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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 12:29 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Media
Subject: RE: transparency

Thank you. I think the only other question in addition to the one I just sent to you about Pakistani public opinion, what caused the agency to change its position?

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Siobhan Gorman
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 The Wall Street Journal.
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 12:24 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: transparency

Siobhan,

[redacted]

[redacted] These are still complicated matters to discuss of course, but folks are committed to explaining things as clearly as possible.

[redacted]
 Media Spokesperson
 CIA Office of Public Affairs

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 3:29 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [redacted]
Subject: RE: transparency

Hi Guys,

Just a quick update. Apparently the focus of the story has changed and now looks largely at this joint effort by CIA, DoD, and State to move toward more transparency.

I hadn't really been a part of the story because it seemed to be taking a different focus, but it sounds like CIA will feature somewhat prominently, so now I am part of the story. What is the chance that Mr. Preston would be able to talk on background about the move toward more transparency?

Unfortunately, the timing on this is fairly short term. I think we need to file it tomorrow (Friday). But I thought it was worth asking.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: Gorman, Siobhan
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 1:50 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: transparency

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We're working on a story about the administration's push to provide a more public explanation of the legal explanation for CT operations/CIA's drone program. Among other things, we're told that Stephen Preston is allied with Koh and Johnson in pushing for more transparency. We were planning to say that in the story, so I wanted to make sure that was accurate.

In addition, in the spirit of transparency, I was wondering if you could provide answers/insight/guidance on the following questions:

- How is Mr. Preston going to make the legal defense of the drone program, will he do it in a speech, or in a legal response in some sort of ongoing litigation?
- Other lawyers have said the further transparency about the drone program will invite further litigation, foia requests, does Mr. Preston believe that?
- Is more transparency important to reassure allies who cooperate on intelligence matters that the US is behaving within the law? Are there other reasons to provide more transparency? What are they?

Any help you can provide would be much appreciated.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 12:58 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: transparency

Siobhan,

Just left you a message. [Redacted]

Call

[Redacted]
me back and we'll chat.

Talk to you soon,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 12:22 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: transparency

[Redacted]

Just wanted to circle back with you on the transparency query. There's one other detail I just wanted to run past you. We're told that one of the main reasons CIA decided to back the push for transparency was that it wanted to be able to make a more public case showing the importance of the program to counter Pakistani public perceptions that civilians are being killed in large numbers. Anything you can provide on that would be great.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2012 2:27 PM
To: Cynthia L Rapp; [redacted]
Cc: Media
Subject: Re: Assad

Thank you so much for checking. As I mentioned, tips from our top boss often don't pan out, but we have to check because it's from our editor and he claims to talk frequently with people in MI-6.

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----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2012 02:21 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Assad

Siobhan-- [redacted]
[redacted] We will get back to you if there is anything to it. Didi

----- Original Message -----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2012 02:18 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Media
Subject: Re: Assad

Thanks. No. This colleague is actually the editor of the paper. So, I ask because the editor of the paper heard it from someone, but his tips aren't always accurate.

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----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2012 01:50 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Assad

Siobhan, we'll ask some questions. Assume your colleague is in Syria?

----- Original Message -----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, March 04, 2012 01:48 PM
To: [redacted]

Subject: Assad

Happy Sunday! A colleague heard that Assad has been shot. Sounds unlikely, but it's a crazy time. Any truth to that?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 9:21 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Media
Subject: Re: AQ brushfires

Thanks so much. I'll ring tomorrow.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 09:13 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: AQ brushfires

Hi Siobhan,

[Redacted] We can discuss more tomorrow if you want.

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 07:51 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Media
Subject: Re: AQ brushfires

Thanks very much. Any light you can shed on the resumption of U.S.-Yemen CT efforts in the wake of the new leadership in Yemen?

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 06:33 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: AQ brushfires

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[REDACTED]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 11:50 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: AQ brushfires

[REDACTED]

It appears that there are some pretty nasty AQ-related flare-ups in the Middle East and Yemen. I'm getting questions from editors about whether there is a larger significance. My sense is no, because the AQAP-related attack in Yemen doesn't appear to be part of the more internationally-focused AQAP affiliate. But at any rate, any insight you can provide into AQ-related efforts in Yemen, Iraq, and Syria of late would be most-appreciated. I think we're going to write a story for tomorrow's paper trying to pull these different dust-ups together and trying to make sense of them.

The main question I have is: Do these efforts suggest a broader effort on the part of AQ to show it is still relevant? If not, what does it signify about the local affiliates of AQ and the security issues they are raising locally? Does this localized threat create any security concerns for the US?

On a related note, is there anything you can share on the resumption of U.S.-Yemen CT efforts in the wake of the new leadership in Yemen? It looks like training has resumed, and I didn't know if there was any light you could shed on U.S. efforts there.

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 11:58 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Media
Subject: RE: AQ brushfires

[Redacted] I left you a phone message this morning. So, please give me a ring when you get a chance. Thanks!

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 9:14 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: AQ brushfires

Hi Siobhan,

[Redacted] We can discuss more tomorrow if you want.

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 07:51 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Media
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 06:33 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: AQ brushfires

Siobhan,

[Redacted]



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Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 11:50 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: AQ brushfires

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 3:20 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: AQAP Takes Responsibility For Killing U.S. Intelligence Officer In Yemen

Hi Guys, A new Yemen query. Is there any truth to this claim from AQAP to have killed an American working for U.S. intelligence?

Thanks again for all your help.

Siobhan

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 3:18 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: AQAP Takes Responsibility For Killing U.S. Intelligence Officer In Yemen

In a brief statement published on jihadi forums today (March 6, 2012), Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) took responsibility for the killing of an "American working as a high ranking officer in the U.S. intelligence" on March 1, 2012.

The statement said that the individual, who was killed in the city of Aden, was under AQAP's surveillance for an extended period of time.

His killing, the statement added, comes as a result of the "increased American movements in Yemen...and the bringing of large number of American soldiers to the city of Aden in particular."

AQAP urged the Yemeni people to wage jihad against the Americans and their co-conspirators, and to issue relevant *fatwas* permitting the targeting of Americans in Yemen.

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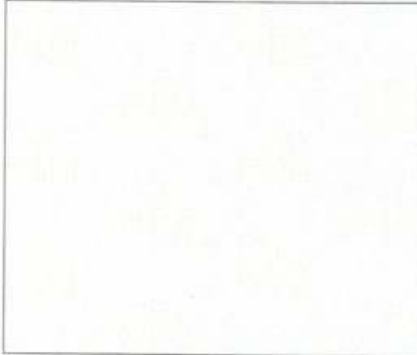
قَالَ زَيْدٌ الْجَلِيلِيُّ
فِي كِتَابِهِ وَالْعَرَبُ

إبيان بشأن قتل ضابط مخبرات أمريكي في عدن ||

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

الحمد لله القاتل: ﴿فِيذِهِ نَسَلْنَا الْأَشْهَرُ الْأَخْرَمُ فَاقْتُلُوا الْمُشْرِكِينَ حَيْثُ وَجَدْتُمُوهُمْ وَخُذُوهُمْ وَأَخْضِرُواهُمْ
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التوبة: ٥]، والصلاة والسلام على رسول الله القاتل: «أخرجوا المشركين من جزيرة العرب»؛ وبعد:

فقد منَّ الله على المجاهدين في يوم الخميس ٨ ربيع آخر الموافق لـ ١٢ مارس ٢٠١٢م، في مدينة عدن
بقتل أمريكي يعمل ضابطاً برتبة كبيرة في الاستخبارات الأمريكية، وذلك بعد رصد تحركاته لفترة طويلة.
ويأتي استهدافه بعد تزايد التحركات الأمريكية في اليمن في ظل الأوضاع السياسية الجديدة وكذا جلب
أعداد كبيرة من الجنود الأمريكيين إلى مدينة عدن على وجه الخصوص.



[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 3:33 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: you can ignore my last query on Yemen

Sounds like U.S. and Yemeni govt folks say no Americans have been injured, so ignore my query unless there is info to suggest otherwise.

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From: Gorman, Siobhar [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 5:15 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Media
Subject: RE: Iran qu

OK, thanks very much. That could explain it. Pre-2003 activity wouldn't be terribly interesting. My colleague seemed to suggest this was happening now, but perhaps he misunderstood.

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Siobhan Gorman
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 5:12 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iran qu

Siobhan,

[redacted]

Hope this helps,

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 4:28 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Iran qu

Hi Guys,

A colleague is trying to nail down some information he's gotten from American and French diplomats who said they are very worried that Iran has been "cleaning up" Parching. The suggestion was that the U.S. or Western governments have seen evidence of this cleanup, either via satellites or other ways. Would that be a correct assumption? Is that concern consistent with what your folks have seen or concerns they might share?

This is a detail that is being used in an Iran story for tomorrow, so any quick insight you can provide would be great. Sorry for the last-minute nature of the request. We just heard this.

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Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 9:49 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Yemeni strikes

[Redacted]

We're trying to sort out some recent strikes on Islamic extremist targets in Yemen. Wondering what guidance you can provide.

Yemeni security officials say that the US launched several missile attacks in south Yemen on Saturday and Sunday targeting militants and weapons caches that have come under the control of Islamist militants during the last few days.

The Saturday strikes hit two different areas of south Yemen, in Abyan province and al Beyda province. The target of the strikes were "suspected Al Qaeda" militants, according to Yemeni officials. These strikes had death tolls ranging from 14-25 militants dead. No names released though, suggesting that these guys were Ansar al Shariah, rather than AQAP.

How does this square with your understanding?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 9:05 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Media
Subject: Re: Yemen

Sorry, one other question. My colleague in Yemen says two senior Yemeni officials say that the Americans were responsible for all three operations. Not sure why the Yemenis wouldn't claim credit for one of their strikes. Can you shed any light on that?

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From: Gorman, Siobhan
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 08:56 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Yemen

Thanks very much. The second quote sounds familiar. I think you provided it last time I harassed you on Yemen :)

Sounds like there was another strike today in Yemen. Our colleague there says it killed four militants, including one senior AQ leader in Beyda province. Yemeni sources say it was another US drone attack. The attack happened after a suicide bomber attacked a checkpoint in the province killing four soldiers.

Four strikes seems like quite an uptick. Is there any guidance you can provide on why the burst of activity? And on today's strike, how does the above description match your understanding? I assume the strike was not related to the suicide attack, but if it were, that would suggest a pretty quick and serious response.

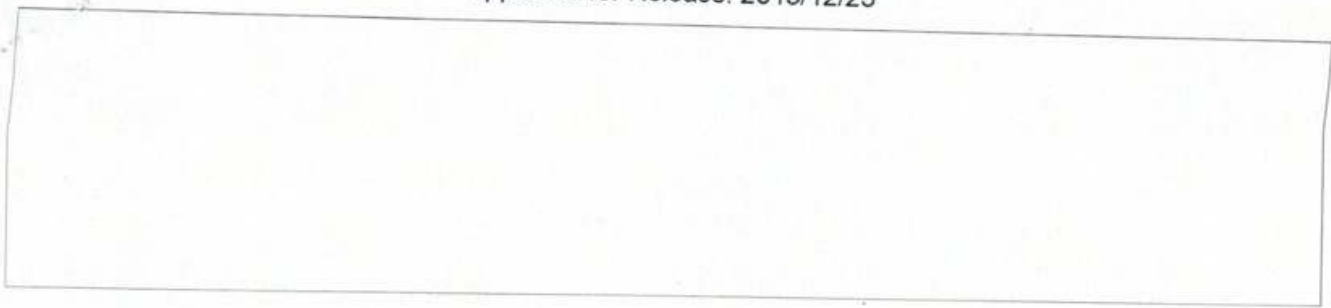
Thanks again for your help.

Siobhan

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 06:04 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Yemen

Siobhan,



[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 8:30 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Cynthia L Rapp
Subject: Re: Invitation to Off the Record Dinner with CIA Director Petraues

Nope. I eat pretty much anything. Thanks again.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 08:25 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Invitation to Off the Record Dinner with CIA Director Petraues

Great! Any food allergies?

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 8:13 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Cynthia L Rapp
Subject: Re: Invitation to Off the Record Dinner with CIA Director Petraues

[redacted] Didi,

Thank you very much for the invitation. I would love to come. See you next week.

Best,
Siobhan

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 07:44 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Invitation to Off the Record Dinner with CIA Director Petraues

Siobhan,

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Cynthia and I wanted to see if you would be available for an off the record dinner with Director Petraeus, scheduled for Thursday, March 22, at 6:30pm. The dinner would be held here, in the Director's dining room, with a handful of your media colleagues.

If you are available, please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions. We will also need your SSN to clear you into the building.

Cynthia Rapp
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 7:56 AM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Subject: RE: Urgent Bio Request

Siobhan:

Thanks very much. I'm sure the Director is looking forward to talking with you tomorrow evening.

All the best,

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 11:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Bio Request

[redacted]

Here's my bio. Please let me know if you need any more information.

Best,
Siobhan

SIOBHAN GORMAN

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The Wall Street Journal
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Siobhan Gorman is a reporter for The Wall Street Journal covering terrorism, counter terrorism, intelligence, and cybersecurity, which includes the activities of the sixteen intelligence agencies and the national security threats they aim to combat.

Prior to joining the Journal in 2007, Ms. Gorman was a Washington correspondent for The Baltimore Sun covering intelligence and security. From 1998 to 2005 she was a staff correspondent for National Journal covering homeland security, justice, and intelligence; and in 1997 was also a research associate for "Bob Levey's Washington", The Washington Post.

Ms. Gorman won the 2006 Sigma Delta Chi Award for Washington Correspondence for her coverage of the National Security Agency, and in 2000 received a special citation in national magazine writing from the Education Writers Association.

She received her bachelor of arts in government from Dartmouth College and currently resides in Arlington, VA.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 12:56 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: Urgent Bio Request

Hi Siobhan:

It was a pleasure to meet you before the DNI Syria backgrounder the other day.

We're delighted that you've accepted Director Petraeus' invitation to dinner Thursday evening.

We need to give the Director your biography for his review by tomorrow.

I'm having a difficult time finding your bio on wsj.com or anywhere.

Could you please shoot me your bio and photo by COB today, if possible?

Thanks very much,

[redacted]

[redacted]

CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 4:32 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Bio Request

Sorry, I just got this email. It was trapped, disturbingly, in my email quarantine. Sorry to spam you with unneeded bios. Looking forward to seeing the Director tomorrow.

Best,
Siobhan

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 6:37 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: FW: Urgent Bio Request

Hello again, Siobhan:

We found a good bio here in our files. I also have a good photo. No need to send anything.

Have a good trip back.

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 1:46 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Subject: RE: Urgent Bio Request

Hi Siobhan:

Tuesday evening will be fine.

Thanks a lot.

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 1:27 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Urgent Bio Request

[redacted] It was great to meet you last week. I'm out of the country and back Tuesday evening. Would it be OK if I sent you a bio then? I don't think we have bios on our website.

Best,
Siobhan

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 1:24 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: Cynthia L Rapp; [redacted]
Subject: Gym

Hey Siobhan,

[redacted]

[redacted]
 Media Spokesperson
 CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 5:52 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject:

[redacted]

I realized, perhaps too late, that tomorrow's dinner might also afford an opportunity for a gym tour.

Is there any chance that I could do a tour before the dinner? Then, if there are additional people I need to talk with, we could follow up by phone. But at least I could see it, and we'd be part way there?

Just a thought.

Best,

Siobhan

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 2:42 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Soleimani

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From: Gorman, Siobhan
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2012 5:35 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Soleimani

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2012 5:04 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Soleimani

Siobhan,

[redacted]
[redacted] I'll have to get back to you on the first point below. When do you think your story will run? Thanks

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2012 1:01 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Soleimani

[redacted]

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[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 10:27 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Media
Subject: RE: Soleimani

Thanks so much. [redacted] So sorry to bother you when you have more important things to attend to. I hope you are doing OK.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 10:26 AM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Soleimani

Hi Siobhan,

Sorry for the delayed response [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 02:41 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Soleimani

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Cc: [redacted]
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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 2:27 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Subject: RE: N. Korea follow-up

Of course, Siobhan. Makes sense. [redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 2:18 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: N. Korea follow-up

Thanks very much. I thought it would probably take awhile to know for sure, but I needed to ask.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 2:02 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: N. Korea follow-up

Hi Siobhan,

[redacted]

I hope this is helpful. Best to you, [redacted]

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 12:13 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: N. Korea follow-up

Hi [redacted]

We seem to be doing an around the world tour this week. Thanks for the comments last night on North Korea. I have a quick follow up on that today.

Will the failed test prompt a recalculation of projections for a North Korean ICBM by 2015ish? In January 2011, Gates estimated they would have one within 5 years, so our understanding is the projection has been 2015/16. We're wondering if the U.S. time frame estimates are expected to shift in light of the fourth failed test. Any sense of that?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 7:31 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: DCIA Questions

Thank you. I'm sorry that I haven't gotten a chance to send them your way. I will get them to you and your colleagues either tonight or tomorrow morning.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 07:29 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: DCIA Questions

Hey Siobhan,

Just a reminder about the general questions for that interview proposal with the DCIA. Also, I'm going to be out of email touch for several days on vacation so please use the [Redacted] so nothing is missed.

Thanks!

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Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 1:51 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: DCIA Questions

So sorry for the delayed follow-up on my part.

As I mentioned, We'd like to speak with the Director for a story on how the administration came to embrace a national security strategy that focuses on fighting small, secret wars and relies heavily on special operations forces and CIA officers. It is the scene-setting story for a series we are writing about this strategy. The kinds of questions we'd like to discuss with Director Petraeus are:

- It seems that a key time period for embracing this approach came in the second half of 2010, as you took over as COMISAF. What are the events and decisions you see as having sold the administration on this approach, particularly during this time period?
- Gen. Cartwright has described your time as COMISAF as a rebalancing of the strategy. Under you, he said, the military emphasized the importance of CT operations. Obviously, you advocate a combination of COIN and CT, but do you agree that you rebalanced the strategy?
- What lessons did you take away from your experience in Afghanistan (and Iraq and CENTCOM) that informed the thinking of the administration on the benefit of this approach?
- You have said one key lesson of Afghanistan (and Iraq) was intelligence fusion. As CENTCOM Commander or COMISAF, were there new efforts to ensure that all CT raids yielded additional intelligence for the next raid? Did you improve or adjust how one operation begat the next?
- Now that you are at CIA, what additional efforts have you made to bolster this strategy?
- Does this strategy apply beyond counterterrorism? How?
- What are the downsides to this approach?

Please let me know if you have any questions about the above or if you need any additional information from me.

Thank you,
Siobhan

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[redacted]
From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2012 2:33 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Subject: RE: AQAP

Just tried to call. I'll call back in just a few or you can try me.

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2012 1:22 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: AQAP

I'll ring you after 2pm. Thanks much.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2012 1:22 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: AQAP

I'd be happy to chat, Siobhan. If you could call after 2 that would be ideal. Or, if you'd like to email me your additional thoughts that's fine too. Best, [redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2012 1:18 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: AQAP

[redacted] I was going to call you shortly because we have done a bit more reporting, and I had a few additional things I wanted to check with you. I think right now, we're trying to pull a story together to file tomorrow. Will you be around in about a half hour or so to chat a little bit more?

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2012 1:17 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: AQAP

Hi Siobhan,

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I hope you enjoyed the weekend, despite the moisture. I wanted to let you know that I've worked up something for you on AQAP and am just running a few traps. Are you trying to meet a deadline today? Thanks

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[redacted]
From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2012 7:11 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Subject: RE: Response on AQAP

It's my pleasure, Siobhan. Please do. [redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2012 7:08 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Response on AQAP

[redacted] I appreciate this. I'll ring you in the am with a quick follow up.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2012 06:14 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Response on AQAP

Hi Siobhan,

Referencing our conversations, please find below what I can offer on the issues you raised. I do hope the comments provide some useful perspective. Best, [redacted]

[redacted] so please note that CIA declined to comment.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 11:42 AM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Subject: AQAP

Hi Siobhan,

I am putting everything I can into one combined note which I will send shortly. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 12:35 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Comments on CT/AQAP

Hi Siobhan,

Please find below responses to the questions you raised and additional background comments per your request. I do hope this is helpful as you move forward with your story. Best, [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 7:57 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: quotes

Thanks very much. Talk with you tomorrow.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 07:06 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: quotes

Hi Siobhan,

I saw that you had sent this note earlier (thank you) and wanted to say now that I've come up for air that I'll get back to you early in the day tomorrow with a response.

