s terror: Justice has been done.”

--President Barack Obama
May 1, 2011

The National Strategy for Counterterrorism, found here, http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/counterterrorism_strategy.pdf formalizes the approach that President Obama and his Administration have been pursuing and adapting for the past two and half years to prevent terrorist attacks and to deliver devastating blows against al-Qa’ida, including the successful mission to kill Usama bin Laden.

Rather than defining our entire national security policy, this counterterrorism strategy is one part of President Obama’s larger National Security Strategy, which seeks to advance our enduring national security interests, including our security, prosperity, respect for universal values and global cooperation to meet global challenges.
This Strategy builds upon the progress we have made in the decade since 9/11, in partnership with Congress, to build our counterterrorism and homeland security capacity as a nation. It neither represents a wholesale overhaul—nor a wholesale retention—of previous policies and strategies.

**Threat**—This Strategy recognizes there are numerous nations and groups that support terrorism to oppose U.S. interests, including Iran, Syria, Hezbollah and HAMAS, and we will use the full range of our foreign policy tools to protect the United States against these threats.

However, the principal focus of this counterterrorism strategy is the network that poses the most direct and significant threat to the United States—al-Qa’ida, its affiliates and its adherents.

- Al-Qa’ida has murdered thousands of our citizens, including on 9/11.

- Al-Qa’ida affiliates—groups that have aligned with al-Qa’ida—have attempted to attack us, such as Yemen-based al-Qa’ida in the Arabian Peninsula’s (AQAP) failed attempt to bomb a Detroit-bound airliner on December 25, 2009.

- Al-Qa’ida adherents—individuals, sometimes American citizens, who cooperate with or are inspired by al-Qa’ida—have engaged in terrorism, including the tragic slaughter of our service members at Fort Hood in 2009.

**Our Ultimate Objective**—This Strategy is clear and precise in our ultimate objective: we will disrupt, dismantle, and ultimately defeat al-Qa’ida—its leadership core in the Afghanistan-Pakistan region, its affiliates and adherents to ensure the security of our citizens and interests.

**Our Posture**—We are at war. We are waging a broad, sustained, integrated and relentless campaign that harnesses every element of American power to defeat al-Qa’ida.

**Our Goals**—To defeat al-Qa’ida, we are pursuing specific counterterrorism goals, including:

- Protecting our homeland by constantly reducing our vulnerabilities and adapting and updating our defenses.

- Disrupting, degrading, dismantling and defeating al-Qa’ida wherever it takes root.

- Preventing terrorists from acquiring or developing weapons of mass destruction.

- Eliminating the safe havens al-Qa’ida needs to train, plot and launch attacks against us.

- Degrading links between al-Qa’ida, its affiliates and adherents.

- Countering al-Qa’ida ideology and its attempts to justify violence.

- Depriving al-Qa’ida and its affiliates of their enabling means, including illicit financing, logistical support, and online communications.

**Our Principles**—Our pursuit of these goals is guided by several key principles, including:

- Upholding core American values, including rule of law and the privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties of all Americans;
Harnessing every tool at our disposal, including intelligence, military, homeland security and law enforcement, and maximizing cooperation between communities;

Building partnerships to with international institutions and partners so that nations can take the fight to al-Qa'ida, its affiliates and adherents in their own countries;

Applying tools appropriately, recognizing that different threats in different regions demand different tools;

Building a culture of preparedness and resilience at home to prevent terrorist attacks and ensure we can quickly should an attack occur.

Devastating Blows Against Al-Qa'ida—guided by this Strategy, we have achieved significant progress against al-Qa'ida over the past two and a half years.

- We have put al-Qa'ida under more pressure than at any time since 9/11, affecting its ability to attract new recruits and making it harder for al-Qa'ida to train and plot attacks.
- Al-Qa'ida’s leadership ranks have been decimated, with more key leaders eliminated in rapid succession than at any time since 9/11.
- Virtually every major al-Qa'ida affiliate has lost its key leader or operational commander.
- More than half of al-Qa'ida’s leadership has been eliminated, including Usama bin Laden

“On a Path to Defeat”—As President Obama stated in his June 22 remarks on our way forward in Afghanistan, “we have put al Qaeda on a path to defeat, and we will not relent until the job is done.”

- Information seized from his compound reveals bin Laden’s concerns about al-Qa'ida’s long-term viability.
- Bin Laden clearly saw that al-Qa'ida is losing the larger battle for hearts and minds.
- Bin Laden knew that he had failed to portray America as being at war with Islam.
- He knew that al-Qa'ida’s murder of so many innocent civilians, most of them Muslims, had deeply and perhaps permanently tarnished al-Qa'ida’s image in the world.

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The White House - 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW - Washington DC 20500 - 202-456-1111
From: mark@
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 2:22 PM
To: Jonathan Leven
Cc: Movie project

Jennifer,
Thanks for all your help so far with the research on this project. I'll be in touch in the coming weeks.
Wishing you a happy July 4th.
Best,
Mark

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T
Subject: Upcoming visit from Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow

To: Marie E. Harf
Cc: George E. Little, Jennifer N. Younablood, Preston B. Golson

Date: 07/11/2011 01:11 PM

This message is digitally signed.

Marie, et al. OPD, I understand from [redacted] that we'll have a visit later this week from our Hollywood friends. I wanted to let you know that I'm taking some AIL starting this Wednesday, and returning late in the day Monday. [redacted] are available to coordinate whatever is needed for this visit, as I suspect there will be some moving parts to work through. I will be around all day tomorrow so if there's anything we need to discuss, I'm happy to help, otherwise hit up [redacted].
Marie,

Good morning.

Am just confirming 15 July, 3pm with Acting DCIA.

The Vickers meeting came through so have to be at the Pentagon at 4:45. Think we can make it if we leave Langely at 4pm?

Could we come in before 3pm to meet with G, and S, and do tour of CTC?

Mark
Hi there,
Hope you had a happy 4th.
Just wondering if the dates I'd proposed for Kathryn to come in will work out. Either 14, 15th, or 18th?
Mark
yes, thanks.

wanted to talk to you about it.

just tried your office

give me a shout when you can

On Jul 7, 2011, at 8:42 AM,

Just want to make sure you saw this...

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson

Hey,

I just got confirmation that Michael is available to meet with you and Kathryn on Friday, July 15, at 3:00 pm. We can work around that time to set up the tour and other meetings we discussed Kathryn having while she's at HQs. Let me know if that works in both of your schedules.

I'm glad the visit is coming together --

Marie

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson
Michael J. Morell  
Acting Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Friday, 15 July 2011

1500 – 1545  
Courtesy Call with Katherine Bigelow (Director of UBL movie)  
Attendees: Mark Boal (screenwriter), Marie Harf

--- Forwarded by  
--- on 01/26/2012 05:35 PM ---

From: Marie E. Harf  
To:  
Date: 07/06/2011 07:28 PM  
Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL Movie Director Kathryn Bigelow

Thank you! :)

Marie E. Harf  
CIA Office of Public Affairs

--- Thank you! From: Marie E. Harf  
--- on 07/08/2011 07:24:42 PM ---

From: Marie E. Harf  
To:  
Date: 07/06/2011 07:24 PM  
Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL Movie Director Kathryn Bigelow

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Thank you!

Marie E. Harf (07/06/2011 07:22:30 PM)
Thanks so much! We really appreciate you...

Hi, Marie. AD/CIA is available for a courtesy call...
(07/06/2011 07:18:08 PM)

All, Academy Award-winning Director Kathryn Bi...
(07/06/2011 10:19:54 AM)

Marie E. Harf
From: Special Assistant to Deputy Director, CIA
Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL Movie Director Kathryn Bigelow
Date: 07/06/2011 07:24 PM

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History: This message has been replied to.

Thank you!

Marie E. Harf

Thanks so much! We really appreciate you...

From: Marie E. Harf
To: Marie E. Harf
Cc: 

Date: 07/06/2011 07:22 PM
Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL Movie Director Kathryn Bigelow

Thanks so much! We really appreciate you getting this on the schedule.

I'll be there to represent OPA. I believe she'll be accompanied by screenwriter Mark Boal, who's writing the movie and met with AD/CIA several weeks ago (I was in that meeting as well). I'll double-confirm Boal's attendance with you as soon as I hear back.

Cheers,
Marie

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Cheers,
Marie

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Hi, Marie. AD/CIA is available for a courtesy call with Ms. Bigelow on Friday, 15 July, 3:00-3:30, in his office. AD/CIA would like an OPA representative to attend as well. Please confirm that time will work for Ms. Bigelow's schedule and advise if anyone else will be accompanying her when she visits.

Thanks!

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Thanks!

Marie E. Harf

All: Academy Award-winning Director Kathryn Bigelow, who is directing the upcoming UBL movie, will be visiting Washington, DC from July 14th through 18th. As you know, we (and other USG entities, to include the White House) have been engaging with the film's screenwriter, Mark Boal. (Mark met with Mr. Morell a few weeks ago.) Both Mark and Kathryn have told us how impressed they are with the Agency's work in the UBL operation and how eager they are to bring that to the screen.

When Kathryn is in town, we are planning to bring her into Headquarters for a tour. We think it would be nice if she could have a meet and greet with Mr. Morell when she's here. She's expressed her gratitude for his and the Agency's assistance with this project, and she would like to thank him in person and give him an update on where the movie stands.

Would any of these days work for a quick meeting?

I really appreciate your assistance!

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs
Great, thanks.

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson

From: M B [mailto:mark@]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 3:58 PM
To: [___]
Subject: Re: Monday meetings

yes thanks
On Jul 12, 2011, at 12:50 PM, [____] wrote:

I’m assuming Kathryn is going to be in the meetings on Monday or Tuesday as well, right? I just want to let our people know who'll they be meeting with next week.

Thanks,
M

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson
That would be great—all I got from Mark was the name. Thanks so much!

Ok, great. Do you need Bob Mehal's contact info? I have it...

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

My pleasure! I just got word that Mark set up his meeting there through Robert Mehal; not sure if this is useful but figured it wouldn't hurt to pass along.

Thanks so much, Marie!

Sarah

Hi Sarah!

You're the best! Thanks for getting this to me so quickly.

I should be able to find someone for you at the Pentagon—I'll be in touch soon with that info.

Thanks,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
From: Sarah Zukowski
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 6:16 PM
To: 
Subject: Details for Mark Boal/Kathryn Bigelow Friday, 7/15 visit

Hi Marie,

Hope you are well. I just coordinated travel for Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow’s trip to the Agency this Friday and wanted to pass them along to you.

Transportation details for their driver and car:
Name: Shoukat Ali Virk

This is the first I’m aware of Kathryn going to the Agency for this project, so passing along her info for security clearance (and Mark’s for convenience):
Kathryn Ann Bigelow

Mark Boal (no middle name)

I think this is everything but let me know if there’s anything I missed. One quick question – they are going to the Pentagon after their meeting in Langley and asked me to help with car/security clearance there as well. Do you know who I should/can contact at the Pentagon for help with this? Any help would be much appreciated. Thanks so much!

Best,
Sarah

GPG
Many thanks, Marie!

Absolutely, we're more than happy to help!

We will clear Ms. Bigelow and Mark Boal (the movie’s screenwriter, who met with AD/CIA several weeks ago) into the building. They will both be attending the meeting. Their driver information is below:

Name: Shoukat Ali Virk
She will be receiving an OPA-led tour before her meeting with AD/CIA, so I'll be escorting them the entire time and will bring them to the suite, show her to the anteroom, and let your office know when we're there.

Don't hesitate to let me know if there's anything else you need me to do!

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

| Marie, Since all of our Protocol officers will be l... | 07/13/2011 01:35:07 PM |
|-----------------------------------------------------|
| From: Marie E. Harf |
| To: Marie E. Harf |
| Cc: George E. Little |
| Date: 07/13/2011 01:35 PM |
| Subject: Closing the Loop re: Admin Details for Kathryn Bigelow Visit with AD/CIA on Friday, 15 July |

Marie,

we'll be short-staffed here in AD/CIA's office on Thursday and Friday. I need to enlist OPA's assistance with admin details for AD/CIA's courtesy call with Kathryn Bigelow on Friday afternoon. Please confirm that OPA has or will take care of the following:

- Submit a visitor access request for Ms. Bigelow and anyone else accompanying her (and please advise AD/CIA of additional attendees). Protocol already has her on the list for DV parking for Friday. Please let us know if any vehicle information is provided for Ms. Bigelow so we can pass that on to

- Meet/escort Ms. Bigelow to the Director's suite for the meeting with AD/CIA.

- Please have Ms. Bigelow wait in the anteroom here in the D/CIA suite and let AD/CIA's staff know she is here. Someone from AD/CIA's staff will come to get her when he's ready for the meeting.

- Escort Ms. Bigelow either to her next meeting here at HQ or back to the lobby for departure.

Thanks!
From: Outreach Coordinator
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Re: Tour on Friday

To: Marie E. Harf

Cc: 

Date: 07/13/2011 10:15 AM

This message is digitally signed.

Yep we can take care of this. has a tour that morning but the museum looks unscheduled for the afternoon, so that should work well. Thanks for the heads up.

Marie E. Harf

From: Marie E. Harf  
To:  
Cc:  
Date: 07/13/2011 09:58 AM  
Subject: Tour on Friday

UBL movie director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal are coming into HQs this Friday to meet with the AD/CIA, and Kathryn would like a tour similar to the one gave Mark a few weeks ago. It's going to be around 12:30 PM. Is one of you free to do this?

Thanks!
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs
From: mark@  
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 3:42 PM  
To:  
Subject: Friday

Marie,  
Quick heads up that our Pentagon meeting pushed to 6pm Friday... so if you need to schedule something between 4-5, we could stay and make it...no worries if not...just updating you.  
Mark  
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T
From: mark@
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 6:59 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Fwd: Bin Laden Project - release

Sorry discon
Call me on my cell pls

-----Original Message-----
From: Marie Harf
To: mb User
Subject: RE: Fwd: Bin Laden Project - release
Sent: Jul 13, 2011 1:02 PM

Thanks for sending. The lawyers are going to take a look at it shortly, and I or they will be back in touch with any issues.

There was one potential already raised here -- do you want to chat on the phone about it? It pertains to para 2.

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson

-----Original Message-----
From: mark@
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 3:10 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fw: Fwd: Bin Laden Project - release

Here's the release

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

-----Original Message-----
From: "Irwin M. Rappaport"
Date: Wed, 13 Jul 2011 12:04:15
To: Mark Boalmark@
Subject: Fwd: Bin Laden Project - release

Hi - resending the release, please see below and attached.

Please send me contact info for the CIA lawyers, thanks!

best,

Irwin M. Rappaport, P.C.
Fax 323-443-3631
irwin@imrlaw.com

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Begin forwarded message:

> From: "Irwin M. Rappaport" <irwin@imrlaw.com>
> Date: July 12, 2011 5:50:27 PM PDT
> To: Mark Boal <mark@markboal.com>
> Subject: Bin Laden Project - release
>
> Hi - as discussed, here is a revised release (clean and redline)
>
> best,
>
> Irwin M. Rappaport, P.C.
> 1664 MountCrest Ave.
> Los Angeles, CA 90069
> Tel. 323-822-7478
> Fax 323-443-3631
> irwin@imrlaw.com
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Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T
From: Marie E. Harf
Subject: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings
To: George E. Little, Jennifer N. Youngblood, Preston B. Golson.