Please have an enjoyable evening,

From: Gorman, Siobhan
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 2:16 PM
To:
Subject: quotes

Thanks for your help.

These are the ones that I'd like to put on background.

[Redacted content]

Also, I meant to double check when we were chatting, but when we spoke initially, you said it would be accurate to say

Just want to make sure that is indeed accurate and usable.

I'll circle back with you tomorrow on the issue of who died in the Sunday strike in Yemen. (Just discussed it briefly with who was unlucky enough to answer the phone).

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2012 3:28 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: more China queries

Hi Siobhan,

I'll let you know soonest if there's anything I can read out on Cheng. Best, [Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2012 2:57 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: more China queries

[Redacted]

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2012 5:51 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Subject: RE: more China queries

My pleasure – and never hurts to ask. Have a great weekend. [redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2012 5:39 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: more China queries

I appreciate your looking into it. I told my editor it was unlikely you'd have something on this.

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From: [redacted]
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To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: more China queries

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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2012 10:46 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: So...

I hope not. He was batting 400.

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----- Original Message -----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2012 10:36 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: Re: So...

Is he being paid by the joke though?

----- Original Message -----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2012 10:27 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: So...

Good. Kimmel is funny. Watching on CNN.

----- Original Message -----
From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2012 10:17 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: So...

Never mind
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----- Original Message -----
From: Gorman, Siobhan
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2012 10:13 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: So...

What prompted my guest to leave so suddenly? Bat phone rang twice, and then he excused himself.

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[Redacted]
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2012 10:51 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: So...

Nothing that I'm aware of right now. Have fun!

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2012 10:44 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: So...

He came back and then left a bit early...anything interesting going on?

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To: [Redacted]
Subject: So...

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 7:05 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: background comment

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Have a good evening!

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 3:48 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: background comment

Thanks for your help [Redacted]

So, if it's possible to get some type of background comment saying that words were chosen carefully to preserve programs/operations/etc., and that those efforts continue, that would be helpful. Would that be possible?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 2:29 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Drones...

Hi Guys,

Seeking your guidance here. As it's been explained to me, one of the reasons given to not publicly disclose the drone program is that making it public would mean that CIA could no longer do it under Title 50 and it would have to become a Title 10 program under the military. So, I'm wondering how that squares with Brennan's statement below. Can you advise?

So let me say it as simply as I can. Yes, in full accordance with the law—and in order to prevent terrorist attacks on the United States and to save American lives—the United States Government conducts targeted strikes against specific al-Qa'ida terrorists, sometimes using remotely piloted aircraft, often referred to publicly as drones. And I'm here today because President Obama has instructed us to be more open with the American people about these efforts.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 3:30 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc:
Subject: RE: Translating the UBL trove

Thank you for this rundown and for the follow up call. As I mentioned, we're holding off for at least a day, given all the pushback, so that we can try to reconcile why we're getting such different versions of the story. I'll follow up with you tomorrow to let you know whether we've resolved the discrepancies and how that affects the story.

Thanks,
Siobhan

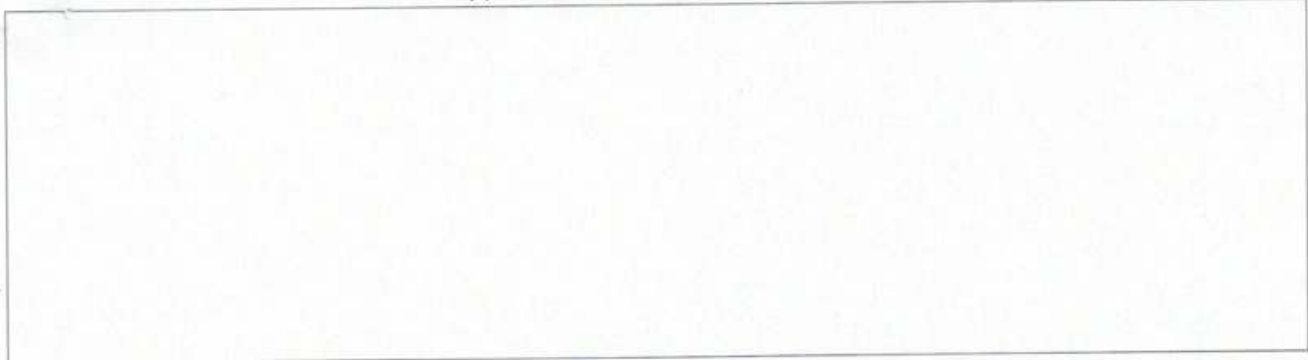
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-----Original Message-----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 3:16 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Translating the UBL trove

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]



[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 11:40 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Translating the UBL trove

Thank you for looking into it. There's always a chance we're getting steered incorrectly, but two people in a position to know said that the majority hadn't been fully translated and it was recently recognized as an issue and it now being dealt with. Two others confirmed the lagging translation part, so I have a hard time thinking all these folks are confused.

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-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 10:59 AM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Translating the UBL trove

Siobhan,



Take care,

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs



-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 9:56 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Translating the UBL trove

Hi Guys,

So do I wish you a "happy anniversary" today?

On the departed terrorist leader, we're told that the pace of translating his small college library of stuff has lagged. We know it was triaged by Arabic speakers, but most of the stuff hasn't been translated.

We're pulling together a story for tomorrow on it, and I wanted to get your take on the question of why the lag and when/why/how translation was stepped up in recent weeks. CIA officers were among those who complained they couldn't get access to info, so we're also wondering when that came to CIA's attention and what was done about it.

Here's a summary of what we've been told:

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Thanks,
Siobhan

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[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 5:14 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Translating the UBL trove

On a separate note, my editor just swung by saying that he loves the gym story and would like it ASAP.

So, if there's a way to make another run at it--even if to just use some facts on background w/o quotes or anything like that--I'd be grateful. I could go through with you the facts I'm seeking to use on background, if that's helpful.

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-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 4:58 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: Translating the UBL trove

Siobhan,

Thank you for the update. No worries, getting to the right context is why we're here.

Take care,

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 4:02 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Translating the UBL trove

[redacted] Just wanted to circle back with you on this. At this point, it sounds like we've reached an accord among sources on what happened, but there's a difference between the military and intelligence interpretation about whether additional translation is needed. That leaves us with a pretty muddled story, so absent new facts or insights that suggest there is more of a story, I think we're going to put this one aside.

Thanks for your help, and I'm sorry for the busywork yesterday, though I imagine your preferred outcome is no story, anyhow.

Thanks,

Siobhan

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-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 3:16 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Translating the UBL trove

Siobhan,

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 11:40 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Translating the UBL trove

Thank you for looking into it. There's always a chance we're getting steered incorrectly, but two people in a position to know said that the majority hadn't been fully translated and it was recently recognized as an issue and it now being dealt with. Two others confirmed the lagging translation part, so I have a hard time thinking all these folks are confused.

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-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 10:59 AM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Translating the UBL trove

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Take care,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 9:56 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Translating the UBL trove

Hi Guys,

So do I wish you a "happy anniversary" today?

On the departed terrorist leader, we're told that the pace of translating his small college library of stuff has lagged. We know it was triaged by Arabic speakers, but most of the stuff hasn't been translated.

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Thanks,
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[Redacted]
From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 3:51 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Quso?

Thanks very much.

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Siobhan Gorman
Intelligence Correspondent
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----- Original Message -----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 03:36 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Quso?

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 3:36 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Quso?

Sorry for the double-header queries. This one may be more important. Colleagues in Yemen are saying that the mastermind of the Cole bombing, al-Quso, is no longer with us. Any truth to that?

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Intelligence Correspondent
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----- Original Message -----

From: Gorman, Siobhan
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 01:52 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Feinstein/Rogers comments today

Hi guys, Happy Sunday. Wondering what your take is on the Feinstein and Rogers comments today on CNN on the growing strength of the Taliban since the surge. Is this an assessment you share?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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Siobhan Gorman

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[redacted]
From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 7:15 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Quso?

Looks like reports say the strike was courtesy of CIA. If we do a story, would that be an accurate thing to say?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 04:01 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Quso?

Siobhan,

-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 3:36 PM
To: [redacted]
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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 4:22 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Feinstein/Rogers comments today

Thanks very much for both responses. I'll check back tomorrow on our friend in Yemen.

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----- Original Message -----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 04:13 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Feinstein/Rogers comments today

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 4:53 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: AQAP plot

Missing a note...

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 4:52 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: AQAP plot

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 4:25 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: AQAP plot

I just rang your office and no one picked up. Can you give me a call please?

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[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 6:08 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: AQAP plot

Neither are accurate?

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 6:07 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: AQAP plot

No, it's not accurate.

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 6:06 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: AQAP plot

Thanks. Is it accurate to say the bomb was seized in Yemen?

Can you share anything about the guy? Would it be accurate to say he's in custody?

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 6:05 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: AQAP plot

I'm sure you have these by now, but just in case...

DHS Statement:

"We have no specific, credible information regarding an active terrorist plot against the U.S. at this time, although we continue to monitor efforts by al-Qa'ida and its affiliates to carry out terrorist attacks, both in the Homeland and abroad. Since this IED demonstrates our adversaries' interest in targeting the aviation sector, DHS continues, at the direction of the President, to employ a risk-based, layered approach to ensure the security of the traveling public. These layers include threat and vulnerability analysis, prescreening and screening of passengers, using the best available technology, random searches at airports, federal air marshal coverage and additional security measures both seen and unseen. DHS will continue to work with our federal, state, local, international and private sector partners to identify potential threats and

take appropriate protective measures. As always, we encourage law enforcement and security officials, as well as the general public, to maintain vigilance and report suspicious activity to the appropriate authorities." –Matt Chandler, DHS Spokesman

FBI statement:

"As a result of close cooperation with our security and intelligence partners overseas, an improvised explosive device (IED) designed to carry out a terrorist attack has been seized abroad. The FBI currently has possession of the IED and is conducting technical and forensics analysis on it. Initial exploitation indicates that the device is very similar to IEDs that have been used previously by al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) in attempted terrorist attacks, including against aircraft and for targeted assassinations. The device never presented a threat to public safety, and the U.S. Government is working closely with international partners to address associated concerns with the device. We refer you to the Department of Homeland Security, including the Transportation Security Administration, regarding ongoing security measures to safeguard the American people and the traveling public." -FBI Statement

WH COMMENT:

"The President was first informed about the plot in April by his Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Advisor John Brennan, and he has received regular updates and briefings as needed from his national security team. While the President was assured that the device did not pose a threat to the public, he directed the Department of Homeland Security and law enforcement and intelligence agencies to take whatever steps necessary to guard against this type of attack. The disruption of this IED plot underscores the necessity of remaining vigilant against terrorism here and abroad. The President thanks all intelligence and counterterrorism professionals involved for their outstanding work and for serving with the extraordinary skill and commitment that their enormous responsibilities demand." –Caitlin Hayden, Deputy NSC Spokesperson

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 5:55 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: AQAP plot

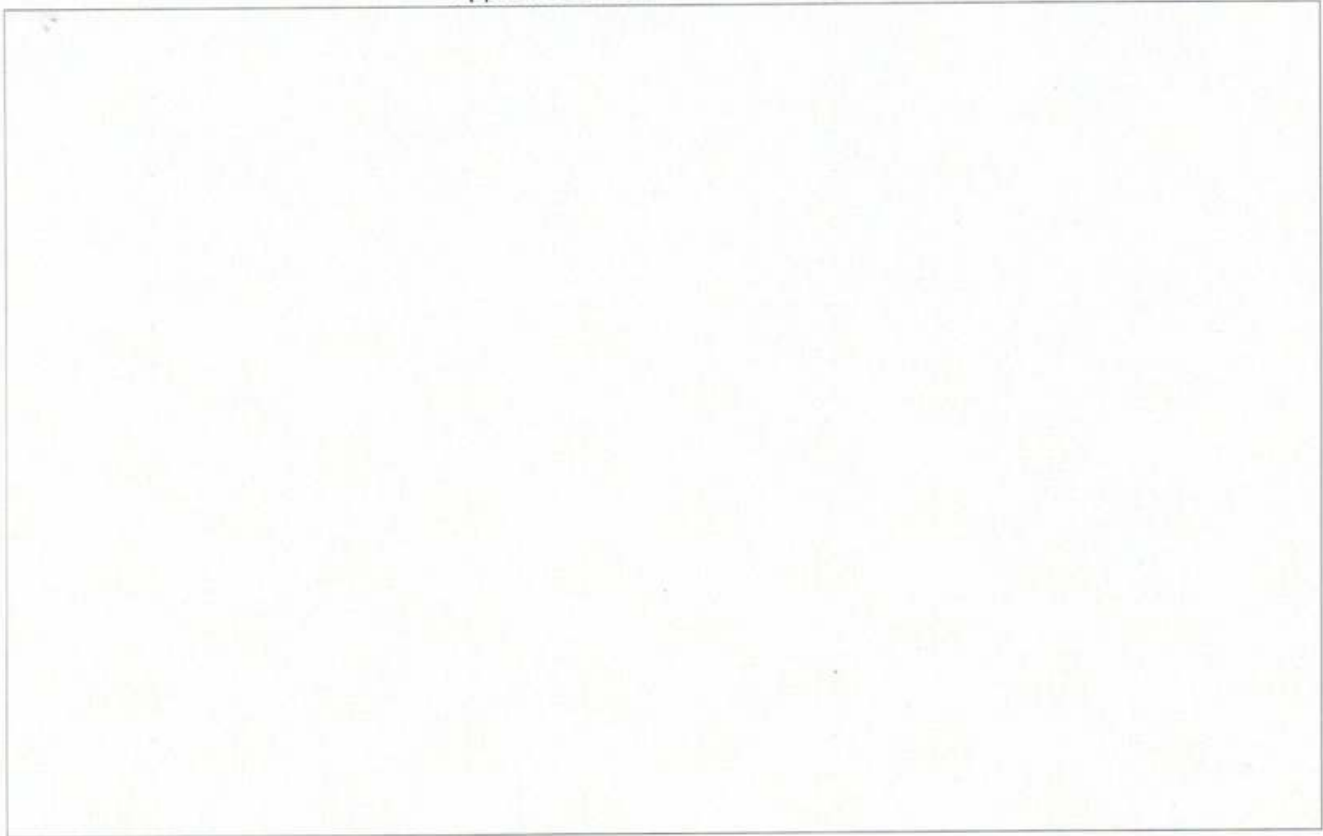
Thank you

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 5:39 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: AQAP plot

[redacted]



From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 5:38 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: AQAP plot

Hey did you send out the background? I haven't gotten it yet. Hoping it's not in my quarantine. Pls fee free to copy my gmail

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 4:53 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: AQAP plot

Siobhan – We will be sharing background with you in just a few minutes.

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 4:25 PM

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To:
Cc:
Subject: AQAP plot

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[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 7:10 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Confirming this

Ok, thank you. Just want to make sure this characterization of the bomb is accurate b/c this is quick turnaround:

a more advanced version of the underwear bomb deployed in the failed 2009 Christmas Day bombing attempt ===== Siobhan Gorman Intelligence Correspondent The Wall Street Journal.
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----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 07:05 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Confirming this

Hi Siobhan,

As I said on the phone, I don't have anything to offer on the particular point you raise. Tomorrow we may in a general sense have more to convey about the bomb plot.

Best, [redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 6:44 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Confirming this

This is what my colleague was told:

the intel they got thru this operation allowed the hit on the external operations chief of aqap in yemen on Sunday.

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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 3:52 PM
To: [Redacted]

Hey there, Welcome back. I rang your office again and was told my name had been "taken off the board" but I hadn't heard from you or one of your colleagues. Can you pls give me a ring?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 9:42 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: One Follow-Up

Thanks very much [redacted] I'll add your comment into the story. Sorry I didn't ask you directly, we were waiting for the WH on that response, so I didn't bother you with it.

I appreciate all the work you and your colleagues do to guide the accuracy of our reporting, and these intense periods are tough for everyone to manage.

Thanks again,
Siobhan

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 9:00 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: One Follow-Up

Siobhan,

Take care,

[redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 12:24 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: request

[Redacted]

Happy Wednesday. I just left you a phone message to chat about issues of the day.

I also have a broader request. When the situation reaches a point where you are able to share more details, is there any chance that Mr. Morell (or another official, if there is someone better positioned) could speak on background about the back story of the operation.

I am already getting editors' requests to do a reconstruction story, which will be difficult to do well until you are at a point where you are able to share more details without impacting operations. But assuming that time comes in the relatively near future, I wanted to see whether that was a possibility.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 2:14 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: AQAP follow up

[Redacted]

I think my colleague is likely to use this stuff from AQAP guys because they do bring a different voice to the story. Of course, the appropriate context is important. It would be helpful if you could provide some by way of background response to this AQAP commentary according to a colleague in the region.

We're told by people close to AQAP that AQAP knew nothing about the alleged plot, and that if there was any plot it was the work of one individual within AQAP, perhaps Asiri. So your perspective on that would be very helpful for providing the proper context. AQAP folks are also saying Yemeni AQAP members don't trust Saudi AQAP members anymore, and we were also wondering if that squares with what you are seeing.

As I mentioned, we also have a story for tomorrow looking at the U.S.-Saudi CT relationship, so it would be very useful to get your perspective on that—in terms of how important it is, how/why it evolved. So you know, the story looks at how the effort combines U.S.-supplied surveillance with a Saudi intelligence network that utilizes payments as low as \$5 a month to secure information from tribal sheiks in Yemen. A network of Saudi and Yemeni informants whose nationalities match those of Al Qaeda's, and who can cross the two countries' border with ease, further helps the United States target lethally effective strikes. Story also includes people talking about the closeness of the CIA's relationship with its Saudi counterparts. Your perspective on any/all of the above would be appreciated.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 7:36 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE:

Thanks for the update.

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 4:22 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject:

Hey, I heard bk from my colleague in the region. They're not going to use the AQAP pushback stuff, so you can ignore that query.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 7:48 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Re:

Siobhan,

You can report the CIA declined to comment.

Have a good evening,

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 7:38 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re:

Thanks, but what should I say in terms of comment? We're talking about the cumulative relationship Do you want to say CIA declined to comment?

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Siobhan Gorman
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----- Original Message -----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 07:34 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE:

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Have a good evening!

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 6:38 PM

To: [Redacted]

Subject:

Hey [Redacted] Will you have something on the Saudi query? We can say CIA declined to comment, but I don't know if that's what you want to say.

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[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 7:41 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re:

The comment would be inserted after a graf that describes Saudi efforts: Working in Yemen the Saudi network has secured Yemeni tribal sheiks' cooperation using payments of as low as \$5 per month.

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CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 4:00 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: [Redacted]

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Best wishes,

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 1:38 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: [Redacted]

Hey Guys,

I spoke [Redacted] yesterday a bit about the impact of recent U.S. operations against AQAP on the organization—sowing mistrust, slowing operational planning, etc. I'm doing a story on that today.

Would it be possible to get any guidance, and ideally background, on the fact that U.S. officials are looking for these indicators and the fact that these types of things usually sow mistrust? I know it's early, but if you're seeing any indicators at all of impact, that would be incredibly useful to know. Any info you could provide on divisions or issues recent other operations have created for AQAP would also be very helpful.

On a semi-related note, is there any connection between the strike reported last night and information gathered in the course of the bomb plot operation?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2012 10:57 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Query on DoD consideration of taking Yemen program public

Super. Thanks so much.

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----- Original Message -----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2012 10:56 AM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Query on DoD consideration of taking Yemen program public

Good morning Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Take care,

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2012 10:14 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Query on DoD consideration of taking Yemen program public

[Redacted]

My colleague who covers the Pentagon is writing a story on the FOIA lawsuit on the OLC memo backing the Awlaki strike (there's an upcoming deadline for the government to file a response in the ACLU FOIA suit) and the debate over whether to be more public about drone operations.