Date: 07/14/2011 03:33 PM

All,

Below is the final schedule for tomorrow's visit:
12:30: Arrival; tour with [ ] of lobby, Afghan exhibit, and NHB atrium
Approximately 1:00 / 1:15: Tour of CTC
1:30: Briefing on AC1 model by
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3:00: Meeting with AD/CIA Michael Morell

They have a 4:45 meeting with Dr. Vickers, so they will leave immediately following their meeting with Mr. Morell.

Saturday TBD:
- Kathryn chat with [ ] Kathryn is not interested in doing the deep dives that Mark did; she simply wants to meet the people that Mark has been talking to.

Monday TBD:
Kathryn would like to sit down for brief chats with the other folks Mark has talked to, to include [ ] (is organizing the timing for this):

**These meetings will take approximately 2.5 hours total. Again, Kathryn is not interested in doing the deep dives that Mark did; she wants to meet these folks and tell them a bit about the movie.

I sent D/CTC an email so he was up-to-speed, and CTC [ ] has said they will do the same [ ] has sign off from her management on her participation. Mark will be present at these meetings as well.

Thanks!
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs
From: [redacted]  
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 4:01 PM  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: Schedule for Friday

Here’s the schedule for tomorrow:

12:30: Arrival at HQs; tour of Afghan exhibit and New HQs atrium  
1:00: Tour of CTC  
1:15 / 1:30: Briefing on compound model  
2:00: Tour of printing press building  
3:00: Meeting with Michael Morell

I’ll see if I can get anything else added onto the schedule at 4.

Have a great flight!  
Marie

Marie E. Harf  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Media Spokesperson
From: Chief, NCS

Subject: Re: CORRECTION: Re: Space? Now at 1400

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."

--- George Washington

Date: 07/14/2011 03:00 PM

This message is digitally signed.

No problem! We'll have it open for you. Please advise who the visitors are so that I can advise mgmt.

________________________

Hi

If possible, we need to slide the schedule up about 30 minutes. Would it be possible to have the vault open and accessible by 1400 tomorrow. The whole walk-through should take no more than 20 minutes.

Please let me know if this is doable.

Thanks,

________________________

Hi

No problem not being in its original location.

________________________

From: [signature]

To: [signature]

Cc: [signature]
Hi,

No problem on it being in its original layout. Is it possible to have it opened and ready for display tomorrow at 1430? 1400

Of course this is doable, however please note we have already returned it to its original layout. If you still want to tour it, please let me know and the time so that I can have it opened for you.

Hi,

I was given your name as the POC in ______ who could determine the feasibility of having a potential walk-through of the your Vault in the_____building that was used for some of the tactical planning in the Bin Laden Raid. In consultation with the Office of Public Affairs and as part of the larger chronicling of the Bin Laden raid, OPA will be hosting some visitors sanctioned by ODCA this Friday afternoon. The plan is to tour _____ spaces, but they are also very much interested in seeing the_____ spaces that were used in the months leading up to the Bin Laden Raid if such a thing is permissible.

Is such a thing doable?
Hi Marie,

It's Jón, again. I just wanted to mention that Mark & Kathryn can stick around CIA HQ until 5pm on Friday if there are any other people they could meet with that afternoon.

Thanks!

Jonathan Leven
Office of Mark Boal
From: Marie E. Harf  
Media Spokesperson  
Office of Public Affairs  

Date: 07/14/2011 03:47 PM

Subject: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings  
To:  

First of all, thank you to you both for all your hard work on this. I know Kathryn is really excited about the visit, about meeting you guys, and seeing where all the magic happens.

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--Kathryn chat with [__________]

Monday TBD:  
Kathryn would like to sit down for chats with the following folks that Mark has talked to:

[__________]

You had mentioned the possibility of getting the timing set up for this. I don't mind doing that, just let me know what works easiest for you – I don't want you to have to do a lot of leg work on this. I believe that knows a Monday meeting is on the books and is awaiting word on timing. I don't know exactly how long each meeting will take (and I think they wanted to do them separately), but potentially 30-45 mins a piece? Does that work? If not, let me know what works best on your end.

And for your SA, Mark will be in these meetings as well.

Thanks!
Marie

Marie E. Harf  
CIA Office of Public Affairs
From: mark
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 12:29 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Here

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T
From: Special Assistant, D/CTC

Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL movie Director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal

To: Marie E. Harf

Cc: 

NCS/CTC

Date: 07/18/2011 11:26 AM

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Hi Marie - DCTC will meet them in his office

Thank you and have a wonderful day!!!

Marie E. Harf

Thanks, that's perfect!

From: Marie E. Harf

To: 

Cc: 

Date: 07/15/2011 06:58 PM

Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL movie Director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal

Thanks, that's perfect!

If that conference room next to his office is open, that might be good so he doesn't have to travel far for the meeting. If that's not free, he can come here to the OPA front office in.

Have a great weekend!
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Hi Marie - Unfortunately Monday will not work...

Marie E. Harf

Thanks so much!

Good Morning Marie - D/CTC is available to m...

Marie E. Harf

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Marie E. Harf

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Marie E. Harf

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07/12/2011 04:05:20 PM

06/30/2011 01:45:22 PM

06/30/2011 01:31:04 PM
Hi Marie -

Unfortunately Monday will not work. So Tuesday at 11:00am - where would you like DCTC to come to for the meeting?

Thank you and have a wonderful day!!!

Marie E. Harf

Thanks so much!

07/15/2011 10:59:02 AM

Thanks so much!

Tuesday at 11 will work, absolutely. Kathryn and Mark will be in the building on Monday for other meetings, so if he has some time free on that day, they'll already be here. But, if not, Tuesday works too!

Thanks,

Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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Thanks,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Good Morning Marie – D/CTC is available to m... 07/15/2011 10:30:50 AM

From: Marie E. Harf
To: Marie E. Harf
Cc: 
Date: 07/15/2011 10:30 AM
Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL movie Director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal

Good Morning Marie –

D/CTC is available to meet with Kathryn Bigelow and Mark Boal on Tuesday, 19 July 2011 at 11:00am. Please let me know if their schedules can accommodate this date/time and if I need to book a conference room for the meeting or if you have a location already available.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!!!
Good Morning Marie -

D/CTC is available to meet with Kathryn Bigelow and Mark Boal on Tuesday, 19 July 2011 at 11:00 am. Please let me know if their schedules can accommodate this date/time and if I need to book a conference room for the meeting or if you have a location already available.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!!!

Thanks so much! I'll stand by to hear about Monday or Tuesday.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs
Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL movie Director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal

Marie -

D/CTC is unavailable on Friday. I or [BLANK] will get back to you tomorrow to let you know about Monday or Tuesday.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!!

From: Marie E. Harf
To: [BLANK]
Cc: [BLANK]
Date: 07/12/2011 04:05 PM
Subject: Meeting with UBL movie Director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal

Hi

Kathryn Bigelow — the Academy Award-winning Director of "The Hurt Locker" and the Director of the UBL movie — will be visiting HQs this Friday for a meet-and-greet with Michael Morell and next Monday or Tuesday (we’re still working out timing) for a tour. She will be accompanied by the movie’s screenwriter, Mark Boal.

I wanted to give D/CTC the opportunity to do a meet-and-greet with them when they’re at HQs if he’s interested. Both Kathryn and Mark have told us how impressed they are with the Agency’s work in the UBL operation, and I thought D/CTC might be interested in talking to them about the movie and where they see it going.

Please let me know if you would like to schedule a meet-and-greet on any of those days. If not, no worries.

Thanks,
Marie

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Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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Please let me know if you would like to schedule a meet-and-greet on any of those days. If not, no worries.

Thanks,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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Hello Marie - Unfortunately, D/CTC is unavailable to meet with Mr. Boal tomorrow. Please let me know when he will be back in town and I will schedule the meeting.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!!!
As I believe you know, we in OPA have been engaging with Hollywood screenwriter Mark Boal on his movie about the hunt for UBL. (He wrote and co-produced the Hurt Locker.) He's sat down with DDCIA, Jeremy Bash, and a few other folks to talk through the intelligence case, the operation, and their roles in it. As a Agency, we've been pretty forward-leaning with Boal, and he's agreed to share scripts and details about the movie with us so we're absolutely comfortable with what he will be showing. As he did with the Hurt Locker, he's very concerned about operational security and will take any of our concerns into account.

We think it would make sense, if you're willing to do so, if you would sit down and chat with Boal as well. He's in town through this weekend, so if you would like to meet with him, tomorrow would work well. If not, he'll be back in town later in the summer as well. I know this is a little outside what we typically do as CIA officers, but Boal seems committed to representing the Agency well in what is a multi-million dollar major motion picture.

(And for your SA, we're trying to keep his visits at HQs a bit quiet, because of the sensitivities surrounding who gets to participate in this types of things. I'm sure you understand...)

Please advise if you'd like to meet with Boal and, if so, what your schedule looks like.

Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs
Thanks for the note! He's tentatively scheduled to be in town the week of July 11th, so maybe we can set something up then.

Marie

Marie E. Harf  
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Hello Marie -

Unfortunately, D/CTC is unavailable to meet with Mr. Boal tomorrow. Please let me know when he will be back in town and I will schedule the meeting.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!!!
From: EA OD CIA

Date: 07/15/2011 12:02 PM

Subject: Re: Q re: Fw: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings

To: Marie E. Harf

Cc: [Redacted]

This message is digitally signed.

Thank you!

Marie E. Harf [Redacted] Of course!

07/15/2011 12:01:58 PM

From: Marie E. Harf

To: [Redacted]

Cc: Jennifer N. Youngblood

Date: 07/15/2011 12:01 PM

Subject: Re: Q re: Fw: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings

[Redacted]

Of course!

[Redacted]

Thanks!

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Marie, one more question — could you please gi...

Jennifer N. Youngblood [Redacted] — here is the schedule for today. M...

07/15/2011 11:56:26 AM

07/15/2011 11:42:44 AM
From: Marie E. Harf  
Office of Public Affairs  

Subject: Re: Q re: Fw: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings  

To: Jennifer N. Youngblood  

Date: 07/15/2011 12:01 PM  

Of course!  

Thanks!  

Marie E. Harf  
CIA Office of Public Affairs  

Marie, one more question — could you please give the list of people that the visitors are planning to (or have requested to) meet with today and early next week? ADCIA will want to know before he speaks with the visitors this afternoon.  

Jennifer N. Youngblood  

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All,

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3:00: Meeting with AD/CIA Michael Morell
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Monday TBD:
Kathryn would like to sit down for brief chats with the other folks Mark has talked to, to include [ ___ ] is organizing the timing for this);
Kathryn is not interested in doing the deep dives that Mark did; she wants to meet these folks and tell them a bit about the movie.

I sent D/CTC an email so he was up-to-speed, and CTC[ ___ ] has said they will do the same. (looking to do this Monday afternoon also)

Thanks!
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs
Subject: Re: Fw: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings

From: Jennifer N. Youngblood
To: Jennifer N. Youngblood
Cc: Marie E. Harf
Date: 07/15/2011 11:43 AM

This message is digitally signed.

Thank you!

[...]

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Jennifer Youngblood
Deputy Director
Office of Public Affairs

--- Forwarded by ---

From: Marie E. Harf
To: George E. Little
   Jennifer N. Youngblood
   Preston B.
Golson

Date: 07/14/2011 03:33 PM

Subject: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings

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I sent D/CTC an email so he was up-to-speed, and CTC has said they will do the same. (looking to do this monday afternoon also)

Thanks!
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs
FYI -- schedule for Monday is set. We're going to be in the OPA conference room.

Hi Marie,

How does the below proposed schedule work for you?

| 1300 - 1345 |
| 1345-1430 |
| 1430 - 1515 |
| 1515-1600 |
We're confirmed to be in the OPA conference room in

Thanks - have a great weekend!
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Hi Marie,

How does the below proposed schedule work for you?

1300 - 1345
1345-1430
1430 - 1515
1515-1600
Looks perfect to me! Thank you so much for putting this together.

Where are we going to do the meetings?

Hi Marie,

How does the below proposed schedule work for you?

| 1300 - 1345 |
| 1345-1430 |
| 1430 - 1515 |
| 1515-1600 |
From: Mark Boal [mark@]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 10:47 AM
To: 
Subject: Re: Meeting with c/ctc

Perfect

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 15, 2011, at 10:38 AM, ___ ___ wrote:

Mark,

Chief CTC is available to meet on Tuesday at 11am. Let me know if that works for you. I can see if he has some time on the schedule for Monday, so you can knock that out while you're here chatting with people then, but I'm guessing he doesn't if they offered Tuesday...

Marie E. Harf

Central Intelligence Agency

Media Spokesperson
From: Sarah Zukowski
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 9:18 AM
To: 
Subject: RE: Car for Mark and Kathryn today?

Marie,

They will have a driver today and tomorrow and it will be Shoukat, who Mark has had for all his previous visits. Here is car and driver info for your reference:

Driver:
Shoukat Ali Virk

Let me know if you need anything else. Thanks!

Sarah

-----Original Message-----
From: 
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 8:11 AM
To: Sarah Zukowski
Subject: Re: Car for Mark and Kathryn today?

Sarah,

Thanks! I really appreciate your help.

Cheers,

Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Sarah Zukowski
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 8:00 AM
To: 
Subject: Re: Car for Mark and Kathryn today?

Hi Marie!

Hope you had a great weekend. I haven't heard anything from Mark about needing a car but I just emailed him asking about it so I'll let you know what he says.

If he does ask for a car, I will be sure to get the same driver as Mark has always had (Shoukat) so all the info will be the same.
Thanks for checking in and I'll let you know when I hear from him!

Best,
Sarah

----- Original Message -----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 07:26 AM
To: Sarah Zukowski
Subject: Car for Mark and Kathryn today?

Hi Sarah!

Mark and Kathryn will be back at CIA today and tomorrow for meetings (today they begin at 1, and tomorrow at 11). Do you have driver info for them? Is it the same guy again?

Thanks - hope you had a great weekend!

CIA Spokesperson
From: mark@mark.com
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 11:02 AM
To: 
Subject: Please gimme a call

If you have a chance
Forgot to ask u something

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T
What about giving these kinds of requests to to manage?

-----Original Message-----
From: Jonathan Leven
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 5:58 PM
To: 
Cc: mb User
Subject: Letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow

Dear George,

Attached please find a letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow.

If you could confirm receiving the attachment, it would be much appreciated. Should you have any difficulty opening the attached .pdf file, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone @

Best Regards,

Jonathan Leven
Assistant to Mark Boal
From:               Thursday, June 02, 2011 7:36 AM
To:                  Re: Mark Boal
Subject:  

Ok will do

----- Original Message ----- 
From: 
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 07:35 AM 
To: 
Subject: Mark Boal

If you get a response from the UBL team about when works best to meet with Mark, let me know and I can circle back with him.

Thanks!
Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson
Mark Boal, the screenwriter from "The Hurt Locker" who's currently working on a UBL movie, will be in HQs today and tomorrow meeting with folks. I believe last time he was at HQs he met DDCIA briefly, so I wanted to check and see if he would like to say hi to him when he's in the building this week. Today, he'll be here from noon until about 2 or so. And then tomorrow, he'll be here at 1 for a lunch.

Thanks much!
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs
No clue...

----- Original Message ----- 
From: 
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 09:13 PM 
To: 
Subject: ? 