He's planning to file the story tomorrow, so if we could get your input by the end of the day--or tomorrow morning at the latest, that would be really helpful.

To that end, we're wondering:

Has the CIA objected to producing the OLC memo justifying the strike on Awlaki as part of the ACLU FOIA lawsuit?

Is CIA aware of discussions about making a fuller and more public account of US military operations in Yemen, and does the CIA object?

Does the CIA think providing a legal response detailing operations in Yemen could force them to discuss other future operations they wish to keep covert?

Any other comments regarding this debate and whether strikes that cause such visible public consequences can be covert are more than welcome.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2012 5:26 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: on the legal query

Siobhan,

You all can report CIA declined to comment.

Thanks!

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2012 5:18 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: on the legal query

[Redacted] On the legal story, I think we'll probably need some sort of comment/no comment. Should we say CIA declined to comment?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 10:08 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Timing

All sounds excellent. Many thanks.

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-----Original Message-----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 10:05 AM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Timing

Let's do it tomorrow afternoon. Right now I am aiming for 1430. We will lock it in once we run a few traps here. In the meantime I probably can get you a few facts, comments etc... later today to help as you draft the story.

Thanks!

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Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----
From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 9:26 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Timing

Ha! Hope you had a good workout.

I can make it work either way, so just go with what works with scheduling on your end. I can run home and grab my car today, if I need to. It's not a huge deal.

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----- Original Message -----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 09:24 AM

To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: Timing

I'll check this morning and let you know as soon as I can. If it is easier I can just push for Thursday afternoon? Ironically when you sent this email I was working out in the NHB gym.

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 8:29 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Timing

[Redacted]

Wondering if you have a sense of whether we'll meet today or tomorrow. It just affects whether I drive to work today.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 11:00 AM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Subject: RE: Salem el Hasi, Libya's new intel chief

No worries, Siobhan. I understood that. [redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 10:59 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Salem el Hasi, Libya's new intel chief

Thanks very much. And correction: I mistyped in the first paragraph. I obviously meant Libya, not Egypt.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 10:57 AM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Salem el Hasi, Libya's new intel chief

Hi Siobhan,

I'll look into this on behalf of your colleagues and let you know soonest if there's some perspective we can share.

Best, [redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 10:52 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Salem el Hasi, Libya's new intel chief

Hi Guys,

Your input is much in demand these days. I have a couple colleagues in the Middle East who are working on a story about Libya's new intelligence chief, Salem el Hasi, and his early activities in Egypt, which include internal surveillance. Mr. Hasi is particularly interesting figure because he was an American citizen (up until February) and was a professor at was a professor at North Georgia University.

So, we're thinking this may be someone your folks have tracked pretty carefully. We're wondering what you take is on the guy and the U.S. perspective on his taking over the Libya's counter terrorism efforts. Might we be able to tap your perspective? We're also told that the U.S. facilitated Mr. Hasi's ascent into his current post, so any guidance on that would be very helpful.

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My colleagues are trying to draft a story by Friday or so. It's not a hard and fast deadline, but anything you might be able to provide by then would be much appreciated.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2012 9:54 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: See you in the Lobby at 230PM

Yes, see you then. Thanks again.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2012 09:26 AM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: See you in the Lobby at 230PM

Siobhan,

Just to be clear. We'll see you for the tour this afternoon. I'll meet you in the main lobby.

Thanks!

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2012 8:45 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Libya - Question

Thank you for the reprieve! I appreciate the clarification; that's helpful detail. I'll be in touch early in the day tomorrow. Hope you are enjoying this fine evening [Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2012 07:47 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Libya - Question

Thanks so much [Redacted] My colleague hasn't bugged me yet for material, so if you can get more to me if we wait until tomorrow, that's great.

On the surveillance question: I meant current duties. We're told that the Libyan government has switched back on its surveillance tools to monitor phone and internet communications inside the country. Officials say its needed to find supporters of the Gadhafi regime.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2012 06:01 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Libya - Question

Hi Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Thanks very much, [Redacted]

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2012 3:31 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Libya - almost there

Thanks so much. I haven't been harassed yet, so that's why I haven't harassed you. I figured you'd get back to me today, and I appreciate the help.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2012 3:30 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: Libya - almost there

Hi Siobhan,

Ok, I've finally got my last bit of material. Just need to run a final trap and I'll send over some perspective. Please forgive the delay although I heard your colleagues were not harassing you, which is good! I know you've been busy with other things. Best, [redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2012 3:44 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: a couple other fact checks

[Redacted]

Take care,

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2012 03:00 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: a couple other fact checks

Thanks for the help. I hope I wasn't the cause of the dental appointment delay. This is very helpful as I try to tie up loose ends on this story. Sometimes "fun" stories take as much work as their "less fun" brethren. Sorry for all the qus.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2012 2:30 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: a couple other fact checks

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

We can chat more on Monday, hope this helps,

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]

Sent: Friday, May 18, 2012 2:11 PM

To: [Redacted]

Subject: a couple other fact checks

[Redacted]

I know you probably won't be able to check this until Monday, but there are two other things I wanted to fact check on the gym:

I'm told that on runs, Director Petraeus's security detail hands him bottles of water, relay-style, so as not to slow him down. And you mentioned the director's running a 6-minute mile, but I was told that the agency-wide invitation was that if you could run a 7-minute mile, you can come run with the director. I wanted to make sure both are accurate.

On the chart, it's accurate to say that the congressional gym and the Pentagon gym ranked high, right?

And I was just told that the facilities at the black sites were better than the ones at CIA. Don't know whether that's something you want to weigh in on, but I thought I'd see if you did.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2012 7:11 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Response - Query on Libya

Sent earlier to WSJ address. Sending to your personal email just to make sure you receive the material. Have a great night. Best, [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2012 5:31 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Response - Query on Libya

Hi Siobhan,

[Redacted] Best, [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

[redacted]
From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2012 7:52 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Response - Query on Libya

Thanks very much [redacted] I'll follow up on Monday to see if we might be able to use a bit of this on background. Have a great weekend.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2012 05:30 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Response - Query on Libya

Hi Siobhan,

[redacted] Best, [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 12:14 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: We're both right

Siobhan,

[Large Redacted Area]

Thanks!

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2012 9:38 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: We're both right

Sorry, didn't mean accurately. I meant I may not have explained it clearly. Someone actually gave me a demonstration to show me what they were talking about. I should have given you the same demonstration last week :)

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From: Gorman, Siobhan
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2012 09:36 PM
To: [Redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Re: We're both right

Not many more laps, I think/hope!

I may not have described the water bit accurately. It wasn't about having people stationed. I was told that his security detail that runs with him was asked to hand him water "relay-style," meaning that they hand him his water bottle along the way, so it doesn't slow him down.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Monday, May 21, 2012 09:11 PM

To: Gorman, Siobhan

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Re: We're both right

Siobhan,

[Large redacted area]

Ok we'll talk more about this...how many more laps on the gym story do we have left ☺?

[redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]

Sent: Monday, May 21, 2012 02:33 PM

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Re: We're both right

Super. We're indeed both right, thanks so much.

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Intelligence Correspondent

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Monday, May 21, 2012 01:48 PM

To: Gorman, Siobhan

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: We're both right

Working on your other questions,

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson

CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 7:50 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Afridi

The gym story is being edited, which can take an indeterminate period of time, but I will keep you posted. Thanks!

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 07:10 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Afridi

No problem...Is the gym story ready to go?

Have a good night.

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 6:02 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Afridi

Thanks very much. I appreciate your help.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 06:00 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Afridi

Siobhan,

[REDACTED]

Take care,

[REDACTED]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[REDACTED]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 11:38 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Afridi

[REDACTED]

This is the material I mentioned. I would like to use as much of it as possible to be able to provide context for the story on Afridi's sentencing. Thanks, Siobhan

The CIA had forged its relationship with the doctor, Dr. Shakil Afridi, years earlier, a senior U.S. official said. He'd set up a vaccination program in the tribal areas of Pakistan, and the CIA provided funds for his program in exchange for "ground truth" on activities in the region, the official said.

He set up a program in Abbottabad at CIA's request to try to get a DNA sample from the women and children at the compound. Operating in Abbottabad would also allow him to, much as he did in the tribal areas, get a sense of what the neighbors thought of the people living in the compound.

Dr. Afridi learned the neighbors only thought two families lived there, which suggested to the CIA that there would be little likelihood of locals rushing to their assistance in the event of a raid, the senior official said.

Once Dr. Afridi set up his vaccination program, he and two nurses went door to door offering vaccinations. When the medical trio arrived at the compound, no one answered the door, the senior official said. But one of the nurses had ministered to the family of a man who lived there, known as Abu Ahmed, who was bin Laden's courier. She had his number in her cell phone.

She called Abu Ahmed, but her phone died, so she called from Dr. Afridi's phone. Abu Ahmed answered and said they couldn't do it now but he'd bring the women and children by the clinic later.

They never came to the clinic, which provided useful intelligence, because it reinforced CIA's suspicion about the residents of the compound, the senior official said.

After the raid, Abu Ahmed's cell phone was one of the items left behind by the SEAL team and picked up by Pakistani officials. They found Dr. Afridi's number in that cell phone and detained him.

The CIA had offered to relocate Dr. Afridi to the U.S. But the doctor declined, saying he thought he could handle any questions from the authorities because he wasn't providing information on the Pakistani government; just on al Qaeda and its leader.

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 4:02 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Response - Hasi

Thanks very much. I appreciate the guidance and the background quote.

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Siobhan Gorman
Intelligence Correspondent
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 3:59 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Response - Hasi

Hi Siobhan,

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Best, [redacted]
[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 12:50 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iraq follow-up

OK, thanks. I provided you a pretty detailed summary, so it would be good for everyone, I think, if I could at least get guidance if something is amiss in what I have been told.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 11:59 AM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iraq follow-up

Siobhan,

[redacted]

Thanks,

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 10:57 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Iraq follow-up

[redacted]

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 8:01 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Iraq follow-up

Thanks so much. Sorry I missed your call. Yes, tomorrow is fine. I can ring you in the morning:

Thanks and have a good night!

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 07:46 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iraq follow-up

Hi Siobhan,

I hope you had an enjoyable holiday weekend. You are always very gracious and polite so there's no need to apologize. I left you a message asking if you needed a response tonight so, not hearing back I hope is a sign that you are ok with our getting back to you tomorrow morning. I'll provide a comprehensive response to your Iraq-related queries early in the day.

Hope you have a great night. Best, [redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 5:05 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iraq follow-up

Sorry about the abrupt tone of the last note I sent. I got distracted by an editor's query, and hit send before I had finished the note.

I meant to say that I would appreciate any guidance you can provide on whether a decision has been made or whether it is still under consideration. The most current info I have is that it is still under consideration, so that was how we were going to report it, but I had been told previously that it had already been decided, so I just wanted to make sure I'm not missing something.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 11:59 AM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iraq follow-up

Siobhan,

[redacted]

Thanks,

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
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[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 10:57 AM
To: [redacted]
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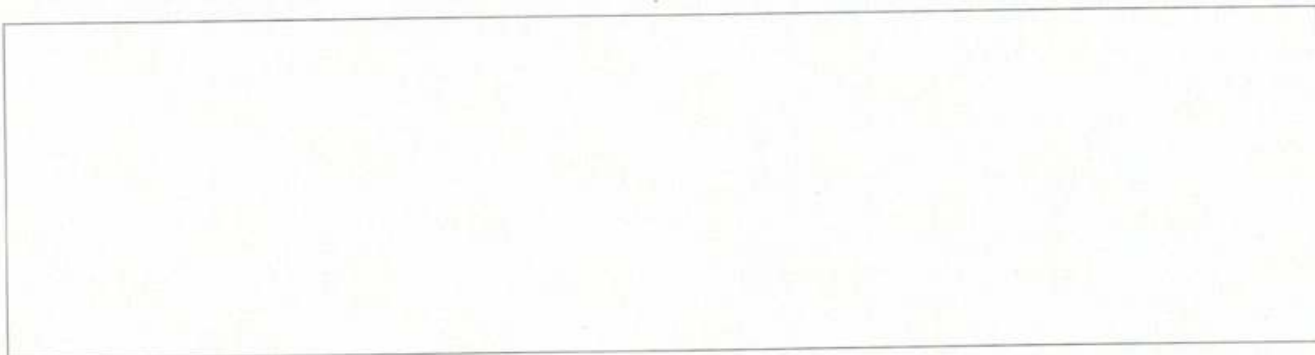



From:
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Subject:



Wednesday, May 30, 2012 11:11 AM
'Gorman, Siobhan'

Response to your Iraq queries

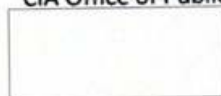
Hi Siobhan,

I hope your day is off to a good start. Please find below our responses to your various queries on Iraq.



I hope this perspective is helpful as you move forward with your story. Kind regards, 


Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs



[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 12:16 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Iraq follow up

Thanks very much.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 12:16 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Iraq follow up

Hi Siobhan,

We are just engaging on this now, but will get back to you asap. Best [Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 11:02 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Iraq follow up

[Redacted]
We're wrapping up the Iraq story, and I wanted to circle back with you on two things.

Seeking your perspective, if you have one to offer on two related issues:

Concerns that an agency withdrawal could widen U.S. intel gaps on AQI or other threats we might care about in Iraq.

Concerns about an agency withdrawal as security issues get further inflamed in Syria, where AQI has been funneling some fighters.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: Gorman, Siobhar [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 12:33 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iraq follow up

Sorry, one other clarification: A colleague in Iraq just sent along some material for the story, and it talks about an MOU that the U.S. has signed with Iraq on intelligence matters. I just wanted to confirm that there is an MOU on intelligence matters.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 12:16 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iraq follow up

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Cc: [redacted]
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[redacted]
From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 3:21 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Subject: RE: Iraq follow up

Pelt away!

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 3:18 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iraq follow up

Thanks very much. Just got a Merah-related query from colleagues in Europe, which I will send momentarily. Sorry to pelt you multiple times today.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 3:17 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: Iraq follow up

Hi Siobhan,

Will look to spring loose soonest. Best, [redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 3:14 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iraq follow up

[redacted] Just to clarify, the story could run as soon as tomorrow. Do you think you will be able to get back to me soon?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 12:16 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iraq follow up

Hi Siobhan,

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We are just engaging on this now, but will get back to you asap.

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 11:02 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Iraq follow up

[Redacted]

We're wrapping up the Iraq story, and I wanted to circle back with you on two things.

Seeking your perspective, if you have one to offer on two related issues:

Concerns that an agency withdrawal could widen U.S. intel gaps on AQI or other threats we might care about in Iraq.

Concerns about an agency withdrawal as security issues get further inflamed in Syria, where AQI has been funneling some fighters.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 4:52 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Response - Iraq Queries

Thanks very much.

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Siobhan Gorman
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 4:35 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Response - Iraq Queries

Hi Siobhan,

I hope you find the perspective provided below helpful.

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[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 5:57 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Al-Libi

[Redacted] Do you have anything you can provide on background on the significance of getting al-Libi, if this turns out to be the case?

Many thanks,
Siobhan

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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 10:26 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Good morning!

Any likelihood you might get clarity on Mr. Libi today?

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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 1:09 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Abu Yahya

Thank you!

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Siobhan Gorman
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 1:08 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: Abu Yahya

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 1:41 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: separate query on Mohamed Merah

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 12:50 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: separate query on Mohamed Merah

Hey Siobhan,

[redacted]

Hope this helps,

[redacted]
 Media Spokesperson
 CIA Office of Public Affairs
 [redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 11:34 AM
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Cc: [redacted]
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Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: separate query on Mohamed Merah

Siobhan,

[redacted]

Thanks,

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 3:21 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: separate query on Mohamed Merah

Hi Guys,

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 1:53 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Abu Yahya

Also, just to confirm, he died Monday, right?

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 1:08 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: Abu Yahya

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 2:08 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Syria Query

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[Redacted]

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Cc: [redacted]
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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 3:58 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Abu Yahya

Thanks. Can't I use that information? Is there a reason for it to be off the record?

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 3:56 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Abu Yahya

Hi Siobhan,

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 3:41 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Abu Yahya

OK, a more basic question: from where did he draw his sterling religious credentials?

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Siobhan Gorman
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 3:38 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Abu Yahya

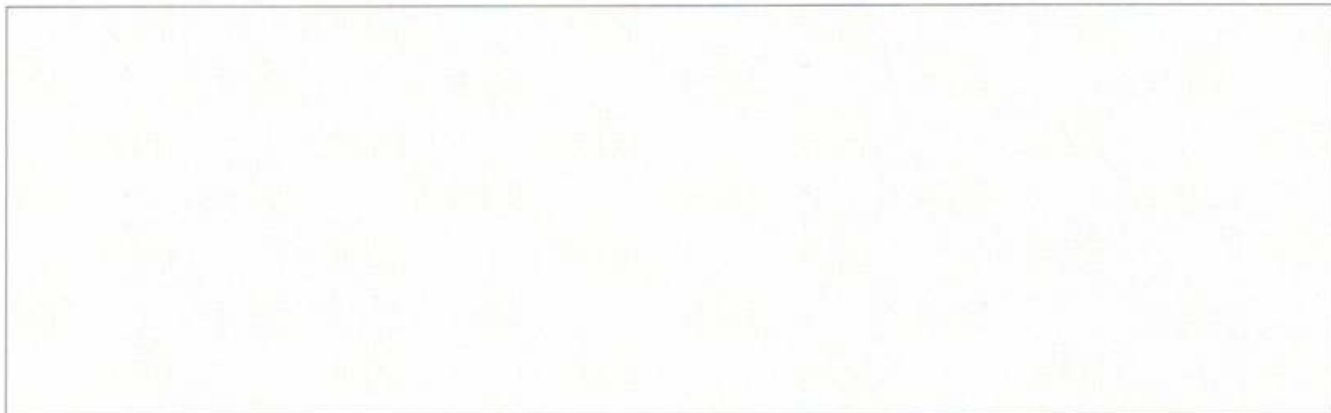
Hi -

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 2:18 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Abu Yahya

Don't suppose there's anything you can say about how his death was confirmed or why there is confidence in this conclusion?

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 1:08 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: Abu Yahya



[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 5:23 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Abu Yahya

Thanks very much.

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Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 05:21 PM
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 1:08 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: Abu Yahya

[redacted]

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 4:22 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Pak anger

I inquired this morning on the gym story, and the editor handling it in NY has not gotten back to me. I'm equally mystified. It is all done, so far as I know.

All I can assume is that the queue for a-heds (those quirky feature stories) is longer right now. There is only one slot a day, so they sometimes sail in and sometimes there is a backlog that holds it up. But I haven't gotten an update. I'll let you know when I do.

Thanks very much for the background. Anything to make of the fact that there have been eight strikes since the NAOT conference?

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 4:18 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Pak anger

Siobhan,

[Large Redacted Block]

Take care,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 1:59 PM

To:
Cc:
Subject: Pak anger

Hi Guys,

We're writing a follow on story today on reax to the al Libi strike. It focuses on Panetta's comments today but also about Pakistani condemnations. What is your take on the level of angst that the Pakistanis have truly expressed over the al Libi strike (and the ones preceding it)?

It would be really helpful to get any perspective you have on background because the impression is that Pakistanis are outraged, but we've gotten some small indications that perhaps their response is not as strong as it has been in the past.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[redacted]
From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 4:29 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Pakistan query

OK, thanks. Setting aside the last graf, which are not proposals that are ever going to happen, does your off-base assessment apply to the outlines of a broader CT accord?

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Intelligence Correspondent
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 4:24 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Pakistan query

Hey Siobhan,

Good afternoon. [redacted]
[redacted]

Best wishes,

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 9:53 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Pakistan query

[redacted]

You might recall a query a few months back on Pakistan regarding negotiations over adjustments to the CT campaign. As is often the case with Pakistan, things appeared pretty muddled for awhile, but it appears that there may now be a little more clarity. So, we're picking this story back up now that the situations seems to have progressed.

We're told the following and would appreciate any guidance you can provide:

The U.S. is looking to negotiate a broad new counter-terrorism accord with Pakistan that could give Islamabad a greater role. U.S. officials have held preliminary discussions with their Pakistani counterparts about the possibility of a joint campaign against militants that would incorporate U.S. drones, as well as Pakistani military aircraft (F-16s) and ground forces. The U.S. would share more intelligence with Pakistan to support its ground forces' operations.