Is Marie still at work? Wonder what happened to Boal's driver.
From: Marie E. Harf  
Media Spokesperson  
Office of Public Affairs  

Subject: Re: Meeting with Mark Boal  

To:  

Cc: George E. Little  

Date: 06/03/2011 09:10 AM  

Yep, that's perfect!  

Thanks so much.  

Marie  

Marie E. Harf  
CIA Office of Public Affairs  

Hello, Marie - I've scheduled Mr. Mark Boal to ...  

Date: 06/03/2011 09:02 AM  

Subject: Meeting with Mark Boal  

Hello, Marie - I've scheduled Mr. Mark Boal to visit with [Redacted] on Monday, 6/6 at 1pm. Hope this time works for Mr. Boal's schedule. We are located in [Redacted].  

Many thanks.
**Visitor Request Summary**

**Status:** Complete

**Visit Details**
- Date(s) of visit: 08/09/2011
- Buildings to visit: Headquarters
- Parking Required: VIP East (CHB)
- Purpose of visit: Meeting with Media Spokesperson Marie Harris

**Sponsor Information**
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All,

Thank you very much for agreeing to chat with movie producer and screenwriter Mark Boal, who is making a movie about UBL. As you may know, Mark won two Academy Awards for "The Hurt Locker," which focused on an Army bomb diffusion team in Iraq. Mark is a serious filmmaker who's looking to do an accurate portrayal (at least as far as Hollywood goes) of UBL and the operation. He's been working on this movie for some time.

Mark is in DC through next Tuesday and would love to sit down and chat with you guys — and anyone else on your team you think should be there — to give him some context for your office and your work. This discussion won't be for attribution in any way.

Does sometime on Monday work for you? If not, let me know what does work, and I can set it up.

And thank you in advance for your willingness to chat with him.

Cheers,

Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs
From: Sarah Zukowski
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 05:20 PM
To: Marie E. Harf
Subject: RE: Driver Information for Mark Boal's Meeting on Mon, 6/6, 12pm

Hi Marie,

I hope you had a nice weekend. Mark informed me that he has another meeting at 1pm at the Agency tomorrow and for which I have scheduled another car. His driver will be the same (Driver Name: Shoukat Ali Virk)

Please let me know if I can provide you with any other information before his meeting tomorrow.

Thanks so much!

Sarah

From: Marie E. Harf
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 4:53 PM
To: Sarah Zukowski
Subject: RE: Driver Information for Mark Boal's Meeting on Mon, 6/6, 12pm

Sarah,

Great, thanks! I really appreciate your help.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
From: Sarah Zukowski
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 4:51 PM
To: Marie
Subject: Driver Information for Mark Boal's Meeting on Mon, 6/6, 12pm

Hi Marie,

Apologies for the delay in getting you this information; the car service took longer than expected to send me the driver's necessary details. Here is the information of the person bringing Mark Boal to the Agency on Monday at noon:

Driver Name: Shoukat Ali Virk

Please let me know if I can provide you with anything else. Thanks so much and have a great weekend.

Best,  
Sarah
See info below for Mark Boal's driver for Monday.

Marie E. Harf  
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Hi Marie,

Apologies for the delay in getting you this information; the car service took longer than expected to send me the driver's necessary details. Here is the information of the person bringing Mark Boal to the Agency on Monday at noon:

Driver Name: Shoukat Ali Virk

Please let me know if I can provide you with anything else. Thanks so much and have a great weekend.

Best,
Sarah
Visitor Request Summary

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Date(s) of visit: 05/20/2011
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Jeremy,

Mark’s coming into HQs today from noon until 2 to meet with CTC folks. If you want to say hi, we can swing by your office. I didn’t know what your schedule was like or if you would have time, but I thought you might want to know.

Thanks,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs
From: [Name]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 8:40 AM
To: [Name]
Subject: RE: Mark Boal

No problem. Glad to see that it's working out for the visit.

-----Original Message-----
From: [Name]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 8:55 PM
To: [Name]
Subject: Mark Boal

Hi

Thanks for emailing Mark today about his visit on Monday. He and I were just at a social event together and discussed the details of his visit to HQs. Hopefully I can get the CTC folks pinned down tomorrow on timing.

Thanks again for reaching out to Mark while I was out today.

Cheers,

Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson
We're all set for Monday's visit by screenwriter Mark Boal. His clearance info is below. I'll have his driver's info by the end of the day today.

Mark will be arriving around noon, when [_______] has another event on Monday at the same time) will do a tour of the lobby, Afghan exhibit, and other GWOT-related stuff. Then, at 1 pm, he'll meet with the UBL team in CTC.

Thanks!
Marie

Mark Boal:

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs
Hi George -- we can discuss this at today's mgr's meeting.

-----Original Message-----
From:
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2011 12:24 PM
To:
Cc:
Subject: Fw: Bin laden movie

let's discuss tomorrow. Thanks!

George

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Mark Boal 
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2011 12:23 PM
To: 
Subject: Re: Bin laden movie

Hi George,
Thanks for facilitating this...am just following up to see if you were able to get a sense if anyone in the building will be available any time June 2-6.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 23, 2011, at 9:20 PM, [ ] wrote:

> Mark, it was great to meet you on Friday. We look forward to future discussions. I'll be in touch later this week after touching base with some key folks at the office.
> 
> Take care,
> George
> 
> ----- Original Message ----- 
> From: markboal 
> Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 07:15 PM

UNCLASSIFIED
To: Michael Feldman
Cc: Jonathan Leven
Subject: Bin Laden movie

Dear Jeremy and George,

It was a pleasure seeing you both last Friday, and it was very generous of you to take the time out of a busy day. Thank you.

As a follow up, if I may, I'd like to give you a sense of my travel schedule and let you know that I'll be in the D.C. on June 2-7, and so if that's a convenient time period to set any meetings, that would be great. If another time is better, I can adjust accordingly.

Thanks again for engaging on this.

Mark
Visitor Request Summary

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From:       
Sent:       Thursday, June 09, 2011 10:34 AM 
To:         mark@ 
Subject:    Wash Post series on hunt for UBL 

Mark,

Here's a compilation of all the Post's stories about the killing of Bin Laden: http://www.washingtonpost.com/killing-osama-bin-laden/2010/07/06/AFCiwGoF_linkset.html. Some of them are pretty good.

For some of the best info on the Bin Laden hunt — especially the early years after 9/11 — the Washington Post also has a good series: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/projects/osama-hunt/?hpid=13. It's also pasted below. The story doesn’t go into the operation or the intel case for Abbottabad itself, and you’ve probably read most of it elsewhere, but it’s a fairly good series.

Marie

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Introduction: Becoming more like him

by Peter Finn, Ian Shapiro and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011

Finally, after weeks of searching the caves and mountains of Tora Bora for traces of Osama bin Laden, CIA field commander Gary Berntsen believed his men had a good peg on the terrorist. Berntsen called in the big bomb - the BLU-82, a 15,000-pound device the size of a car. 

The bomb was pushed out of the back of a C-130 transport plane. It struck with such force that it vaporized men deep inside caves. The devastation spread across an area as big as five football fields, killing numerous al-Qaeda fighters - including, Berntsen believed, bin Laden. It was three months after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and Berntsen thought, "I've got him now."

Six days later, two of Berntsen's men were listening to a radio they had picked up from a dead al-Qaeda fighter. They heard bin Laden addressing his troops in Arabic. The hunt went on.

Immediately after al-Qaeda's attack, America went after the world's most notorious terrorist with a quick-action injection of cash, commandos and massive firepower.

Within a few months, that first phase of the search for bin Laden would give way to a decade-long manhunt in which the tedious work of analysis and surveillance would eventually bag the target. To find bin Laden, who had declared holy war on the United States in 1996, the Americans needed to think more like him, to absorb the structures and rhythms of a terror network.

The search that ended Sunday with bullets to bin Laden's head and chest was the result of a new approach to finding an elusive target, the product of a few dozen analysts in Langley who refused to accept that their prey may have vanished forever.

Chapter 1: Cash in a Rubbermaid tub
by Peter Finn, Ian Shapiro and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011

Less than a month after the Sept. 11 attacks, U.S. bombers began hitting Afghanistan, hoping to bring down the Taliban government for giving al-Qaeda sanctuary. On the ground, the hunt for bin Laden was also underway. A few dozen U.S. paramilitary troops, dressed as Afghans in beards and loose robes and accompanied by hired Afghan fighters, took up the chase.

The American presence at first was thin, and expertise was scarce. The CIA had had a team tracking bin Laden from back home at Langley since 1996, but now it scrambled to find officers who knew Afghanistan and could deploy immediately. Only about a dozen agency people were working in the country on Sept. 11, according to a former senior intelligence official who helped set up agency outposts there.

The first job was to identify tribal leaders and meet with them, always bringing gifts. "The message was 'We're your friends,'" said the senior intelligence official. "We're everyone's friends. But whoever hosts us is in line to get American money."

This account of the hunt is based on interviews with more than 20 senior political, military and intelligence officials from the Clinton, Bush and Obama administrations, some of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss operations.

CIA field commander Berntsen, who led a team charged with finding bin Laden, worked out of a Kabul guesthouse, fueling the hunt with several million dollars in cash that he kept stowed in a Rubbermaid tub. From that makeshift bank, he distributed payoffs in the thousands of dollars to informants in tribal villages where bin Laden sightings had been reported.

"I must have gotten eight reports at the time, saying he's in this village here or that village there," said Berntsen, who had investigated al-Qaeda's 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. "He was stopping and giving speeches."

Intelligence analysts would later learn where bin Laden was in the first weeks after the attack, mainly through interrogations of al-Qaeda operatives held at CIA "black sites" overseas and at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

But in the immediate aftermath of Sept. 11, the Americans had no idea that bin Laden and his chief deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, were on the move, traveling through Afghanistan by car, meeting frequently with followers and Taliban leaders. According to classified U.S. military documents obtained by the anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks, based on interviews with detainees, bin Laden held court at a secret guesthouse in or near Kabul.

Acting like an exiled head of state, he received terrorist operatives from Afghanistan, Malaysia and elsewhere, and met with leaders such as the Taliban's Jalaluddin Haqqani. He issued instructions for campaigns against Western targets, lectured on Islam and history, and sent out a video boasting about how pleasantly surprised he was that the attacks had claimed so many American lives.

In early October, Yuniis Khalis, an elderly Afghan warrior who controlled a swath of territory in the country's east, including the regional capital of Jalalabad and the nearby cave complex at Tora Bora, sent a message to bin Laden telling him he could provide sanctuary for the al-Qaeda leader.

Bin Laden had friends and followers all along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. Even before the founding of al-Qaeda in 1988, bin Laden had spent years in the area, developing relationships with tribal and religious leaders, many of whom he worked with side by side in the Afghan mujaheddin's 1980s battles against the Soviet Union.
Khalis and bin Laden had known each other since those days, when Khalis, one of the most prominent leaders of the anti-Soviet resistance, had received tens of millions of dollars in guns and money from the CIA. He later introduced bin Laden to Mohammad Omar, the Taliban leader. After the United States began to bomb Afghanistan on Oct. 7, Khalis, then 82, called for jihad against the Americans.

Taking advantage of Khalis's hospitality, bin Laden arrived in Jalalabad just two months after the Sept. 11 attacks and immediately began to spread cash among local tribes, either directly or through trusted intermediaries.

When the bombing around Jalalabad intensified, bin Laden fled into the fortified caves of Tora Bora, about 35 miles south of the regional capital. Bin Laden knew the territory; as a young man, he had driven bulldozers there as Afghan resistance fighters excavated miles of tunnels.

In late November, probably within days after bin Laden had arrived in the area, Berntsen's team tracked him to a mountainous area called Milawa, just below the peaks of Tora Bora. Berntsen's men called in airstrikes - a barrage from B-52s, F-15s and plenty more - that lasted nearly 60 hours.

"Our guys were exhausted; they had been hammering Osama for days," Berntsen said. "Finally, bin Laden fled deeper into the mountains."

Berntsen, who was back in Kabul, summoned several members of his team to tell him what they would need to take down bin Laden now that they thought they knew where he was. The response: "We need 800 Army Rangers between bin Laden and the border."

Berntsen wrote to his superiors, begging for troops. His pleas went unanswered, according to a Senate Foreign Relations Committee report on Tora Bora. Without more manpower, Berntsen couldn't risk a ground assault.

Still, the Americans tried to stay close to bin Laden. Berntsen's deputy, a CIA paramilitary officer, recruited an Afghan to trek into the mountains and offer bin Laden and his followers food and water, then report back on the terrorist's location.

"The guy saw bin Laden and his son," Berntsen said. "When you're desperate, you're desperate. And when you don't have food and water, you'll take it."

As the United States carpet-bombed the cave complex, bin Laden and Zawahiri urged their fighters to carry on against the Americans. In the bitter cold of the caves, bin Laden sipped mint tea. He heard pleas from his fighters for medicine and, with ever-greater urgency, escape routes.

A videotape later obtained by the CIA shows bin Laden in that period, teaching followers how to dig holes where they could spend the night without being seen by U.S. spy planes. As bin Laden speaks, a U.S. bomb explodes in the background. The terrorist casually notes that "we were there last night."

**Chapter 2: Lessons learned**

by Peter Finn, Ian Shapiro and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011

The American campaign was conducted primarily from the air. Despite the pleas from CIA operatives, U.S. officials were reluctant to send in ground troops to flush out bin Laden. They told officers on the ground in Afghanistan that Pakistani troops would help them, cutting off bin Laden if he tried to cross into their country.

But in early December, over lunch at his palace in Islamabad, Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf made it clear to U.S. officials that he didn't want to commit troops unless the Americans would help transport them to the border by air. According to Wendy Chamberlin, then the U.S. ambassador to Pakistan, Musharraf told her
and Gen. Tommy R. Franks, commander of U.S. Central Command: "I'd put the troops in trucks, but that'll take
weeks. Could you give me air support?"

Franks would not comment for this article, but according to Chamberlin, he was noncommittal about air support.
Only later did he learn that the general was already "planning for Iraq," she said. "Even if he could have helped
out, he was already starting to have to reshuffle." Without the air support, the Pakistanis sent some soldiers to
the border, but never enough to secure it.

Back in Tora Bora, a team from Delta Force - the military's secretive, elite Special Operations unit - planned to
sneak up on bin Laden from behind, crossing into the terrorist's suspected lair from Pakistan, through an
undefended back door. That would have required using supplemental oxygen to scale a 14,000-foot peak, but
according to the leader of the Delta Force team, who later wrote a book under the pseudonym Dalton Fury, the
plan had a better chance of succeeding than any frontal assault that relied on help from Afghan fighters.

Fury, the assault troop commander who retired from the Army as a major, said in an e-mail interview that the
Pakistanis forces who were supposed to seal the border "never made it there." He said his superiors told him to
skip the border-side assault and instead "align our mission with the Afghan mujahedden to put an Afghan face
on killing" bin Laden.

Fury didn't trust the Afghans. "The mujahedden were not very skilled or motivated fighters," he said. But
following orders, the Delta Force team stayed on the Afghan side of the border.

On Dec. 10, Fury's team got a tip from a source who claimed to know bin Laden's general location in the Tora
Bora area. Thirty members of the team launched a hasty assault, but when some of his men were abandoned by
their Afghan allies behind enemy lines, the team halted its advance and spent two hours rescuing their mates.
Fury aborted the mission.