CIA invited the new ISI chief, Lt Gen. Islam, to Washington late last month to start negotiations, but the visit was postponed because Pakistani officials wanted to first sort out differences on NATO supply routes. The U.S.'s hope is to reach a "grand bargain" with Pakistan regarding roles and responsibilities in a joint campaign against militants. Islamabad's backing is critical, advocates say, to ensure that counter-terrorism pressure can be sustained as the U.S. pulls its troops out of Afghanistan.

There have been other proposals in recent months, but they haven't gained traction. One U.S. proposal included running the program out of the headquarters of Pakistan's intelligence service in Rawalpindi, but the Pakistanis balked at that option. U.S. officials even discussed whether it was possible to get a drone with a Pakistani flag painted on it.

Your perspective would be much appreciated.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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Intelligence Correspondent
The Wall Street Journal.

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 1:01 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Response - Query on Libya

Thanks very much.

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Siobhan Gorman
Intelligence Correspondent
The Wall Street Journal.
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 12:19 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Response - Query on Libya

Hi Siobhan,

Just seeing this. I'll take a look at the three parts and will get back to you a little later today. Hope all is well.

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 11:53 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Response - Query on Libya

[redacted]

My colleague got tied up with another story and is coming back to the al-Hasi story. Any way we could use the following, or something like it on background:

The new Libyan intel director appears to be an independent and serious-minded professional. He certainly faces some challenges in rebuilding an institution so closely linked to the old regime along new lines. Al-Hasi looks like a consensus builder who is signaling he's a technocrat committed to a new Libya.

Also, do you happen to know when he came to the United States and when he obtained his citizenship? From our reporting, he seems to have come to the US in the late 1990s and lived in the Falls Church, Va., area at that time. He doesn't seem to have a terribly strong resume (we have a copy) for a high-level post. Worked at a soccer store, got a degree in web design. Appeared to go to an unaccredited Islamic studies instruction that has some affiliation with the Pentagon. Later, he taught Arabic at North Georgia University.

As part of his earlier history, my colleague says she was told that he lived in Chad in the 1980s as part of a group of Libyan dissident guerilla fighters who were working with CIA support. If that's not true, it would be important to be waved off of that one.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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Siobhan Gorman
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2012 5:31 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Response - Query on Libya

Hi Siobhan,

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Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 5:20 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Clinton on Syria

Thanks. I appreciate it.

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Siobhan Gorman
Intelligence Correspondent
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 5:07 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: Clinton on Syria

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 5:05 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Clinton on Syria

Thanks very much. I appreciate the guidance.

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Siobhan Gorman
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 5:04 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Clinton on Syria

Hi Siobhan,

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 4:37 PM
To: [Redacted]

Cc:
Subject: Clinton on Syria

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"We have confronted the Russians about stopping their continued arms shipments to Syria. They have from time to time, said that we shouldn't worry, everything they're shipping is unrelated to their actions internally. That's patently untrue.

"And we are concerned about the latest information we have – that there are attack helicopters on the way from Russia to Syria, which will escalate the conflict quite dramatically."

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 6:09 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Clinton on Syria

Yes, that would be fine. [Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 5:46 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Clinton on Syria

If we need to, should we say CIA declined to comment on Clinton's statement?

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
To: Siobhan Gorman
Subject: RE: Clinton on Syria
Sent: Jun 12, 2012 5:07 PM

You're welcome, Siobhan. [Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 5:05 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 6:54 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Pakistan query

Siobhan,

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Take care,

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CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 3:37 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Pakistan query

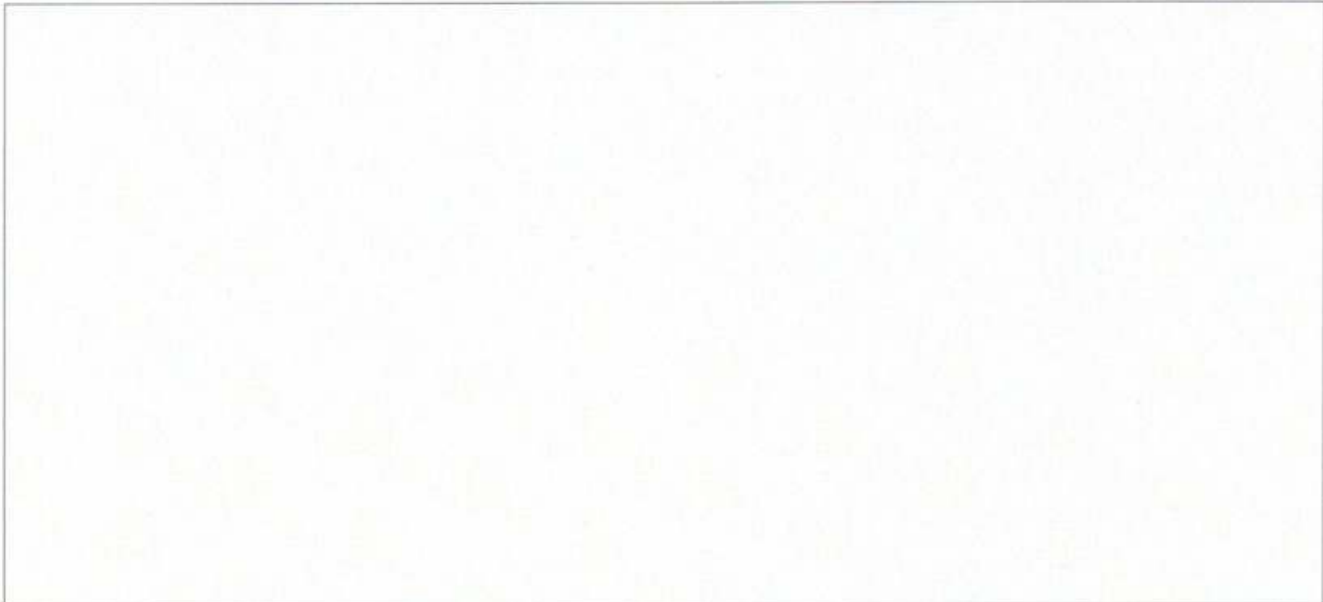
Thank you so much. I really appreciate the guidance. I didn't imagine this would be the kind of proposal you would be supportive of. Please let me know if you are able to put on background your analysis of the feasibility of pursuing such a plan:

[Redacted]

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Siobhan Gorman
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 2:01 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Pakistan query

Good afternoon Siobhan,



Thanks!

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 11:34 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Pakistan query

[redacted]

So, in light of the most recent stalemate with Pakistan, I think our story is going to be framed in terms of issues that are not being dealt with because of the U.S. decision not to apologize to the Pakistanis for the November border incident. A chief issue is proposals being considered that would rework counterterrorism operations. So, I wanted to circle back with you on the summary below.

We're quite confident that the "grand bargain" proposal is one that U.S. officials are mulling. That does not mean that it will come to pass—and it seems particularly unlikely given the current stalemate.

From a fact-checking standpoint, I did want to check one element of the summary below to make sure we are accurate: CIA invited the new ISI chief, Lt Gen. Islam, to Washington late last month to start negotiations, but the visit was postponed because Pakistani officials wanted to first sort out differences on NATO supply routes.

And we'd welcome any additional perspective you can provide in terms of what you think of this proposal. The story, as we draft it, will probably mention that absent any additional compromises over counterterrorism operations, the U.S. will continue to proceed as it has been.

This could run as soon as tomorrow's paper, so I wanted to be sure to circle back with you early-ish in the day today.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 4:24 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Pakistan query

Hey Siobhan,

Good afternoon. [redacted]

Best wishes,

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 9:53 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Pakistan query

[redacted]

You might recall a query a few months back on Pakistan regarding negotiations over adjustments to the CT campaign. As is often the case with Pakistan, things appeared pretty muddled for awhile, but it appears that there may now be a little more clarity. So, we're picking this story back up now that the situations seems to have progressed.

We're told the following and would appreciate any guidance you can provide:

The U.S. is looking to negotiate a broad new counter-terrorism accord with Pakistan that could give Islamabad a greater role. U.S. officials have held preliminary discussions with their Pakistani counterparts about the possibility of a joint campaign against militants that would incorporate U.S. drones, as well as Pakistani military aircraft (F-16s) and ground forces. The U.S. would share more intelligence with Pakistan to support its ground forces' operations.

CIA invited the new ISI chief, Lt Gen. Islam, to Washington late last month to start negotiations, but the visit was postponed because Pakistani officials wanted to first sort out differences on NATO supply routes. The U.S.'s hope is to reach a "grand bargain" with Pakistan regarding roles and responsibilities in a joint campaign against militants. Islamabad's backing is critical, advocates say, to ensure that counter-terrorism pressure can be sustained as the U.S. pulls its troops out of Afghanistan.

There have been other proposals in recent months, but they haven't gained traction. One U.S. proposal included running the program out of the headquarters of Pakistan's intelligence service in Rawalpindi, but the Pakistanis balked at that option. U.S. officials even discussed whether it was possible to get a drone with a Pakistani flag painted on it.

Your perspective would be much appreciated.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 11:41 AM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Subject: RE: Libya Query

Thanks, Siobhan. Very much appreciate the quick response. I'll do my best to get an accurate read on timing. [redacted]
[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 11:38 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Libya Query

I think they may have filed it yesterday or will file it today. The editing process can take one day or several. So, my guess is we have another day or so, if needed. Just let me know on timing, so I can circle back with them and let them know.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 11:37 AM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: Libya Query

Hi Siobhan,

Are your colleagues staring down a deadline on their Hasi story?

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 3:00 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Syria Query

Thanks so much. Really appreciate it. The story is being filed today, and I think it will probably run in tomorrow's paper.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 1:06 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: Syria Query

Thanks, Siobhan, for sharing this. I'm working on something right now. [redacted]
[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 10:55 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Syria Query

[redacted]

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This is the gist:

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The U.S. operatives are also providing guidance based on lessons learned in Libya and are conveying the message that the FSA needs to professionalize and better organize itself if it wants to seek further assistance.

Able to provide any guidance?

And in terms of the status of the FSA, which may be easier to weigh in on:

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Does this description of the FSA's state of organization/capabilities sound right? Are there any other elements of its organizing or fighting capabilities that we should include?

Thanks,
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 2:08 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Syria Query

Hi Siobhan,

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 1:41 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: separate query on Mohamed Merah

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 12:50 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: separate query on Mohamed Merah

Hey Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Hope this helps,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 11:34 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: separate query on Mohamed Merah

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To: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: separate query on Mohamed Merah

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Thanks,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 3:21 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: separate query on Mohamed Merah

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 5:55 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Response - Syria Query

Thanks. This is helpful perspective. I appreciate it.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 05:49 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Response - Syria Query

Hi Siobhan,

[redacted]

Please note in your story that "the CIA declined to comment."

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Cc: [Redacted]
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Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: separate query on Mohamed Merah

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Thanks,

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Media Spokesperson
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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 3:50 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Egypt

It is a very fair question—one I have asked on a near-daily basis. I promise I'll let you know when it's finally slated to run.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 3:22 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Egypt

No worries Siobhan, I'm just enjoying being able to ask you questions!

Hope you are having a good day,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 2:37 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Egypt

Thanks very much. I appreciate the quick analysis.

Gym story is being edited by committee, as these stories tend to be. I just got the latest round of edits—not wildly different but each editor has something they want to weigh in on. Hopefully that version will be blessed and then teed up for publication. Timing can be hard to gauge, because the slot for this type of story only allows for one to run each day. So, sometimes you have to sort of get in line.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 1:20 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Egypt

Siobhan,

[redacted]

Have a great day! Any word on the gym story???

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[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 12:18 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Egypt

[redacted]

Looking for any info or guidance you can provide on the status of things in Egypt. Any U.S. assessment of how bad it is, given today's events, would be most appreciated.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 5:48 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: New request: Boko Haram

Great, we'll chat tomorrow. Thanks very much, and have a good night.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 05:47 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: New request: Boko Haram

Siobhan,

I'll give you a call tomorrow to get more details about what you are interested in regarding AQIM and Boko Haram, and we'll see what can be done.

Have a good evening,

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[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 4:46 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: New request: Boko Haram

Hi Guys,

Because I can't let a day go by without a new request, I wanted to follow up on a suggestion Mr. Morell had when we were at the WH Correspondents Dinner. He said that we should do a story on AQIM.

So, I was wondering whether it would be possible to get a backgrounder with an analyst, or the most appropriate person, on Boko Haram, the latest entrant into the AQIM mix. We're particularly interested in how the groups are linking up with each other and with other AQ affiliates.

Any chance we might be able to do a backgrounder?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2012 4:59 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iraq overflight follow up

Siobhan,

[redacted]

Thanks,

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2012 4:13 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Iraq overflight follow up

[redacted]

Just wanted to follow up on one of our threads from Friday. We got more details on the effort to persuade the Iraqis to stop Iranian and Syrian flights to resupply Syrian militias associated with the Assad regime. These are the details (below) I'd like to run past you to gauge accuracy and to see whether there is any other information you can provide to either fill in blanks in the chronology.

Also, can you say whether similar action has been taken to prevent shipments by sea, say, through the Suez Canal? And what is your sense of the impact the halt of the flights over Iraq (and Turkey) on the Assad regime and/or the Assad-backed militias?

Thanks,
Siobhan

This is our understanding of how it came to be:

The CIA picked up intelligence in January that Iran was sending arms to Syria using an Iranian private carrier, Yas Air, which flew to Damascus over Iraqi airspace.

In January, the U.S. delivered a demarche to the Iraqi government about the carrier, asking Baghdad to intervene to prevent resupply flights. U.S. intelligence agencies concluded that those flights were cancelled.

A few weeks later (in late January or early February), the CIA learned that the Syrians had started flying AN-76 cargo planes to Iran. Once on the ground in Iran, the Russian-made aircraft were packed full of equipment, then returned to Damascus, again using Iraqi airspace.

The Syrian and Iranian governments sought to disguise what the AN-76s were carrying. In some cases, the flight manifests said the planes, which can carry up to 40 tons each, were bringing cut flowers and agricultural equipment to Syria, the officials said.

The U.S. argued that the Iranian manifests were made-up and found evidence of IRGC involvement in arranging the flights. But the U.S. it only had general intelligence that the AN-76s were returning to Damascus loaded with weapons. The intelligence, for instance, didn't say what types of weapons were being transported on the planes.

In early February, U.S. officials approached the Iraqis about the AN-76s, and again appealed to the government to intervene to stop the flights.

The Iranians told the Iraqis that none of the flights were carrying weapons, and the Iraqis relayed that back to U.S. officials.

As the U.S. and Iraqis discussed the issue, the CIA found that several of the AN-76 flights went through.

The Americans told the Iraqis that they had a responsibility under U.N. resolutions to prevent the flights, or ask the planes to land and submit to a search. As the Iraqis prepared to host their first Arab League summit in Baghdad, U.S. officials told the Iraqis that their unwillingness to stop the flights not only ran afoul of U.N. resolutions but would also look as they were about to host the summit.

The Syrian AN-76s flights halted in mid-March and haven't resumed.

The Iraqi decision has made it significantly harder for the Syrians to bring fly in supplies. Turkey has already sought to block over flights when there is evidence the aircraft could be carrying arms, though the operations depend heavily on having good intelligence about specific flights which the U.S. wants grounded.

In late April, the CIA believes a suspected resupply flight made it to Syria after crossing Turkish airspace. That flight wasn't stopped because of a lack of intelligence ahead of time.

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 4:24 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Call me

I will. Thanks. I am on a phone call but I will be off shortly and will ring you.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 4:23 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Call me

Siobhan,

I tried your office and your cell. Please give me a call when you get the chance.

Thanks!

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 5:12 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: on background?

[Redacted]

Just following up on our conversation. If it's at all possible to put something along these lines on background, it would be helpful in putting the story in context.

"Anything that drives a wedge between the two of them is helpful." (Iran and Syria) "It's one of many efforts to try to slow them down."

Thank you,
Siobhan

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 3:12 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Iraq

Thanks Siobhan, we'll take a look at this.

[REDACTED]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

From: Gorman, Siobhan [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 2:19 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Iraq

[REDACTED]

As I mentioned last week, I'm also working on an Iraq story. As we wrap up loose ends on the gym, I wanted to launch into the next...

I'm told CIA is looking at withdrawing up to 40% of officers in Iraq (40% of the total at the height of the war) by the end of summer or fall. I'm told the reason is that the Iraqi government and the intelligence service, in particular, isn't cooperating much on counterterrorism and the CIA has better places to deploy these officers. Budget issues also affect the decision calculus, I'm told.

It sounds like the ramping down has started with officers in the regional posts as the agency consolidates more in Baghdad because the U.S. military bases have been shuttered. But there isn't a need for such a concentration of CIA officers in Baghdad, so the agency is looking at how better to redeploy them. Analysts, I'm told, don't necessarily need to be in Baghdad to do their job. I'm told that the agency is increasingly shifting back toward its traditional intelligence collection role, which would mean that officers would focus more on regional issues, and Iran in particular, than Iraqi CT issues.

I was told that the Iraqi government has been creating an increasingly number of hurdles for cooperation with the U.S., in some cases even mundane issues like arranging meetings between U.S. and Iraqi intelligence officials has become more challenging. Iraqis see it as a sovereignty issue and are increasingly asserting themselves.

I was also told that prior to the military withdrawal at the end of last year, CIA and JSOC were looking at a joint arrangement that would preserve a US CT capability in Iraq. But I'm told that is no longer under consideration, primarily because the Iraqis don't want to work with the U.S. on counterterrorism.

I'm wondering how the above squares with your understanding. One thing I'd also like to clarify is whether the decision has already been made to go to 40% of the personnel that were in Baghdad at the height of the war has been made or whether it's expected to be made sometime soon. I was also hoping you might be able to shed some additional light on why the U.S. is seeing less cooperation from the Iraqi government. reasons for the drawdown.

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[redacted]
From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 7:35 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Re:

Sure, of course. Let's finish it tomorrow. I filed it today, but I don't think my editor has even had a chance to read it yet.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 07:28 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Re:

Siobhan,

[redacted]

Thanks

[redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 5:44 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re:

I didn't even understand it. Did you?

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 05:42 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE:

[redacted]

[redacted]
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CIA Office of Public Affairs

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 4:04 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject:

What's the deal with this AP story on the WH taking on targeting decisions?

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 2:50 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: UBL movie docs

Thanks very much. And if you can let me know on the Afridi stuff when you get a chance, I'd appreciate it.

I realize you have just a few things going on today. I just need to help wrap up this Afridi story.

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Subject: RE: UBL movie docs

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 2:19 PM

To: [redacted]
Subject: UBL movie docs

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 2:56 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: UBL movie docs

Only other qu on the UBL movie docs is: Why was the name of the vault used for UBL raid planning redacted from the docs? Many thanks.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 2:44 PM
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 6:39 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: UBL movie docs

Siobhan,

[Redacted] You can find the letter from the CIA Inspector General's office to Rep. King on this issue here:
http://homeland.house.gov/sites/homeland.house.gov/files/documents/pdf/110811_CIA_Letter.pdf

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 3:20 PM
To: [Redacted]
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Also, Pete King says that there is a CIA IG investigation into whether classified information was provided in meetings/exchanges with Boal and Bigelow. Just wanted to make sure that is accurate.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 11:01 AM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan' [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Afridi

Siobhan,

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Media Spokesperson
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[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 9:06 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Afridi .

Hi guys,

AP is reporting that Dr. Afridi has been sentenced to 33 years in prison. Is that your understanding? For some reason this seems to be a less-than-public decision in Pakistan.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[redacted]
From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Naamen Meziche

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 2:47 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Naamen Meziche

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Take care,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 11:08 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Naamen Meziche

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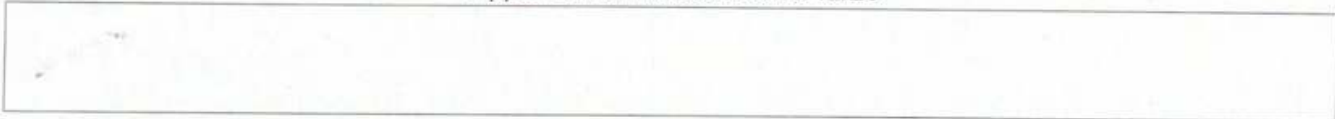
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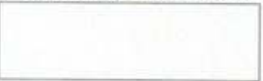
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[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 5:32 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iranian accusations of "massive cyber attack" plans

Thanks very much

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 Intelligence Correspondent
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 5:22 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iranian accusations of "massive cyber attack" plans

Hi Siobhan,

[redacted]

If needed, you can say that "CIA declined to comment."