The next summer, Fury's men returned to Tora Bora with a forensics team to search 80 graves of al-Qaeda
fighters. None of the remains they dug up was a match for bin Laden.

The team stayed on the hunt. In December 2002, they conducted a nighttime raid on Tora Bora, capturing a man
who had given medical care to bin Laden. But bin Laden himself was long gone. The trail had gone cold.

_Tora Bora taught both sides important lessons._ The Americans learned, as a top intelligence official said, "that it
was a bad idea to 'outsource' something as important as capturing or killing bin Laden." Mutual mistrust kept
the Pakistani military and Afghan fighters from embracing the Americans' search for bin Laden.

After Tora Bora, the Americans knew that "when the time came to move, we would do it ourselves," said the
official, who was involved in the search for years.

Bin Laden, who took the U.S. bombing seriously enough to have written his will in mid-December of 2001,
learned that he had lost his safe haven and was now a fugitive on the run. "Hiding and isolation from operatives
and recruits transformed him from a hands-on leader into an almost mythical figure within al-Qaeda," the
intelligence official said. That new mystique lent additional import to each video or audio transmission that bin
Laden managed to smuggle out, but it also dampened al-Qaeda's fundraising and recruiting capacity.

_Chapter 3: Somehow, he escapes_

by Peter Finn, Ian Shapira and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011
The popular version of bin Laden's escape from Tora Bora was dramatic enough. Somehow, a hunted man made it over the mountains, south to the tribal areas of Pakistan.

But U.S. interrogators later learned from Guantanamo detainees that bin Laden had actually taken a more daring route, to the north toward Jalalabad, right past the approaching U.S. and British special forces and their Afghan allies. After resting there, he proceeded on horseback on a several days' journey into Konar province, in Afghanistan's far northeast. A U.S. intelligence official this week confirmed this account.

"It's still unclear who bribed who and who talked to who," the official said, but "bin Laden got out. Knowing the land, knowing the people who could direct you, he was able to get out to Konar," into valleys "that no one has subdued ... places the Soviets never pacified."

Bin Laden and Zawahiri next moved on to an "unknown location," according to military documents. Some detainees reported that the two had stayed in Konar for up to 10 months. Even bin Laden's closest followers didn't know where he had gone, according to U.S. analysts who mined the interrogations of al-Qaeda operatives.

"It became clear that he was not meeting with them face to face," said an intelligence official. "People we would capture had not seen him."

U.S. forces believed that at Tora Bora they had come within perhaps 2,000 yards of bin Laden. Yet he managed to slip away, vanishing so completely that several years went by without a single tip, surveillance photo or monitored transmission of any value. On the ground, American operatives continued to try to pry intelligence from "locals willing to talk for some pocket change," Fury said. "The CIA did a lot of this fishing. Mind-numbing. A million dead ends."

Chapter 4: 'You have to know the network'

by Peter Finn, Ian Shapira and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011

A few months after Tora Bora, as part of the preparation for war in Iraq, the Bush administration pulled out many of the Special Operations and CIA forces that had been searching for bin Laden in Afghanistan, according to several U.S. officials who served at the time.

Even the drones that U.S. forces depended on to track movements of suspicious characters in the Afghan mountain passes were redeployed to be available for the Iraq war, Lt. Gen. John Vines told The Washington Post in 2006. Once, when Vines's troops believed they were within half an hour of catching up to bin Laden, the general asked for drones to cover three possible escape routes. But only one drone was available - others had been moved to Iraq. The target got away.

Back home, frustration over the long search led to a debate between critics of the Bush administration's global war on terrorism, who argued that the cause of security would be better served by focusing on targeted strikes against bin Laden and al-Qaeda, and defenders of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, who said the best way to contain terrorism was to take the fight to where the enemy lived.

As that debate raged, the analysts in the CIA's HV Unit — dedicated to hunting for high-value targets (bin Laden was known in the agency as "HVT-1") — began to envision the search in a new way.

"The story of hunting bin Laden is a story of increased sophistication in thinking," said an intelligence official. Maybe bin Laden was in the mountains; maybe not. But that was the wrong question.
Even al-Qaeda's top guns didn't know where bin Laden was, yet they still managed to get instructions from him. So the most important question wasn't "Where is bin Laden?" but rather "How does he communicate?"

Interrogations determined that bin Laden got his orders out only once a month, by courier, and that led analysts to decide that, as the intelligence official said, "you have to know the network, the couriers and how that leads to the location."

At the White House, under pressure from mounting public skepticism about the hunt, Bush moved on a different track. He ordered up "Operation Cannonball," directing the CIA to "flood the zone," beefing up the number of officers on the hunt in Pakistan and Afghanistan. But there were no breakthroughs.

That didn't discourage the analysts at the HV Unit. They were learning more about how al-Qaeda worked, and that led them to think about networks in which information doesn't get passed up through a hierarchy but rather is shared across all ranks.

The network idea was catching on in the military as well. In 2006, Army Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal launched raids against al-Qaeda leaders in Iraq as well as in Yemen and Afghanistan, said a former White House official. To make these raids happen, McChrystal needed information to move in new ways, and he adopted a networked structure modeled on what he called al-Qaeda's " alarming" ability to grow quickly and shore up weak spots.

"To defeat a networked enemy," McChrystal wrote in Foreign Policy, "we had to become a network ourselves."

That meant instantly sharing intelligence with people throughout the battlefield rather than sending it up the chain of command. Video from drones was now delivered not just to analysts who controlled the unmanned flying cameras but also to combat teams on the ground. The result was a dramatic increase in the number of raids and their success rate.

At the CIA, analysts searched for clues not in caves but in books and interrogation transcripts. Even popular books such as "Growing Up Bin Laden," by the terrorist's wife Najwa and son Omar, were mined for insights. In the book, Omar says his father kept safe houses in Kabul because he believed the Americans would never bomb a big city for fear of killing innocent civilians. That got analysts thinking about urban hideouts.

"Finding bin Laden was not a problem susceptible to human-wave tactics," said an intelligence official who helped supervise the early years of the search. "Lots of people who knew little was almost certain to be less efficacious than a small, dedicated cadre of people with experience working the problem."

The slow, painstaking work of analyzing data met with impatience at the White House, where "a little fatigue had set in," said a former Bush White House official. "We weren't about to find him anytime soon. Publicly, we maintained a sense of urgency: 'We're looking as hard as we can.' But the energy had gone out of the hunt. It had settled to no more than a second-tier issue. After all, those were the worst days of Iraq." The troubled war in Iraq, mounting concern about Iran's nuclear program, and the increasingly unstable situation in North Korea stole attention from the bin Laden hunt, White House and CIA officials said.

The search for bin Laden, once the clarion cry of a nation bent on striking back, morphed into a topic Bush and his top staffers sought to avoid. Through the next few years, leaders of the hunt hoped that the drones surveying the tribal areas would generate new leads, "but it was just a hope," said Juan Zarate, Bush's deputy national security adviser for counterterrorism in the middle years of the search. "It was a very dark period."

Chapter 5: The strangely overbuilt house
by Peter Finn, Ian Shapira and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011

In the Bush White House, the lack of credible leads led to public statements designed to play down the individual and focus attention on the broader threat.

The idea was "not to overly aggrandize the man even as we tried to find him," Zarate said. Outside the HV Unit, the landscape looked grim: "I can't remember any single piece of intelligence that got us especially excited," Zarate said.

But even as the hunt became a political liability, the road to bin Laden's house in Abbottabad was being built, not "brick by brick," said former CIA director Michael V. Hayden, but "pebble by pebble."

Turning vague references to a courier into a verified name took upwards of four years, but that opened the way to discovering how he operated, and that led to the surveillance of the strangely overbuilt house that curiously had no phone or Internet service.