[redacted]

[redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 3:42 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Iranian accusations of "massive cyber attack" plans

As this accusation appears to have recently hit the airwaves in Tehran, I wanted to check in to seek comment on the Iranian intelligence minister's accusation that the U.S., along with the U.K. and Israel are behind plans for "a massive cyber attack" on Iran's nuclear facilities, which Iran now says it has disrupted.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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Siobhan Gorman
 Intelligence Correspondent

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 7:44 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: circling back

Thank you, I appreciate it.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 05:14 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: circling back

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 12:20 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: circling back

[Redacted]

On the Syria query, did you get my note earlier this week on the comment we'd like to use on background? Would it be possible to use it?

We were just asked to file the story by Sunday, so I'd like to include that comment, if possible.

Because our editing process has some lag time, I wanted to check and make sure that you hadn't had other inquiries about efforts to stop resupply shipments from Iran to Syria. Have you?

Thanks,

Siobhan

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 5:35 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iran-related query on Mohsen Fakhrizadeh

Thanks very much. Have a good night.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 5:35 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iran-related query on Mohsen Fakhrizadeh

Yes Siobhan, to round out our conversation, you can report that we declined to comment.

Have a good evening!

[redacted]
 Media Spokesperson
 CIA Office of Public Affairs

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 4:51 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iran-related query on Mohsen Fakhrizadeh

OK, thank you. Should I say CIA declined to comment?

Appreciate the point about characterizing the assessment of the program.

My colleague noted that a Reuters story in March also talked about the intercepts, which he has confirmed it independently. I pasted it below.

SPECIAL REPORT-Intel shows Iran nuclear threat not imminent

2976 words
23 March 2012
23:13

Reuters News
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English

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(PDF version - <http://link.reuters.com/mug37s>)

- * U.S. and allies agree **Iran** does not have atomic bomb
- * U.S. says no new secret facility detected
- * Electronic intercepts key to confidence in assessment

By Tabassum Zakaria and **Mark Hosenball**

WASHINGTON, March 23 (Reuters) - The United States, European allies and even Israel generally agree on three things about **Iran's** nuclear program: Tehran does not have a bomb, has not decided to build one, and is probably years away from having a deliverable nuclear warhead.

Those conclusions, drawn from extensive interviews with current and former U.S. and European officials with access to intelligence on **Iran**, contrast starkly with the heated debate surrounding a possible Israeli strike on Tehran's nuclear facilities.

"They're keeping the soup warm but they are not cooking it," a U.S. administration official said.

Reuters has learned that in late 2006 or early 2007, U.S. intelligence intercepted telephone and email communications in which Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, a leading figure in Iran's nuclear program, and other scientists complained that the weaponization program had been stopped.

That led to a bombshell conclusion in a controversial 2007 National Intelligence Estimate: American spy agencies had "high confidence" that Iran halted its nuclear weapons program in the fall of 2003.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 3:23 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iran-related query on Mohsen Fakhrizadeh

Hey Siobhan,



Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs



From: Gorman, Siobhan
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 10:57 AM
To:
Subject: Iran-related query on Mohsen Fakhrizadeh

Hi Guys,

A colleague of mine is working on a story on a story about the apparent renewed efforts of top Iranian scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh. There are some facts in the story that I wanted to seek your guidance on, as well as a few broader questions.

On the following, if you can provide guidance on accuracy from the US perspective:

On Fakhrizadeh's activities related to SPND (Farsi for the Organization of Defensive Innovation and Research), we're told:

Fakhrizadeh was leading Iran's alleged nuclear weapons research when Tehran reportedly froze much of the program's funding in 2003. The IAEA believes Mr. Fakhrizadeh secretly opened SPND in early 2011 and that elements of Iran's nuclear weapons research, which they thought were shelved in 2003, may be taking place there.

The SPND hosts six directorates that include research labs for metallurgy, chemistry, and explosives testing. The organization reports directly to the IRGC and has links to Iranian trading firms and universities that also are allegedly involved in Iran's nuclear program.

On Fakhrizadeh's past exploits related to the 2007 NIE, we're told:

In 2005, U.S. spy agencies intercepted Mr. Fakhrizadeh's phone and email communications, complaining that Iran's government had supposedly cut off funding for his work two years earlier. These intercepts became a central element the 2007 U.S. National Intelligence Estimate conclusion that Tehran had frozen its attempts to build atomic weapons.

The activities of the SPND are one factor causing the U.S. and allied intelligence agencies to reassess the 2007 NIE.

In terms of specific questions, we're wondering:

- 1.) Does the U.S. share the IAEA's position that Mr. Fakhrizadeh remains active working on nuclear weapons-related research through organization the SPND?
- 2.) Do the SPND's activities challenge the 2007 NIE?

- 3.) Does the 2007 NIE still stand, meaning that the US believes Iran's atomic weapons program remains frozen since 2003?
- 4.) As detailed above, we're told that intercepts of Fakhrizadeh's emails and phone calls formed an important part of the NIE. Is that accurate?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 9:11 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: AQAP's Norwegian recruit

Thanks for getting back to me. Glad to hear you were able to get home to make dinner. Have a good night.

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----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 08:53 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: AQAP's Norwegian recruit

Siobhan,

Sorry I was hurrying home to make dinner. [redacted]
[redacted]

Thanks!
[redacted]

----- Original Message -----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 06:51 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: AQAP's Norwegian recruit

Thanks very much. Any way to use the last part on background: [redacted]
[redacted]

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----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 06:49 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: AQAP's Norwegian recruit

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Take care,

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]

Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 6:44 PM

To: [Redacted]

Subject: AQAP's Norwegian recruit

Hi guys,

Duly checking in on the AP reports of AQAP having a Norwegian man awaiting orders to carry out an attack on the West. Iss this something you would be able to weigh in on at all?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2012 2:50 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: checking

The U.S. argued that the Iranian manifests were made-up and found evidence of IRGC involvement ((in arranging the flights)). But the U.S. it only had general intelligence that the AN-76s were returning to Damascus loaded with weapons. The intelligence, for instance, didn't say what types of weapons were being transported on the planes.

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 3:41 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: code cracked!

Yes, I figured this would be your take, though there's always a chance you want to provide something on background, so I wanted to check.

I talked with one person who said: What the Iranian's didn't share was that they're rebuilding the drone with legos.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 3:39 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: code cracked!

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 2:03 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: code cracked!

The Iranians tell us they have cracked the code to the downed RQ-170 and are building their very own. Comment?

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 3:55 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Subject: RE: Boko

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 3:18 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Boko

Thanks very much. I don't think we are going to file before the holiday, but I'm just a partial player on this story. We have a colleague in Nigeria who is doing some reporting now. If it's possible to get back to me by the end of the week, that would be great.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 3:16 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: Boko

Hi Siobhan,

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 3:07 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Boko

[Redacted]

I just wanted to follow up with you on Boko, and I can be more specific in my questions now that we've all done a little more reporting.

If you could shed any light on the following:

- 1) An estimate of Boko's size. We were told it's in the hundreds, but something a little more specific would be better. On a related note, we were told an estimated 6,000 AQIM guys are in Mali.
- 2) Some U.S. officials say that the efforts of the Nigerian government are proving counterproductive, because they are heavy-handed and driving more people in the north to join Boko, and I was wondering if that is your assessment.

- 3) Connections between AQ and Boko. We're told members of Boko Haram have communicated with top al Qaeda leaders, including at least one communication with Osama bin Laden in 2009. Documents recovered from bin Laden's compound showed multiple communications with bin Laden and senior leaders. More recently, the larger concern for U.S. officials has been the group's growing ties to al Qaeda's North African affiliate, al Qaeda in the Islamic Magreb. Boko Haram has trained in recent months with AQIM in Mali to hone techniques for using improvised explosive devices. Boko Haram has also been in communication with al Qaeda's Yemen branch. Any other indicators of connections between Boko and AQ and their strength?
- 4) How deep is the support in Northern Nigeria for Boko. Is this an insurgent group or an extremist group with some local sympathizers?
- 5) Anything else you can share to round out our understanding of the group.

Hopefully this is helpful in focusing the query. Please let me know if this makes sense.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: on to another...

Thanks very much. I appreciate it and I'll circle back tomorrow.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 06:00 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: on to another...

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 5:06 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: on to another...

Any guidance you can provide on these reports out of Kenya of Iranian attacks planned on U.S. and Israeli targets in Kenya? Sounds like what we saw out of Azerbaijan, India, Bangkok awhile back.

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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 2:28 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc:
Subject: Re: one other on our Syria over flight story

Thank you. That's why I circled back with you. I'll see what I can do.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 12:18 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: one other on our Syria over flight story

Hey Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Thanks for your consideration,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 10:01 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: one other on our Syria over flight story

[Redacted] The Syria story we spoke about a little while ago is being edited, and the latest version does have a bit more detail that I wanted to share with you because I know the story is sensitive. In explaining, generally, how the CIA concluded that the flight manifests weren't flowers but rather weapons, it does say CIA used intercepts and tip[s] from informants.

That's very general and could probably describe 90% of what the agency does, but I did want to mention it so you know and you have the opportunity to weigh in or provide guidance if you want to.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2012 4:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Boko

Thanks very much for the update. I appreciate it.

Hope you had a great 4th.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2012 4:04 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: FW: Boko

Hi Siobhan,

Hope you had an enjoyable 4th of July! [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 3:55 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Subject: RE: Boko

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 3:18 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Boko

Thanks very much. I don't think we are going to file before the holiday, but I'm just a partial player on this story. We have a colleague in Nigeria who is doing some reporting now. If it's possible to get back to me by the end of the week, that would be great.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 3:16 PM

To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: Boko

Hi Siobhan,

[REDACTED]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 3:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Boko

[REDACTED]

I just wanted to follow up with you on Boko, and I can be more specific in my questions now that we've all done a little more reporting.

If you could shed any light on the following:

- 1) An estimate of Boko's size. We were told it's in the hundreds, but something a little more specific would be better. On a related note, we were told an estimated 6,000 AQIM guys are in Mali.
- 2) Some U.S. officials say that the efforts of the Nigerian government are proving counterproductive, because they are heavy-handed and driving more people in the north to join Boko, and I was wondering if that is your assessment.
- 3) Connections between AQ and Boko. We're told members of Boko Haram have communicated with top al Qaeda leaders, including at least one communication with Osama bin Laden in 2009. Documents recovered from bin Laden's compound showed multiple communications with bin Laden and senior leaders. More recently, the larger concern for U.S. officials has been the group's growing ties to al Qaeda's North African affiliate, al Qaeda in the Islamic Magreb. Boko Haram has trained in recent months with AQIM in Mali to hone techniques for using improvised explosive devices. Boko Haram has also been in communication with al Qaeda's Yemen branch. Any other indicators of connections between Boko and AQ and their strength?
- 4) How deep is the support in Northern Nigeria for Boko. Is this an insurgent group or an extremist group with some local sympathizers?
- 5) Anything else you can share to round out our understanding of the group.

Hopefully this is helpful in focusing the query. Please let me know if this makes sense.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2012 3:27 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Response - Boko Haram

Sending to your personal account just to make sure you receive this. Best [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2012 12:38 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Response - Boko Haram

Hi Siobhan,

[Redacted]

[Large Redacted Area]

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2012 3:43 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc:
Subject: RE: Response - Boko Haram

[Redacted]

Thank you. I appreciate the help.

When you say: [Redacted]

Does that mean that what I was told about communications between UBL and other AQ senior leaders and members of Boko is not accurate?

Guidance on this section of my note, in particular, would be much appreciated because we obviously don't want to print anything that isn't accurate.

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Thanks,
Siobhan

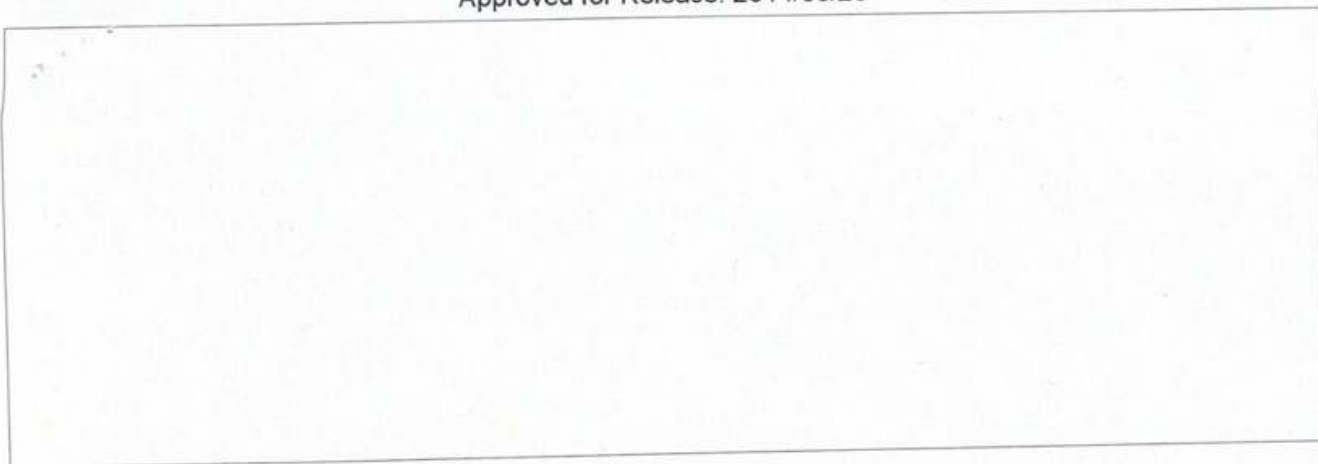
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2012 12:38 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Response - Boko Haram

Hi Siobhan,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]



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[redacted]
From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2012 2:33 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: New Syria query

Hello Siobhan,

If you need to, please report we declined comment.

Take care,

[redacted]
 Media Spokesperson
 CIA Office of Public Affairs

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2012 10:29 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: New Syria query

Hi guys,

Seeking your guidance on what we have been told regarding movement of chemical weapons in Syria. This story is likely to run in tomorrow's paper.

We're told the U.S. has information that the Syrian regime has moved some of their chemical weapons, including Sarin gas. The belief by some in the USG is that it has been moved so that it could be used against Sunni enclaves or protesters in the coastal areas. Others say Assad may be consolidating to ensure they remain under his control and out of the hands of Sunni factions. They have been moved from locations for storage to places where it could be used.

Ricin, and possibly other chemical weapons, have been provided to Assad-associated militias. Some information on chemical weapons has come from the Syrian pilot who defected.

Would appreciate any guidance/context/comment you can provide. One of the elements we are still trying to get a handle on is the motivation of the movement of the chemical weapons. To the degree you can shed any light on what the motivation might be, I'd be grateful.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2012 12:06 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Kenya IRGC Plot

Hey Siobhan,

[redacted]

[redacted]
 Media Spokesperson
 CIA Office of Public Affairs

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2012 11:24 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Kenya IRGC Plot

Thanks. Is it possible to get your perspective on background on how the Kenyan plot fits in with a string of similar incidents dating back to the Saudi ambassador plot last year?

And on the more forward-looking questions, is there anything you can provide on background or off the record regarding: Any sense of what happened to the Iranian guy who provided the RDX? Any idea where the other 85kg of RDX might be, or is that something the US is trying to track?

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2012 6:24 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Kenya IRGC Plot

Siobhan,

[redacted]

Have a great weekend!

[REDACTED]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

From: Gorman, Siobhan [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2012 3:50 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Kenya IRGC Plot

Hi Guys,

A second CT in Africa request heading your way, but this one is the IRCG plot in Kenya that was recently broken up. We're working on a story about how that plot was broken up. We've talked with Kenyan internal security folks on the record about it and want to make sure we also reflect the U.S. perspective and paint an accurate picture of what happened.

We're told the following:

In the first week of July, the Kenyans got a tip from other intelligence services (U.S. was implied, but we'd like to confirm with you) that two Iranians were on a terrorist mission in Kenya. They landed at the airport in Nairobi, posing as tourists, and booked a ticket to Mombasa. Upon arrival in Mombasa, they had a Land Cruiser and went to the Mombasa port, where they met an Iranian guy on an Iranian ship to get chemicals for their attack. They went to a nearby golf course and dug a hole and put the chemicals in it.

They went back to Nairobi and booked a hotel there, and the Kenyans monitored them. Later, the Kenyans discovered they had booked flights back to Tehran and arrested the men.

One of the men who had worked as a diplomat volunteered the information on the plot and took Kenyan officials to the golf course and dug up 15Kg of RDX. The man said he didn't want to harm Kenyans and was only tasked with delivering

the chemicals to others who would carry out the attacks. The Kenyans believe there was a total of 100kg of RDX< so 85kg are still unaccounted for.

So...any guidance you can provide on the accuracy of the above would be helpful. In addition, is there any additional information from the U.S. side you can provide about any of the following: How it became clear that the IRGC was pursuing yet another plot? Is this part of a larger IRGC campaign that reflects a stepping up of terrorist activity? How did the cooperative efforts work with the Kenyans? Any sense of what happened to the Iranian guy who provided the RDX? Any idea where the other 85kg of RDX might be, or is that something the US is trying to track?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2012 2:55 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Jamal

Thanks. That helps. I really appreciate it.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2012 1:30 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Jamal

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Hope this helps,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2012 11:27 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Jamal

Thank you. I appreciate the guidance. One thing that wasn't clear to me was whether he was on the radar before he was released from jail or whether this is a more recent thing. Can you give me a sense—off the record is fine, I just want to make sure I am not making incorrect assumptions—of whether he's developed his network more recently and whether it has a name or if it's just a network associated with him?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Friday, July 13, 2012 6:21 PM

To: Gorman, Siobhan

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Jamal

Siobhan,

[redacted]

Take care!

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]

Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2012 4:16 PM

To: [redacted]

Subject: Jamal

[redacted]

This is the guy I mentioned: Muhammad Jamal Abu Ahmad. I was told he's often referred to by folks on the U.S. side as Jamal. There are probably multiple spellings of his name, but this was the one I was provided. He was described to me as someone of concern to the U.S. I believe he's Egyptian, but he has set up training camps for his network in surrounding countries like Libya and probably Sudan. He was released from Egyptian custody a year ago, I assume as part of the large prisoner release. I was told he has some type of relationship with al Qaeda and probably aspires for his network to become a formal affiliate.

I would be grateful for any context you can provide about the guy—whether he is on your radar screen, what the nature of his network is, whether it's significant, and any biographical info you might have.

As I mentioned, he seems to be the poster child for the kinds of issues that the U.S. and other countries face with the instability that has followed the Arab Spring. Most of the folks I have spoken with about this have said that it shows that while in the long term, the Arab Spring is likely to be beneficial to U.S. national security interests (and presumably others' as well), in the short term, the instability also creates opportunities for individuals like Jamal to gain momentum.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[redacted]
From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2012 11:25 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Assad family exit strategy

Thanks very much. I appreciate it.

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-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2012 11:24 AM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Assad family exit strategy

Siobhan,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2012 8:42 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Assad family exit strategy

Hi Guys,

Looking to get your read on the following, which we understand CIA officials are aware of. Any guidance you can provide would be helpful.

We're hearing that Brazil has offered members of Assad's family political asylum in a plan that was drawn up in coordination with officials in the region. The plan does not suggest President Assad, himself, is trying to flee the country, we're told.

It focuses on three leading women in the family: President Assad's mother, Anisa Makhlof, his older sister, Bushra al-Assad, and his maternal cousin Kindah Makhlof, a sister of business tycoon Rami Makhlof. It involves their transportation by helicopter to one of two military airports—either in Damascus or Lattakia—a flight to Basra airport in southern Iraq, and then to Brazil.

There are no military provisions in the plan for an exit for Assad or his male aides, who appear to be making preparations to move some part of their military command to Lattakia province, a stronghold of Alawites from the president's same minority sect.

Oman and Abu Dhabi's ruling family in the United Arab Emirates have also offered political asylum to President Assad, we're told.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 1:40 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: ACLU suit

Hey Siobhan,

On the ACLU question we are declining comment.

We'll stand by for the Syria question.

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 1:38 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: ACLU suit

[Redacted]

This is part one of two unrelated queries today. Part one is any comment on the ACLU suit on drones?

I'll send a separate one on Syria because it's more detailed.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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Cynthia L Rapp

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 1:52 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Syria/Iran queries

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Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 1:49 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Syria/Iran queries

Hi Guys,

Syria/Iran queries for you today:

- 1) We're seeing reports that Assad is heading off to Lattakia, any truth to that?
- 2) We're told the U.S. has intelligence that Iran is planning, through proxies, to attack oil tankers in the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean in an attempt to drive up oil prices, and have the world share in the pain sanctions are having in Iran. Apparently, Iran learned from 80s tanker wars that it cannot attack Saudi/Kuwaiti oil facilities/tankers in the Persian gulf directly because the repercussions are too grave. But Tehran feels they need to do something to make the current sanctions on them hurt not just them, but the whole world. Does this square with your understanding?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2012 4:32 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Subject: RE: Jamal

Thank you! I'll be in touch soon. [redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2012 4:23 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Jamal

Thanks very much. Yes, please digest and give me a ring. I realize there's a lot there.

Timing is a bit flexible. I was thinking it would be in the next few weeks, but they may want me to do it faster because of the recent attacks.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2012 4:13 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Jamal

Hi Siobhan,

As there is a fair amount to digest here, maybe the best way to proceed is for me to go through what you've sent and then give you a call. Does that sound good? Also, could you give me a sense as to when you are looking to move forward with your story? [redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2012 3:57 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Jamal

[redacted]

I'll ring you in a bit to follow up, but just so you have the info in one place, I've gathered some more details on Mohammed Jamal Abu Ahmad and wanted to see how they jibe with what you have. I also have a broader question of how concerned the U.S. is about the potential for these ex-prisoners to set up extremist operations, especially when they have more freedom of movement in an Egypt, where the government is now bifurcated and its ability to maintain security is being called into question with the recent attacks in the Sinai.

A few specific questions:

- 1) Can you clarify why Jamal was imprisoned? Who decided to release him from prison and why?
- 2) It also sounds like Jamal was released from prison around the time that Zawahri's brother was released (the first time) in March 2011, and I was wondering if there are indications that the two know each other and whether there is concern they might find common cause together.
- 3) I understand he's very close to a guy by the name of Murjan Salim, a jihadist leader with ties to Ayman al-Zawahiri. Have you come across that connection and what would the significance of the connection to Salim be?

In addition, I've collected the following details that I wanted to run past you for guidance:

I have a little more granularity on his seeking to be an AQ affiliate. I was told that he recently petitioned Ayman al-Zawahiri to become a formal al Qaeda affiliate, and the U.S. has intercepted messages indicating that.

I'm told he's believed to be involved in active terrorist plotting as he assembles training camps in neighboring Libya for suicide bombers, using funding from AQAP. He's also used AQAP and possibly AQIM smuggling routes. He's training suicide bombers for attacks in Egypt and possibly in Europe. Former associates say that he's not interested in attacking the U.S. directly but would go after countries where the U.S. is an "occupier," or has a military presence.

In terms of Jamal's background, he's a native of Cairo's Shobra neighborhood and estimated to be about 45 years old. A college graduate, he moved to Afghanistan in the late 1980s to train fighters in jihadist camps. He became the head of the Egyptian Islamic Jihad's operational wing in the 1990s, when he developed a personal relationship with Ayman Zawahiri. A hard-liner, he rejected some internal EIJ proposals to cease attacks because he ruled out negotiating with Egyptian security services. He was detained by Egyptian authorities in 2000 and was freed last year as part of a the large wave of prisoners released after the revolution.

He's been on the U.S. radar screen for probably the last six to 12 months, since he was released from jail.

U.S. officials have tied Mr. Ahmad to another al Qaeda associate in Egypt, Abu Abdel Rahman, who may have been captured.

As he builds his network, At these camps, they're training, so he's believed to be involved in active plotting and planning, but it's not clear whether he has been involved in attacks at this point.

I know there are a bunch of details here, so that's why I wanted to put them in one place for your reference.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2012 6:21 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Jamal

Siobhan,



Take care!



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Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2012 4:16 PM

To: [redacted]

Subject: Jamal



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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 2:31 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: one more on Syria

So, my colleague was just told by a U.S. official that Israeli operatives were behind the killing of the Syrian defense minister. Israel got spooked by WMD report and decided they need to act. Apparently some foreign diplomats have said the same.

This seems like an awfully serious act. Any truth to this?

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 4:29 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: sorry, one more Iran-related query

OK, thank you.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 4:27 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: sorry, one more Iran-related query

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Have a good evening,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 4:17 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: sorry, one more Iran-related query

This is for a story for tomorrow's paper. Sorry for the very late request. The Israelis have accused the IRGC as the culprit in the bombing in Bulgaria today. Wondering if the US has come to the same conclusion.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 5:24 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: sorry, one more Iran-related query

OK, thank you.

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 (202) 862-9234 (w) [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 5:22 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: sorry, one more Iran-related query

Siobhan,

[redacted]

Have a good evening!

[redacted]
 Media Spokesperson
 CIA Office of Public Affairs
 [redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 4:55 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: sorry, one more Iran-related query

Would it be OK and accurate to say: U.S. officials said Wednesday that they hadn't yet determined whether Iran was involved?

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 4:27 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: sorry, one more Iran-related query

Siobhan,

[redacted]

Have a good evening,

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 4:17 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: sorry, one more Iran-related query

This is for a story for tomorrow's paper. Sorry for the very late request. The Israelis have accused the IRGC as the culprit in the bombing in Bulgaria today. Wondering if the US has come to the same conclusion.

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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 8:01 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Responses - Assad/Iran and the Gulf

Thanks very much. I appreciate this and your guidance on the many, many other queries today.

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Siobhan Gorman
Intelligence Correspondent
The Wall Street Journal.
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 6:42 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Responses - Assad/Iran and the Gulf

Hi Siobhan,

[Large Redacted Area]

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 8:33 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc:
Subject: Re: Responses - Assad/Iran and the Gulf

Hi [Redacted] Thanks again for the Iran analysis. It's really useful.

To that point, is there any way to use some of the following on background? Don't need to quote it. Paraphrasing would be fine, if that's easier for you.

[Redacted]

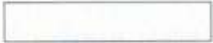
Thanks,
Siobhan

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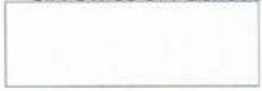
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 06:41 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Responses - Assad/Iran and the Gulf

Hi Siobhan,

[Redacted]



Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs



[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 2:24 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Syria query, first one for today

Hi Guys,

Just to follow up on this request because I have a little more clarity on what we're planning to say. This is how we're characterizing US intel support to the rebels at this point. If there is any guidance or context you can provide for the below, I would appreciate it.

Officials said the U.S. has been providing intelligence about developments in Syria, including satellite imagery, to the Turkish and Jordanian militaries who are working closely with the rebels. Officials said the imagery, taken by military-controlled satellites and other surveillance equipment, provided details about Syrian military sites that could help the rebels in targeting as well as in tracking the regime's stocks of chemical weapons.

Officials said the CIA has played a far more hands-on role, providing some direct intelligence support to opposition leaders.

Syrian activists say the U.S. could do far more.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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----- Original Message -----

From: Gorman, Siobhan
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 08:55 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Syria query, first one for today

Good morning (again).

As we move ahead on Syria, we're hearing a bit more on efforts to help the rebels. I know some details can be tricky to discuss, but if there is any guidance or context you can provide, I'd really appreciate it.

We're told by multiple U.S. officials (more reliable ones that the person who came up with the Israeli connection I inquired about yesterday) that the U.S. is providing intelligence indirectly to the opposition.

The officials said the U.S. is providing satellite imagery and other ISR information to the Turks and Jordanians who are working closely with the rebels.

While they weren't specific about the information being provided, satellites and U-2 planes could be used to track Syrian military movements and WMD sites.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 2:55 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Query 2 on Syria

Right, thank you.

Double checked with sources on the satellite imagery stuff, and they clarified that it's a military effort, so that may be why it's not ringing bells. If there is a way we need to adjust the characterization on the second paragraph for accuracy and to reduce the chance that it will be misunderstood, please let me know.

Also, on the earlier Iran query, if it's possible to use the material I highlighted in some way on background, that would be super useful. It was good analysis, and that story is slated to run in tomorrow's paper.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 2:49 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Query 2 on Syria

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Thanks!

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 2:35 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Query 2 on Syria

Reports out of the region are saying that Soleimani was also killed in the Damascus bombing yesterday. Any truth to that? And if it is true, any sense of whether he was targeted in the attack? Certainly would be a significant development.

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[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 6:00 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Re:

Thank you. It looks like the story is now holding. But I'll seek to adjust the wording in accord with the below.

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Siobhan Gorman
Intelligence Correspondent
The Wall Street Journal.
(202) 862-9234 (w) [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 05:41 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Re:

Siobhan,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 5:19 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re:

Ok, it looks like a version of that sentence is getting added back in, saying: The CIA has started providing some intelligence directly to elements of the rebel force, officials said.

Is this accurate and not trending toward misinterpretation?

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(202) 862-9234 (w) [redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 04:21 PM

To: Gorman, Siobhan

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE:

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Thanks!

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]

Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 3:21 PM

To: [Redacted]

Subject:

Regarding the hands-on characterization, it appears that is now getting dropped from the story for space reasons, so don't worry about it.

Just let me know about the Iran query, and I *might* just be able to leave you alone for the balance of the day.

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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 6:29 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Re:

Ok, but is it inaccurate that US intelligence officials have concluded the bomber was a member of a Hezbollah cell acting under broad guidance to go after Israeli targets?

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 06:25 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Re:

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Have a good evening,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 6:23 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re:

Looks like the NYT is reporting that the US has concluded that Hezbollah was behind the Bulgarian attack. This accurate?

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 04:33 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE:

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Take care,

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]

Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 4:24 PM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE:

OK thanks. Returning briefly to a query from yesterday also on Iran: Any sense yet whether Iran, IRGC, or Hezbollah was involved in the attack in Bulgaria?

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 4:22 PM

To: Gorman, Siobhan

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE:

Siobhan,

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Thanks!

[Redacted]

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2012 10:34 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Re:

Sorry, this is now the way it's worded. Apologies for the multiple messages.

The CIA has stepped up its role in Syria, and is now not only providing intelligence to some opposition groups but is using its own networks of informants to work with opposition elements to gather on-the-ground intelligence on the Assad regime, officials said.

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From: Gorman, Siobhan
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2012 10:14 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Re:

Because we specialize in stories that have nine lives...I think this Syria story is now slated for tomorrow. As I had feared, my editor said the wording in your note was unclear. Is this clarified version an accurate reflection?

The CIA is using its own networks of informants to work with opposition elements to gather on-the-ground intelligence on the Assad regime, officials said.

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Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 5:41 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Re:

Siobhan,

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Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 04:21 PM
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Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE:

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Thanks!

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2012 11:16 AM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Bulgaria check in

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Thanks for asking,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2012 9:52 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Bulgaria check in

Any further word on a Hezbollah role in the Bulgarian bombing?

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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2012 2:15 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Re:

OK, thank you very much for taking an additional look.

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Intelligence Correspondent
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2012 2:14 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Re:

Hey Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Hope this helps,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
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Cc: [Redacted]
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From: [redacted]

Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 5:41 PM

To: Gorman, Siobhan

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: Re:

Siobhan,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]

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Cc: [redacted]

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Subject: RE:

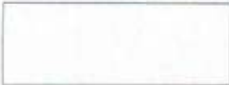
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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2012 8:47 PM
To: [redacted]

So, we're back to Mr. Petraeus.

The layout changed at the last minute, so I think the story is back to two (maybe 3) columns on the front and the pull-up photo online, rather than the front page. That's the regular presentation for these quirky features.

The story itself, is otherwise basically unchanged. It should post online at 10:30pm...thanks for your help...and remember, stories are a marathon, not a sprint :)
===== Siobhan Gorman Intelligence Correspondent The Wall Street Journal.
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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2012 10:19 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Response - AQI query

Thanks so much [redacted] I'll circle back with you tomorrow on this. Ended up finally wrapping up the gym story, as you saw, which required me to divert my attention to checking a bunch of details this afternoon. Have a good night.

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Siobhan Gorman
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2012 03:51 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Response - AQI query

Hi Siobhan,

[Large redacted area]

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2012 3:48 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: AQ arrests in Spain

Alrighty...really just seeking guidance on broader significance of it.

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Siobhan Gorman
Intelligence Correspondent
The Wall Street Journal.
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2012 2:53 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: AQ arrests in Spain

Hey Siobhan,

[Large Redacted Block]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2012 2:02 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: AQ arrests in Spain

Hi Guys,

Checking in on what you might know about the AQ arrests breaking up an alleged explosives plot to be carried out in Spain or elsewhere in Europe. What do we know about this and do you have a sense of its significance, as my editors in New York have their hair on fire over it for reasons I don't fully understand?

Many thanks,
Siobhan

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Siobhan Gorman

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[Redacted]

From:

[Redacted]

Sent:

Thursday, August 02, 2012 5:39 PM

To:

'Gorman, Siobhan'; [Redacted]

Cc:

[Redacted]

Subject:

Siobhan, [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Take care,

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2012 2:04 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Pak talks

[redacted]

Left you a phone message a little while ago, but our deadlines Friday are early, so I wanted to get the query on your radar screen. It sounds like some of the talks yesterday included a discussion in which both sides agreed to look for a way to do "joint operations" in Pakistan (N. Waziristan and vs. Haqqanis) and Afghanistan (in Nuristan and Kunar v. TTP). It sounds like there are many details to be worked out that could derail things, but both sides are considering ways to make that happen.

Does that square with your understanding? Any additional context would be most welcome.

In addition, I am told that the Pakistanis presented a broader framework in which they asked for an end to the drone program and set out some of their plans to go into N Waziristan with this operation that would go after the Haqqanis, among others. They also cast it in the context of a broader COIN effort in Pakistan, I'm told.

And final quick fact check. I understand that Dir. Petraeus hosted a dinner last night in the director's dining room for Gen. Islam and the Pakistani ambassador and presumably others. Just want to make sure that's accurate.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2012 4:50 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Iran query

Hi Guys, Checking in with you on details a colleague of mine in the ME has assembled. I just learned of it, but this appears to be for a story for tomorrow's paper. Any guidance you can provide quickly would be much appreciated.

We're told that the 48 Iranian hostages kidnapped by the Free Syrian Army traveled to Syria with a travel agency operated by Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corp, which caters only to its members and their families. The travel agency is Samen Al' Aameh Tours. The group consisted of 300 men, who were mostly active or retired members of IRGC or the Basij militia on a flight from Tehran to Damascus.

Any guidance you can provide on the accuracy of the above—and any context that might help explain the significance or bigger picture would also be much appreciated.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2012 12:20 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Syria

Hi Guys,

Two queries on Syria.

- 1) We're hearing that the U.S. is increasingly concerned about AQ's growth in Syria, developing a command and control structure and its own funding streams, etc. We're told the intelligence on AQ in Syria has improved some and we're starting to get actionable intelligence that would allow us to target AQ guys there. This has prompted a discussion about what to do about AQ there assuming Assad eventually falls. We're told that there is discussion underway about whether and what efforts would be made under Title 50 versus Title 10. It sounds like a number of approaches are under consideration, and among them is authorizing targeted strikes.

The picture of AQ in Syria (some were referring to it as AQI-Syria) that is emerging, we're told is: they're getting funding from the Persian Gulf and Levant; some U.S. estimates have to total of AQ operatives in Syria at 200 or so with their own network of safe houses; they've carried out about a dozen attacks since December; AQ in Syria is now seen by the U.S. s a more pressing problem than it was a year ago

Does this square with your understanding? Can you provide any guidance or context on the above—in terms of U.S. considerations and AQ organization and activities in Syria?

- 2) We're hearing that Russia is playing a critical behind-the-scenes role monitoring Syrian WMD. It has a dozen or two advisers on the ground working closely with the Syrian military. This has put Russia in a position to provide the U.S. and others with assurances that weapons and chemical compounds are being safeguarded. We're told that Russia's help is particularly important because CIA doesn't have people on the ground in Syria.

Same type of question: Does this square with your understanding? Additional context you might be able to provide?

We're trying to pull these stories together soon-ish, but not for tomorrow's paper. Any help you can provide would be much appreciated.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: Gorman, Siobhan
 Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2012 3:54 PM
 To: [REDACTED]
 Subject: FW: Nautilus responds to your recent article on the CIA

Just had to share this—not because you should do anything with it, but for pure comedic value.

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Siobhan Gorman
 Intelligence Correspondent
 The Wall Street Journal.
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From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2012 3:41 PM
 To: Gorman, Siobhan
 Subject: Nautilus responds to your recent article on the CIA

Re: "CIA's Mission Impossible: Get a New Gym"
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304821304577438382800886156.html?KEYWORDS=cia+fitness+equipment>

Dear Mr. Gorman,

[REDACTED] *Med-Fit Systems, Inc.*, manufacturers of *Nautilus*® commercial fitness equipment. Many of us at the company, including our CEO, read your recent article, "CIA's Mission Impossible: Get a New Gym". We were immediately compelled to do what we can to assist the CIA in their efforts to renovate their fitness facility. We would like to introduce to Gen. David Petraeus our catalog of state-of-the-art, rock-solid *Nautilus*® commercial fitness equipment. Almost as appealing to the CIA as reduced government pricing will be, is the fact that all *Nautilus*® commercial strength and cardio is made right in our Independence, Virginia manufacturing facility. In fact, our new *Nautilus*® K2 is the ONLY vertical climber brand that is MADE IN THE USA – a perfect fit for a US governmental fitness facility!

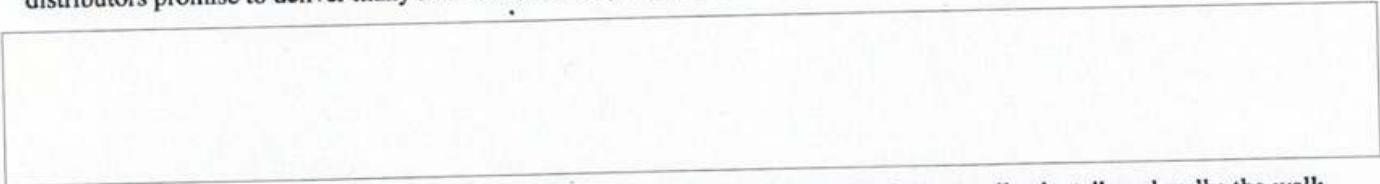
We would love it if you could put us in contact with Gen. Petraeus. We would like to offer to assist him and his staff in the selection of appropriate training equipment from our GSA schedule. Our Director of Government Sales can utilize space planning tools that are custom built with scaled *Nautilus*® commercial equipment. This will assure the CIA maximum efficiency and functionality of equipment within their available space.

At some point in the near future, when communications with Gen. Petraeus are under way, would you consider doing an update on this story? We believe that *Wall Street Journal* readers would find the *Nautilus*® story - riches to rags and back to riches again – of great interest. Of special note is that the iconic American brand of over 40 years has been able to resurrect during the current difficult economic climate!

Credited, in part, with the widening of our appeal and the revitalization of the *Nautilus*® brand has been non-stop innovation and expansion in our catalog of commercial products.

In 2010, *Med-Fit Systems*, a twenty-four year old physical therapy and senior care products provider, acquired the commercial fitness equipment division from a struggling *Nautilus*®, Inc. Since that acquisition, our company has seen profit each quarter in commercial fitness equipment sales. *Med-Fit Systems* has enjoyed 24 straight years of profit, since inception.

Mr. Gorman, it is not only our domestic sales that are increasing each quarter. Countries around the globe are going *ga-ga* for American-made *Nautilus*® commercial equipment! In fact, recent agreements with prominent Indian and Chinese distributors promise to deliver many millions of dollars worth of American-made fitness equipment to Asian fitness clubs!



Mr. Gorman, there is real heart behind this story. The couple that owns *Med-Fit Systems* talks the talk and walks the walk. They are health and fitness enthusiasts who could (and do) model in their own brochures. They donated fitness equipment to a school gymnasium that was demolished in Hurricane Katrina. Besides demonstrating their dedication to providing jobs for Americans by insisting on manufacturing in the USA, every car and motorcycle that they have owned over the past decade has deliberately been an all-American brand! (Harley Davidson, Ford Mustang, and so on.)

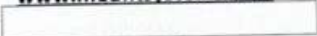
I would very much appreciate the opportunity to communicate with you regarding our story, as well as to be put in contact with the CIA's Gen. Petraeus.

I hope to hear from you soon to exchange more information.

Thank you,



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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 1:46 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Subject: RE: Call

Hi Siobhan,

I did not get a message this am but I've been away from my desk the last couple of hours. I'll call you in just a few minutes.

From: Gorman, Siobhan
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 1:20 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Call

[Redacted] Just wanted to make sure you got my message this am. Best, Siobhan

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2012 5:51 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Call

Hi - I'll definitely be around. Please ring at your convenience.

From: Gorman, Siobhan
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2012 5:32 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject:

[Redacted] Are you around tomorrow morning? Maybe I can ring you then?

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[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 2:55 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: IRGC "tour group"

Yes, it is a lot of back and forth. Certainly suggests IRGC wants their guys out of there. Really appreciate your looking into it.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 02:52 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: IRGC "tour group"

Hi Siobhan,

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 2:39 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: IRGC "tour group"

Hi Guys,

Looks like we're returning to our friend Qasem Soleimani. With regard to these 48 IRGC guys on their "tour," we're told Soleimani asked Assad to use Syrian army resources to free the 48. But we're told Assad refused, saying they have more urgent priorities in the war. Soleimani then said he was going to send Quds force in to free the 48. Assad also refused saying that because the Syrians are denying that IRGC is involved, they cannot send in commandos.

After that refusal, the Iranian government went to Turkey asking for help in freeing the 48 operatives. Turkey has been non responsive.

Wondering what guidance you might be able to provide on the above. Any sort of wave would be very helpful.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 6:28 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Response - Iranian Hostage Question

Thanks so much. This is very helpful guidance. I appreciate your looking into it.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 06:18 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Response - Iranian Hostage Question

Hi Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Hope this helps!

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2012 4:08 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Jamal's time in prison

[Redacted]

Were you able to get any clarity on the fact-checking qus I had on Jamal in terms of arrest and release?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2012 6:26 PM
To: 'Gorman, Siobhan'
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Iran-related query on Mohsen Fakhrizadeh

Siobhan,

[Redacted]

Thanks!

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2012 5:05 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Iran-related query on Mohsen Fakhrizadeh

[Redacted]

I realize sometimes it feels like stories and requests just won't go away. I inquired awhile back on Fakhrizadeh (per the exchange below). My colleague working on this story said that he is being pressed by his editor to get a clearer U.S. perspective on the IAEA report that said Fakhrizadeh opened a research office called SPND last year. The specific question is whether the U.S. agrees with the IAEA reports findings, including that the office is doing work related to nuclear weapons.

Any chance we could get some sort of U.S. perspective on the report?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 5:35 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Iran-related query on Mohsen Fakhrizadeh

Yes Siobhan, to round out our conversation, you can report that we declined to comment.

Have a good evening!

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 4:51 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iran-related query on Mohsen Fakhrizadeh

OK, thank you. Should I say CIA declined to comment?

Appreciate the point about characterizing the assessment of the program.

My colleague noted that a Reuters story in March also talked about the intercepts, which he has confirmed it independently. I pasted it below.

SPECIAL REPORT-Intel shows Iran nuclear threat not imminent

2976 words

23 March 2012

23:13

Reuters News

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English

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(PDF version - <http://link.reuters.com/mug37s>)

- * U.S. and allies agree **Iran** does not have atomic bomb
- * U.S. says no new secret facility detected
- * Electronic intercepts key to confidence in assessment

By Tabassum Zakaria and **Mark** Hosenball

WASHINGTON, March 23 (Reuters) - The United States, European allies and even Israel generally agree on three things about **Iran's** nuclear program: Tehran does not have a bomb, has not decided to build one, and is probably years away from having a deliverable nuclear warhead.

Those conclusions, drawn from extensive interviews with current and former U.S. and European officials with access to intelligence on **Iran**, contrast starkly with the heated debate surrounding a possible Israeli strike on Tehran's nuclear facilities.

"They're keeping the soup warm but they are not cooking it," a U.S. administration official said.

Reuters has learned that in late 2006 or early 2007, U.S. intelligence intercepted telephone and email communications in which Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, a leading figure in Iran's nuclear program, and other scientists complained that the weaponization program had been stopped.

That led to a bombshell conclusion in a controversial 2007 National Intelligence Estimate: American spy agencies had "high confidence" that Iran halted its nuclear weapons program in the fall of 2003.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 3:23 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Iran-related query on Mohsen Fakhrizadeh

Hey Siobhan,

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted]

From: Gorman, Siobhan [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 10:57 AM

To:

Subject: Iran-related query on Mohsen Fakhrizadeh

Hi Guys,

A colleague of mine is working on a story on a story about the apparent renewed efforts of top Iranian scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh. There are some facts in the story that I wanted to seek your guidance on, as well as a few broader questions.

On the following, if you can provide guidance on accuracy from the US perspective:

On Fakhrizadeh's activities related to SPND (Farsi for the Organization of Defensive Innovation and Research), we're told:

Fakhrizadeh was leading Iran's alleged nuclear weapons research when Tehran reportedly froze much of the program's funding in 2003. The IAEA believes Mr. Fakhrizadeh secretly opened SPND in early 2011 and that elements of Iran's nuclear weapons research, which they thought were shelved in 2003, may be taking place there.

The SPND hosts six directorates that include research labs for metallurgy, chemistry, and explosives testing. The organization reports directly to the IRGC and has links to Iranian trading firms and universities that also are allegedly involved in Iran's nuclear program.

On Fakhrizadeh's past exploits related to the 2007 NIE, we're told:

In 2005, U.S. spy agencies intercepted Mr. Fakhrizadeh's phone and email communications, complaining that Iran's government had supposedly cut off funding for his work two years earlier. These intercepts became a central element the 2007 U.S. National Intelligence Estimate conclusion that Tehran had frozen its attempts to build atomic weapons.

The activities of the SPND are one factor causing the U.S. and allied intelligence agencies to reassess the 2007 NIE.

In terms of specific questions, we're wondering:

- 1.) Does the U.S. share the IAEA's position that Mr. Fakhrizadeh remains active working on nuclear weapons-related research through organization the SPND?
- 2.) Do the SPND's activities challenge the 2007 NIE?
- 3.) Does the 2007 NIE still stand, meaning that the US believes Iran's atomic weapons program remains frozen since 2003?
- 4.) As detailed above, we're told that intercepts of Fakhrizadeh's emails and phone calls formed an important part of the NIE. Is that accurate?

Thanks,

Siobhan

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From: Gorman, Siobhan [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2012 1:33 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: checking in

[Redacted]

I just wanted to circle back on my query from a couple days ago. I rang you, but you were out. Not sure when you'll be back. I'll be out of the office for a meeting this afternoon, so you can ring my cell after 2:30 or so.

Thanks,
Siobhan

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[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 10:41 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: i realize i have a lot of queries pending...

...and this is lowest priority, but when you have time, I wonder if you can tell me whether CIA knows if these names are accurate and whether they were militants or non combatants.

In Waziristan, though, many take those assurances with skepticism. On a visit to Islamabad last week, Noor Magul, a farmer from North Waziristan, spoke of his anger at the death of three relatives who were killed last Oct. 30 when a drone struck the car in which they were traveling. Naming the men as *Khastar Gul*, *Mamrud Khan* and *Noorzal Khan*, Mr. Magul insisted they had no militant links but worked in a local chromite mine.

"I have revenge in my heart," said the 64-year-old, fingering his ash-colored beard. "I just want to grab a drone by the tail and smash it into the ground."

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/19/world/asia/drones-at-issue-as-pakistan-tries-to-mend-us-ties.html?_r=1&ref=declanwalsh&pagewanted=print

Ken Dilanian
National Security Correspondent
Los Angeles Times
O:(202) 824 8328 [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 4:24 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: regarding this reported strike

Thanks man. Thought you were skiing in aspen or something.

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 3:31 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: regarding this reported strike

Ken,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 9:25 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: regarding this reported strike

[redacted] This one sounds like you guys. Can you tell me whether indeed Al-Wahishi was the target and/or does CIA have evidence he left Pakistan for Yemen? Do you agree that a civilian was killed? Ken

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- > SHABWA, April 1 - One Yemeni civilian was killed and six others were
- > injured in a US drone strike at 4pm on Friday in Azzan of Shabwa
- > governorate, east Yemen, eyewitnesses told the Yemen Times.
- >
- > The drone fired two missiles at a Hyundai vehicle thought to belong to
- > militants with connections with Al-Qaeda. Locals who hurried to the
- > scene of incident found the torn bodies of seven people scattered over
- > the road.
- >
- > Saleh Ali Ba Ziyad, Saleh Abdulfatha Hamid, Abdullah Mohamed Hamid,
- > Hamza Khaled Ba Ziyad, Ali Hassan and another unidentified man were
- > wounded during the strike after shrapnel showered the neighboring
- > area.
- >
- > Mohamed Saleh Al-Suna, 55 from Al-Hawta city in Shabwa died from
- > injuries sustained from shrapnel in the strike.

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> Local security sources said that the strike attempted to target the
> leader of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, Naser Al-Wahishi.
>
> Pakistani officials have previously said that Al-Wahishi was killed on
> Dec. 28 2010 when two American missiles were fired at a militant camp
> in North Waziristan in Pakistan. Al-Wahishi has also previously been
> reported killed by a drone strike in an area of Shabwa, Yemen.
>
> Al-Qaeda has not confirmed the reported death of Al-Wahishi, and still
> publishes his articles and statements in their Sada Al-Malehim
> Magazine.
>
> At 10:00 pm on Friday armed men from the group Ansar Al-Shariah blew
> up Yemen's liquefied natural gas pipeline in revenge for the US drone
> strike. The group took control of Azzan city in June 2011 and last
> week seized the Al-Rudum district in the governorate.
>
> The sabotage has suspended gas production and export, according to the
> Yemen LNG Company.
>
> "Yemen LNG confirms the sabotage of the 38 inch gas pipeline that
> links block 18 to the Balhaf terminal on the Gulf of Aden," reads the
> statement posted on website of the company.
>
> "The explosion occurred at 22:00 on 30 March 2012 in a desert zone
> 40km North of the Balhaf Liquefaction Plant. It caused no victims,"
> the company explained.
>
> It added that production was suspended, "but the loss of production is
> expected to be limited to four cargoes as the LNG Plant was due to
> shutdown on April 15 for annual maintenance."
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> The French Total Company owns 40 percent of Yemen's LNG, followed by
> Hunt Oil and the Yemen Gas Company each owning 17 percent, the South
> Korean Company owning 10 percent, six percent for Korea Gas
> Corporation, about six percent for Hyundai Corporation and five
> percent for the General Authority for Social Insurance and Pensions.
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> A security officer in Abyan said in earlier statement to the Yemen
> Times that drone strikes often result in human casualties and panic
> local communities.
>
> "We can arrest Al-Qaeda affiliated persons without committing crimes
> against civilians," the security officer assistant said.
>
> US airstrikes in Yemen date back to Nov. 4th 2002, when they targeted
> Abu Ali Al-Harethi, a Yemeni jihadist accused of plotting the bombing
> of the destroyer USS Cole on Oct. 12, 2000.
>
> A similar air-raid killed over 42 civilians including women and
> children on Dec. 17, 2009 in the village of Al-Ma'jala in Abyan, south
> Yemen.

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 8:06 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Out of the Office

[Redacted]

-----Original message-----

[Redacted]

Ken,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Take care and I'll talk to you when I get back.

Take care,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 11:15 AM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE:

Hey Ken,

[Redacted] We're about to head into a meeting. We'll get back to you a little later.

Thanks,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 11:08 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject:

that you? I'm on the line. was that yemen strike they announced today you guys?

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Los Angeles Times
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[Redacted]

[redacted]
From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2012 2:48 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: this is where we are headed

[redacted] tell me if you guys want to push back on any of this. not running this weekend. we can talk Monday. ken

WASHINGTON—Teams of CIA officers, private contractors and special operations troops have been inserted in southern Yemen to work with local tribes on gathering intelligence for U.S. drone strikes against militants, U.S. officials and others familiar with the secret operation said.

The development marks a significant escalation in the U.S. effort to deal with what officials say is a growing threat from al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula and to help the Yemeni government regain control of southern provinces that have fallen under militant control.

But the operation also draws the U.S. into a deeper direct military role in Yemen, a country that President Obama said in 2012 that he had "no intention of sending U.S. boots on the ground."

The teams have begun operations in the south earlier this year, the officials said, after President Abdu Rabu Mansour Hadi gave what one official described as "tacit approval" for the U.S. presence. His predecessor as president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, rebuffed U.S. proposals to put troops in the country.

State Department officials were concerned about the plans, arguing that it is dangerous to develop ties to tribal militants who are not necessarily loyal to the government. They were overruled by the White House after officials received alarming intelligence reports about gains being made by extremists in Yemen's south. "This makes me queasy," one senior State Department official said. "This is a high risk, low reward proposition."

Also this month, the White House also approved an expansion of targeting guidelines for CIA and military airstrikes in Yemen

The combination of small American teams working closely with local proxies and clandestine airstrikes is an approach that special operations commanders are proposing as a model not only in Yemen, but in other countries where al Qaeda poses a threat, officials say.

Yemeni counterterrorism units have helped the U.S. teams forge relationships with local tribal leaders, one official said.

On March 1, AQAP claimed to have assassinated a CIA officer working in Yemen. The U.S. Defense Department disputed that, but it acknowledged that gunmen opened fire on a "U.S. security training team" operating in southern Yemen.

David Cloud
The Los Angeles Times
Pentagon Correspondent

[redacted]
o: 202 824 8376

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 2:27 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: i am at home today, [Redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 4:38 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: any luck?

[redacted]

Thanks

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 4:04 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: any luck?

here's what we're saying...

One of the major go betweens for U.S. negotiations with the Taliban in Afghanistan had also been in communication with Osama bin Laden about a possible safe haven Al Qaeda senior leaders in Afghanistan after a U.S. military withdrawal, according to Osama bin Laden's personal notes and letters.

The documents--seized in the U.S. raid on his compound in Pakistan last year-- show that Bin Laden had discussions with the Taliban leadership council, known as the Quetta Shura, and the Haqqani network, that controls the North Waziristan tribal agency, about the best strategy for overthrowing Afghan President Hamid Karzai after the U.S. departs, said a former U.S. official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the intelligence.

One of the points of contact between Bin Laden and the Taliban was Mohammed Tayeb Agha, an aide to Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, who met with U.S. officials at least three times in the spring of 2011 during an effort to negotiate an end to the war.

The intelligence haul of documents, hard drives and flash drives -- large enough, officials say, to fill a college library -- show a leader wanting a role in shaping the future of Afghanistan, but, at the same time, struggling to manage an organization fractured by a campaign of CIA drone assassinations and increasingly frustrated with the new, inexperienced generation of managers who were rising in the ranks.

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 5:17 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: any luck?

[Redacted]

-----Original message-----

[Redacted]

Ken,

[Large Redacted Area]

Hope this helps,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 4:04 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: any luck?

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[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 5:18 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: any luck?

even if you don't get the name, anything on who this guy was and why he was important would be good – for you and for me.

Ken Dilanian
National Security Correspondent
Los Angeles Times
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[Redacted]

[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 1:42 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fw: Samir Khan's cell phone

[redacted]

-----Original message-----

[redacted]
Did the CIA grab Samir Khan's cell phone?

When Samir Khan first arrived in Sana'a he lost his phone which was his only connection to the Al Qaeda operatives he was meeting. He was "heartbroken," according to the story, written under the name Abu Yazeed. Some time later, Khan was praying in a mosque in Sana'a when he was tapped on the shoulder and asked if he was Samir. It was his contact.

Brian Bennett
Staff Writer
Los Angeles Times/Tribune Co. Washington Bureau
Office: (202) 824-8368

[redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 10:41 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: does this look better?

Just as an aside, my understanding is that there are JSOC guys on these teams, but that they are tasked to CIA. We are grappling with how to word that.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 10:22 AM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: does this look better?

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 9:52 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: does this look better?

[Redacted] I just learned there was a story written in a Yemeni newspaper about this, saying there is a joint JSOC CIA team in Abyan. I don't have a copy, and the paper is not online. I am told it's called al Ula ("the first") based in Aden. This obviously compresses our timetable a bit. Ken

From: Dilanian, Ken
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 2:39 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: does this look better?

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 5:35 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: does this look better?

[Redacted]

Take care,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 10:22 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: does this look better?

It's the veritable New York Times of Yemen!

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 10:22 AM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: does this look better?

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 9:52 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: does this look better?

[Redacted] just learned there was a story written in a Yemeni newspaper about this, saying there is a joint JSOC CIA team in Abyan. I don't have a copy, and the paper is not online. I am told it's called al Ula ("the first") based in Aden. This obviously compresses our timetable a bit. Ken

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Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 2:39 PM

To: [redacted]**Subject:** does this look better?

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 5:26 PM
To: 'Dilanian, Ken'
Subject: RE: la times blog item

You too. By the way, I heard you on C-SPAN a while back handling queries on a recent unfortunate event down south. Thought you did a nice job with that. [redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 5:21 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: la times blog item

Ok, have a nice weekend.

Ken Dilanian
Los Angeles Times
202 824 8328

-----Original message-----

From: [redacted]
To: "Dilanian, Ken" [redacted]
Sent: Fri, May 4, 2012 21:14:09 GMT+00:00
Subject: RE: la times blog item

Hi Ken,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 4:29 PM
To: Media
Subject: la times blog item

Guys, I'm about to file this if anyone wants to weigh in. CIA mentioned. Dilanian

U.S. intelligence operatives on the ground in Afghanistan believe the Taliban is stronger than it was before President Obama sent 30,000 additional troops to the country in 2010, the chairman of the House intelligence committee said Friday after returning from a three day trip there.

"My biggest take away from the trip was the huge difference between what the military believes the state of affairs is and what our intelligence community believes the state of affairs is," Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Michigan.

"Folks on the intelligence side...believe the Taliban is stronger today than it was even a couple of years ago." Taliban fighters who are captured are more determined than ever, Rogers was told.

"The general theme there is, 'It's not if, it's when we're gonna win.' Their recruiting is strong."

The ground-level intelligence assessments, Rogers said, contrast with the sentiments expressed by military commanders, a disconnect that has persisted in recent years.

Defense secretary Leon Panetta, a former CIA director, said in a speech Friday that "The Taliban have been weakened, their momentum has been broken."

Yet Rogers said he was told by CIA officers in Afghanistan that worsening corruption among Afghan government officials is driving new recruits to the Taliban, which he said now has a shadow governor in every Afghan province.

"We've seen a lot more violence in the north that we haven't seen before," Rogers said. "There's been an increase in political assassinations."

The Taliban's goal is to avoid major battles with superior U.S. forces and simply persist until those forces withdraw, Rogers said.

Rogers's Senate counterpart, Dianne Feinstein, a California Democrat who chairs the Senate intelligence committee and was also on the trip, was less pessimistic about the strength of the Taliban, saying she had seen evidence of significant military and intelligence successes.

She acknowledged, though, that there is "a difference of opinion" between the military and the intelligence community over the basic assessment of war progress.

Feinstein and Rogers said the intelligence community and military agree that the biggest source of the Taliban's strength comes from its safe haven in Pakistan, where extremist networks and factories producing bomb ingredients are beyond the reach of U.S. forces.

But there are no realistic options to address that problem, they both said, as U.S.-Pakistan relations with Pakistan continue to worsen.

In a speech in Kabul May 1, Obama detailed the troop withdrawals he has ordered in Afghanistan.

"Last year, we removed 10,000 U.S. troops from Afghanistan. Another 23,000 will leave by the end of the summer. After that, reductions will continue at a steady pace, with more of our troops coming home. And as our coalition agreed, by the end of 2014 the Afghans will be fully responsible for the security of their country."

An agreement between the U.S. and the government of Hamid Karzai allows for an unspecified U.S. military presence after 2014, and many analysts have speculated that special operations troops will remain to hunt for Taliban and al Qaeda leaders, much as they do now. But Rogers warned that those operations will become infinitely more difficult without the logistical and intelligence and security support that comes with a large conventional troop presence.

The Taliban earns as much as \$120 million a year from the country's heroin trade, Feinstein said.

"My big concern is that the Taliban ends up as a narco cartel, candidly, which is quite possible," she said.

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[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 4:15 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: ap bulletin

Hi, just seeking info on this AP thing that just went out...

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

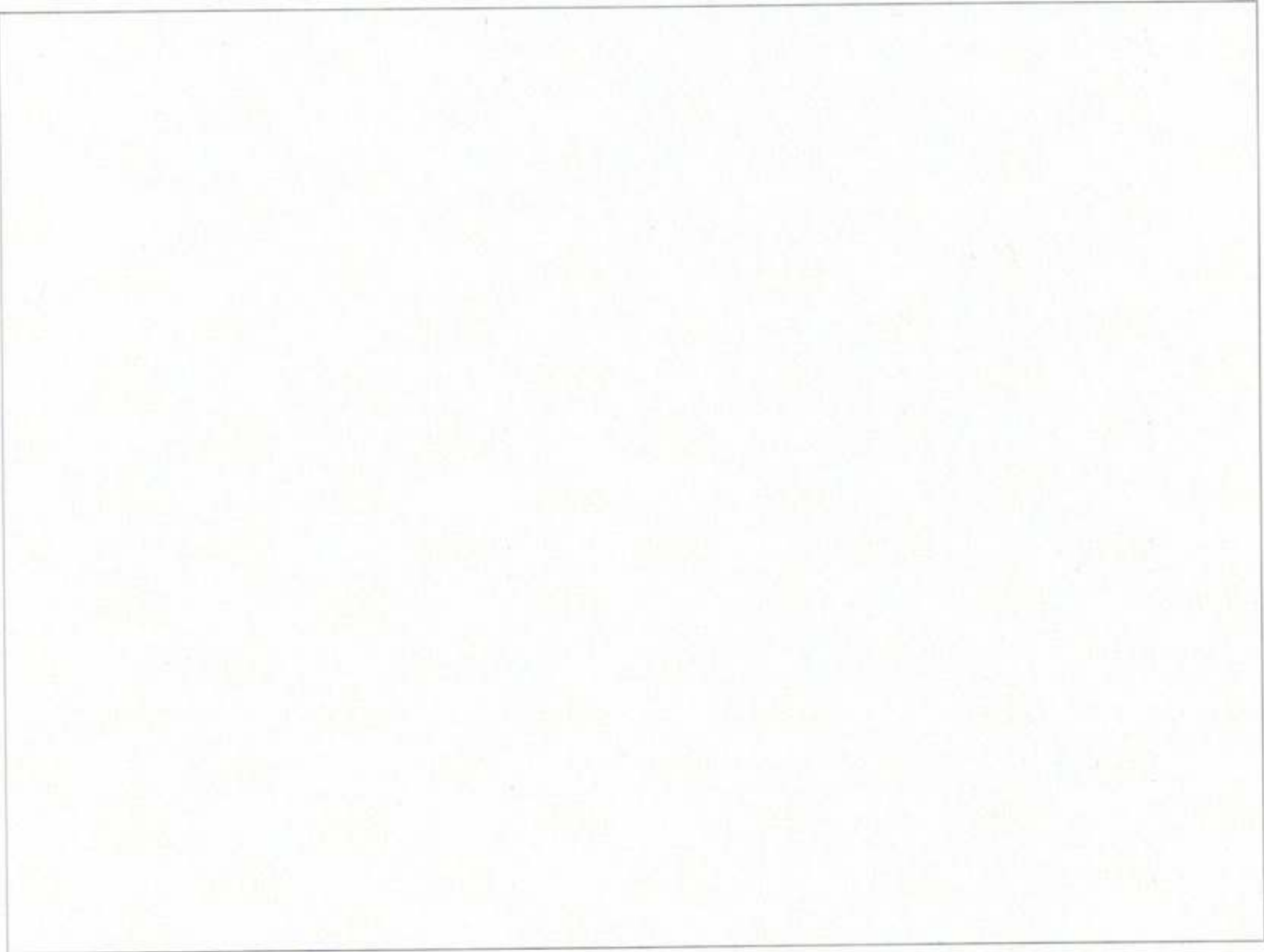
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Cc:
Subject:

[Redacted]

Monday, May 07, 2012 5:41 PM
'Dilanian, Ken'

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 7:37 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: al quso

Thanks [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 7:36 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: al quso

Ken:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 7:31 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: al quso

are you guys confirming on background he was the operational leader of aqap?

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 7:44 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: al quso

Looking forward to it, [Redacted] Ken

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 7:42 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Subject: RE: al quso

Ken:

Haha, you're certainly not senile. No, I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you yet.

[Redacted]

Hope to meet you soon.

All the best,

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
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[redacted]

[redacted]
From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 11:59 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: al quso

[redacted]
-----Original message-----
[redacted]

Ken:

[redacted] if you need to, you may say CIA declined to comment.

[redacted]
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From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 11:35 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: al quso

[redacted] obviously eager to know if abc news report is true. Ken

Ken Dilanian
Los Angeles Times
202 824 8328

-----Original message-----
From: [redacted]
To: "Dilanian, Ken" [redacted]
Sent: Mon, May 7, 2012 23:41:12 GMT+00:00
Subject: RE: al quso

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[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 4:57 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: al quso

[redacted] also, this is what we are planning to report, and I want to make sure you wouldn't push back against any of it.
Thanks. Ken

1. The CIA's successful Yemen operation didn't amount to foiling an al Qaeda bomb plot that had already been underway, U.S. officials say. It was more like an international sting operation, with the spies tricking the terrorists into showing their cards.
2. Saudi Arabia's intelligence agency, working with the CIA, got an informant in Yemen to pose as a would-be suicide bomber. He then convinced al Qaeda to hand over the sophisticated underwear bomb that is now being analyzed at the FBI bomb laboratory at Quantico, Va, U.S. officials said. The informant has left Yemen, added the officials, who would not speak publicly about classified information.
3. Officials say the bomb bears the signature of feared al Qaeda munitions expert Ibrahim Hassan Asiri, but the informant apparently never got close to Asiri. The operation did, however, develop information that helped the U.S. locate the senior Al Qaeda operative Fahd al Quso, who was killed in Yemen Sunday in a CIA drone strike, according to Rep. Peter King (R-N.Y.).
4. The nature of the sting operation is why U.S. officials have continually stressed that there was no "active" plot, even as they said the al Qaeda bomb was intended to be used on an American airliner.

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From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 11:08 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: sorry, one more

Can you say anything about this new activity observed on the Parchin site...what do you guys think it is? My colleague is doing a blog item on it.
<http://isis-online.org/isis-reports/detail/new-satellite-image-shows-activity-at-parchin-site-in-iran/>

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 5:19 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: DNI Review

Hi Ken,

I hope all is well with you

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 3:09 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: leak probe

[Redacted] can you confirm on background that the CIA has been asked to participate in this, and what about the crime report. Ken

02:08 PM ET

Spy chief orders review of bomb plot leaks

By Barbara Starr

Director of National Intelligence James Clapper has ordered an internal review across the intelligence community to determine if leaks regarding a Saudi mole who infiltrated an Qaeda affiliate in Yemen came from any of the 16 intelligence agencies he oversees.

Recommended: Mole infiltrated al Qaeda plot

The move comes after revelations this week that a mole helped foil a plot to blow up a U.S.-bound plane by penetrating al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.

"We are looking internally to determine whether or not there were unauthorized disclosures of unclassified information," said a U.S. intelligence official, who has direct knowledge of the review but declined to be named and was only authorized to discuss it if no name was used.

Watch: Rep. Peter King on why the leaks 'put a lot at risk'

The review will not include the White House or the national security staff, which technically is not part of the intelligence community.

At this point, Clapper's general counsel staff will conduct the review. It is not a formal investigation and does not involve the inspector general.

"We aren't there yet," the official said, noting that an investigation is a process with legal procedures and ramifications for disciplinary action.

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[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 2:12 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: today's strikes

any readout coming?

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[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 11:01 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: yemen

Given the imperfect nature of our knowledge, what I sent below is all we're telling readers. I understand the term "operating on the ground" to suggest personnel physically in these locations for some period of time. Whether they sleep there, etc, we're not getting into.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 10:47 AM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: yemen

Ken,

[redacted]

Thanks!

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 10:37 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: yemen

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[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 4:53 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: yemen

Thanks [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 4:32 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: yemen

Hey Ken,

[Large Redacted Block]

In addition you can report the CIA declined comment.

Thanks!

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 11:15 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: yemen

Also, are you able to say on background whether these were fact US strikes?

May 15

(CNN) -- Two suspected U.S. drone strikes killed seven al Qaeda militants and eight civilians in the southern part of Yemen on Tuesday, three Yemeni security officials said.

It was the latest of several U.S. strikes in Yemen, which is home to al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, described by U.S. officials as the al Qaeda affiliate that poses the most serious threat to the United States.

At least seven civilians were injured in the Tuesday strikes, the officials said.

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 5:33 PM
To: 'Dilanian, Ken'
Subject: RE: story moving

Ken – pls. give me two minutes if you can.

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 5:14 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: story moving

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[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 6:41 PM
To: 'Dilanian, Ken'
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Patneau

Wiping my brow. Ok, will be in touch. Have a great afternoon, [redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 6:36 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Patneau

Tomorrow...

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Los Angeles Times
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-----Original message-----

From: [redacted]
To: "Dilanian, Ken" [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Sent: Tue, May 22, 2012 22:16:06 GMT+00:00
Subject: Patneau

Hi Ken,

Working on that. Were you still thinking about publishing tonight on Patneau or can that hold until tomorrow?

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 6:12 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: the country of georgia, correct???

By the way, still interested in patneau stuff if you can get it.

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Los Angeles Times
202 824 8328

-----Original message-----

From: [redacted]
To: "Dilanian, Ken" [redacted]
Sent: Tue, May 22, 2012 22:00:16 GMT+00:00
Subject: RE: the country of georgia, correct???

Yes, the country of Georgia.

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 5:49 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: the country of georgia, correct???

Freddie R. Woodruff was a gifted linguist who had mastered German, Turkish, Greek and Russian. He was killed in Georgia in August 1993 after volunteering for a temporary assignment.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 5:39 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: story moving

Hi Ken,

This is what I can offer, on the record, from me as a CIA spokesperson:

"The Agency doesn't discuss the specifics of internal procedures, but we do periodically review the names of those who have stars on the wall to determine when or if an identity should be declassified."

From: Dilanian, Ken [REDACTED]
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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 12:27 PM
To: 'Dilanian, Ken'
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Patneau

That's very helpful to know. I'll let you know soonest what we might be able to offer beyond the information in the release. [redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 12:24 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Patneau

[redacted] and thanks again for all your help. My plan is to do a short item, based on the interview with the dad, but I may not have time to file it today. I don't have much, so whatever you could come up with would be appreciated. Ken

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 12:03 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Patneau

Hi Ken,

I enjoyed reading your story on the ceremony. Are you still planning to write on Jeffrey Patneau today? Thanks in advance for letting me know. [redacted]

[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 2:20 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: I'll provide some more on Patneau very shortly

gracias.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 2:20 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Subject: I'll provide some more on Patneau very shortly

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 3:04 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Information on Jeffrey Patneau

Helpful, [Redacted] thanks.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 3:04 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Information on Jeffrey Patneau

Hi Ken,

I can share the following information on Mr. Patneau, which you can use on the record, from me as a CIA spokesperson:

"Jeffrey Patneau joined the CIA in July 2006 and demonstrated an exceptionally high degree of skill and initiative during his short career. He had served in Yemen for about 1.5 years at the time of his death."

"Mr. Patneau responded to the March 2008 bombing of the Embassy in Sanaa and later attacks with the energy, focus, and calm proficiency of a seasoned officer. He received several awards for his outstanding work. Following a massive terrorist attack on the Embassy in September 2008, Mr. Patneau again used his resolve and initiative to help colleagues get back on their feet."

"Mr. Patneau in September 2008 was mortally injured in a collision in the streets of Sanaa. Prior to his tragic death, Mr. Patneau had asked to serve next in Iraq or Afghanistan."

I hope this is helpful to putting your story together. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 3:06 PM
To: Cynthia L Flapp
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Information on Jeffrey Patneau

FYI, guys, my CIA/Hollywood story got pushed up and we are now running it tomorrow, so if you guys have anything to add, please let me know. Here is a flavor:

But at least at the Pentagon and the CIA, close cooperation with Hollywood is neither new nor partisan. The military's symbiotic relationship with movies dates back to the dawn of the medium, with the Pentagon basically trading ships, planes and technical expertise for a chance to influence how the armed forces are portrayed. The CIA's effort is less well known, but America's chief spy service has deployed an entertainment liaison since the 1990s, whose mission was clear from the outset: To overcome the agency's image in popular entertainment as incompetent, evil, or rife with rogue employees.

"I made that a big priority, and we did a lot more with Hollywood than ever before," said Bill Harlow, who was CIA's public affairs chief from 1997 to 2004 "The reason is that the American public gets a lot more of their information about the CIA from Hollywood than it does the from the news media, and much of what they see about the agency is negative and wrong."

The idea, Harlow said, was to encourage movies and television shows "that at least every once made us the good guys instead of the bad guys."

Even before Harlow arrived, the CIA had made a former covert operative named Chase Brandon its first entertainment liaison. The gregarious Brandon happened to be a cousin of actor Tommy Lee Jones, so he mixed easily with the Hollywood community, Harlow said.

Just before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the agency cooperated closely with a short-lived TV series, The Agency, allowing the crew to film at CIA headquarters and use CIA employees as extras.

In preparation for the 2002 Tom Clancy film "The Sum of All Fears," Ben Affleck, who plays a CIA analyst, came to CIA headquarters to interview people who do that job, Harlow said.

The makers of the 2003 film, The Recruit, also worked closely with the CIA, although their access was curtailed when it turned out star Al Pacino would play a CIA officer selling out his agency. The film's DVD extras, however, include a documentary touting the agency.

"The CIA has been subtly influencing motion picture content for more than 15 years," says Tricia Jenkins, author of new book, "The CIA in Hollywood," the first academic appraisal of the CIA's efforts to influence popular entertainment.

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[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 11:01 AM
To: Cynthia L Rapp
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: request for help, cia hollywood story

Didi, The release of these Bigelow/Boal documents gives me a news peg to the larger story I've been wanting to do for some time, which is to look at how CIA interfaces with Hollywood. I wonder if you could help by making [redacted] available to talk about his job. My angle on this is that, Pete King's rhetoric aside, this was a pretty routine effort to cooperate with filmmakers, the sort of thing CIA has been doing for 15 years, as depicted in Tricia Jenkins book, the CIA in Hollywood. This is a storyline that is in your interest, I would think, and to the extent you could provide information about how routine it is to offer guidance to entertainment people who seek it out—including ones who aren't Democrats!--it would show that this latest episode is hardly a scandal. I realize you don't necessarily want the world to know all the mechanics, but as Judicial Watch showed, it's hard to keep this stuff secret. So you may as well try to influence how people think about it, and I'm offering that chance.

I am writing for the weekend, so my deadline would be tomorrow by 4pmish. As always, I am happy to accept information on background.

Best, Ken

Ken Dilanian
National Security Correspondent
Los Angeles Times
O:(202) 824 8328
[redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 5:54 PM
To: 'Dilanian, Ken'
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Your CIA/Hollywood Story

Hi Ken,

Please find below some on the record (from me, as a CIA spokesperson) comments on our general interaction with the entertainment industry:

"The CIA has been open about our engagement with writers, documentary filmmakers, movie and TV producers, and others in the entertainment industry. Our goal is an accurate portrayal of the men and women of the CIA, their vital mission, and the commitment to public service that defines them. The protection of national security equities is always paramount in any engagement with the entertainment industry."

"Since the mid 1990s, a number of officers have served specifically in the role of entertainment industry liaison officer on our public affairs staff—when that specific position has been vacant, other public affairs officers necessarily fill that role. Since 2007, we have provided the contact information for this officer—and a description of this part of our mission—as well as ideas for potential storylines—on our website."

"The nature of our interaction varies and depends on many factors, including the specifics of the project and of the request. Always keeping in mind our duty to protect sources and methods, our standard practice is to answer questions by authors or script writers and debunk myths about the Agency. On some occasions, when appropriate, we arrange visits to the Agency for unclassified meetings with some of our officers. Rarely, we have allowed filming on our premises under very tight parameters."

You can find the letter from the CIA Inspector General's office to Rep. King on this issue here:
http://homeland.house.gov/sites/homeland.house.gov/files/documents/pdf/110811_CIA_Letter.pdf

I hope this perspective is useful. [redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 6:26 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: question on documents

[Redacted]

-----Original message-----

[Redacted]

Ken,

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 5:33 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: question on documents

Folks, I just noticed in the Boal documents that it appears they met with chief CTC. Can you tell me whether his name was disclosed to them, and if not, how was he introduced? As you know, I think this is a bogus controversy and nothing new (and our story to that effect is slated for the front page Friday), but that one seems like an important question. Ken

Ken Dilanian
National Security Correspondent
Los Angeles Times
O:(202) 824 8328 [Redacted]
[Redacted]

[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 2:15 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Article on Jeffrey Patneau

[redacted] thanks, that's really nice of you to say. While it's certainly my job to dig for secrets and cast a critical eye and all that, it's a pleasure every once in a while to simply recognize the extraordinary things you all do, including risking and in this case giving a life for the country. Thanks again for your help. Ken

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 12:17 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Subject: Article on Jeffrey Patneau

Ken -

Your piece is really well done. It was a pleasure working with you on it; I mean that. The quote from Jeff's father that closes the piece is especially powerful. He must be one helluva a guy, as was Jeff. [redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 11:49 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Information on Jeffrey Patneau

nevermind, the story posted. thanks for your help.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/politics/la-pn-cia-honors-officer-killed-in-the-line-of-duty-in-yemen-20120524,0,4174932.story>

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 11:03 AM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Information on Jeffrey Patneau

Hi Ken - I'll be back to you shortly on this. [redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 9:42 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Information on Jeffrey Patneau

[redacted] on background, can I assume he was a case officer? And I was told he was an Arabic speaker, is that correct? (His father told me he was fluent in French.) And was Yemen his first overseas assignment? That's it, I promise. No drip drip drip. Ken

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 3:04 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken

Cc: [redacted]

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I hope this is helpful to putting your story together. [redacted]

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted]

From: David Ignatius [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 6:34 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Invitation to Speak at 24 May CIA DI Political Islam Conference--
"Political Islam's Future: Challenges, Choices, and Uncertainties"

Smaller roundtable would be great.

RE: Invitation to Speak at 24 May CIA DI Political Islam Conference--
"Political Islam's Future: Challenges, Choices, and Uncertainties"

[redacted]
to: [redacted]

04/24/2012 06:19 PM

Cc: [redacted]

From: [redacted]
:

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Thank you David, we appreciate your willingness. Perhaps next time the schedules will align. Perhaps we can have you by for a smaller roundtable with our PISAP folks sometime in the future.

Take care,

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: David Ignatius [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 6:13 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Invitation to Speak at 24 May CIA DI Political Islam Conference-- "Political Islam's Future: Challenges, Choices, and Uncertainties"

I would be pleased and honored to do this, [redacted] but unfortunately I will be in Europe on May 24.

Invitation to Speak at 24 May CIA DI Political Islam Conference--

"Political Islam's Future