The couple of dozen U.S. commandos who dropped onto bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad last weekend had to complete their mission in minutes, but it had taken years to get them there. The analysts who built that road believe that in addition to getting their man, they learned an essential lesson in how to think like their adversaries.

In 2006, bin Laden swore "not to die but a free man." But Osama bin Laden died a prisoner in a jail of his own making, a man without a nation, living apart even from those who shared his belief that mass murder was the path to power.

In his final months, bin Laden could only watch as a wholly opposite force channeled the frustrations and aspirations of the Muslims for whom he claimed to act - a peaceful exercise of people power on the streets of cities across Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen and throughout the Middle East and North Africa, a stirring and decisive uprising by those who yearned for change, yet turned their backs on the ways and means of Osama bin Laden.
Bob,

Great, thanks much for the read-out. Glad it went so well.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

---- Original Message ----
From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA [mailto:Robert.Mehal@osd.mil]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 02:18 PM
To: 
Cc: 
Subject: RE: Mark Boal discussion

Marie, I will have an EXSUM done by COB today and will cc all.
Dr Vickers basically said the three major components were CIA, DoD, and WH.
Mark mentioned CIA has done a good job of also highlighting NSA and NGA roles.

Went well. Expect him back the last week of June.

Thanks.
R/
Bob

Commander Bob Mehal
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---- Original Message ----
From: 
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 1:08 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Cc: 
Subject: FW: Mark Boal discussion

Bob,

George forwarded me your email from this morning -- he's downtown at Director Panetta's confirmation hearing.
I was in the meeting with Mark Boal and DD/CIA Morell earlier this week. They talked about what it was like on a personal level to be Deputy Director of the CIA when we found UBL, and about some of DD/CIA's experiences at the Agency since 9/11. Mr. Morell emphasized the essential, close partnership between the CIA and our military partners in making this operation such a success. DD/CIA also talked about the kind of officers we had working on the UBL hunt and the level of tenacity that went into locating him at the Abbottabad compound.

I hope this is helpful and that Boal's meeting with your folks goes well today.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson

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From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA [mailto:Robert.Mehal@osd.mil]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 09:46 AM
To: 
Subject: Mark Boal discussion

George, Anything worth noting from Mr. Boal's meeting with DD Morrell?

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Pls reach out to Bob

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AHA!

I searched through several old emails, and pieced together contact info for Mark Boal. His email is mark@ mark@ mark@ (removed).

And his phone numbers are: ________________________

© Yea me!
Mark Boal, the screenwriter from The Hurt Locker, called for you. Said he had dinner with DCIA about a year ago and DCIA said to let you know if Boal was ever going to Afghanistan. He's going in about a week and is calling in as DCIA asked.
From: NCS/CTC
To: Marie E. Harf
Subject: Re: meeting on wednesday regarding movie proposal

Date: 06/08/2011 12:04 PM

that works great. I do have some training in the last two weeks of june so please work with me on scheduling as the time gets close, if I'm not directly available to discuss. My training is just over at the end of june so I can get over here very easily for a sit down. take care!

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From: Marie E. Harf
To: NCS/CTC
Subject: Re: meeting on wednesday regarding movie proposal

Date: 06/08/2011 11:26 AM

It was SO nice meeting you yesterday! I know you're about to run off to catch a plane, so I wanted to update you on where things stand. Mark Boal's schedule got a little crazy, so he wasn't able to come back into the building today. But, he is coming back to DC at the end of the month, and there are several folks that he didn't get a chance to talk to this time -- you included -- that we'll loop into the process then.

Does that work for you? I'm really looking forward to hearing more about your story, and I know Mark is as well!

Safe travels!

Cheers,
marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

From: NCS/CTC
To: Marie E. Harf
Subject: Re: meeting on wednesday regarding movie proposal

Date: 06/07/2011 07:35 PM

hey marie! nice to meet you today. i wanted to let you know that i have a morning 0900 followed by a 1000 that goes about 10 minutes. after that, i'll be available to meet with regarding the movie proposal. given my flight tomorrow, i pretty much need to be walking out of this building at 1230 at the very latest... hope that works. i've cc'd [name] here who can help with any needed coordination while i'm in my

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moming meetings, if need be.
Your preference? Breakfast somewhere outside the bldg or meeting here?

-----Original Message-----
From: mark6
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 10:17 AM
To: Jeremy
Cc: Jonathan Leven; Michael Feldman;
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Yes, great. Breakfast, anything. Let me know what works for you.
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

-----Original Message-----
From: "JBB"
Date: Wed, 18 May 2011 10:29:14
To: Mark Boal
Cc: George Little
Cc: Michael Feldman
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Ok, can we shift to Friday am, then?

-----Original Message-----
From: Mark Boal
To: Jeremy Bash
Cc: George Little
Cc:
Cc: Michael Feldman
Cc:
Subject: Re: bin laden movie
Sent: May 17, 2011 11:08 PM

I'm doing a fundraiser for wounded military veterans 4pm - 9 pm on Thursday, otherwise free on Thursday and totally free Friday. Hope we can find a time
somehow

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2011, at 7:22 PM, "JBB"

> Can we do 430 pm?
> 
> ----- Original Message ----- 
> From: George Little
> To: mark
> Cc: Jeremy Bash
> Cc:
> Cc: Michael Feldman
> Cc:
> Subject: Re: bin laden movie
> Sent: May 17, 2011 10:19 PM
> 
> Mark --
> Happy to help.
> 
> Can you swing by on Thurs to meet with [___] and me? What times are open
> on your calendar?
> 
> And Michael, can you join us, too?
> 
> Thanks,
> George
> 
> ----- Original Message ----- 
> From: markboal [___]
> Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 07:44 PM
> 
> Cc: JBB [___] Kathryn Bigelow [___] Jonathan Leven [___] Michael Feldman
> Subject: bin laden movie
> 
> George,
> 
> Thanks for the briefing just now.
> I'll be in D.C. May 18-20
> 
> Mark
> 
>
George Little and I are hosting Mark Boat and Michael Feldman here at HQ at 9:30 am on Friday.

OPA will take charge of clearing folks in.

Can I use the DI conference room and can we get coffee?
From: Marie E. Harf  
Media Spokesperson  
Office of Public Affairs  

Subject: Re: Meeting with Hollywood screenwriter tomorrow (Friday)?

To:  
Cc:  

Date: 06/30/2011 01:47 PM

This message is digitally signed.

Thanks for the note! He's tentatively scheduled to be in town the week of July 11th, so maybe we can set something up then.

Marie

Maria E. Harf  
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Hello Marie -

Unfortunately, D/CTC is unavailable to meet with Mr. Boal tomorrow. Please let me know when he will be back in town and I will schedule the meeting.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!!!
As I believe you know, we in OPA have been engaging with Hollywood screenwriter Mark Boal on his movie about the hunt for UBL. (He wrote and co-produced the Hurt Locker.) He’s sat down with DDCIA, Jeremy Bash, [ ] and a few other folks to talk through the intelligence case, the operation, and their roles in it. As a Agency, we’ve been pretty forward-leaning with Boal, and he’s agreed to share scripts and details about the movie with us so we’re absolutely comfortable with what he will be showing. As he did with the Hurt Locker, he’s very concerned about operational security and will take any of our concerns into account.

We think it would make sense, if you’re willing to do so, if you would sit down and chat with Boal as well. He’s in town through this weekend, so if you would like to meet with him, tomorrow would work well. If not, he’ll be back in town later in the summer as well. I know this is a little outside what we typically do as CIA officers, but Boal seems committed to representing the Agency well in what is a multi-million dollar major motion picture.

(And for your SA, we’re trying to keep his visits at HQs a bit quiet, because of the sensitivities surrounding who gets to participate in this types of things. I’m sure you understand...)

Please advise if you’d like to meet with Boal and, if so, what your schedule looks like.

Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs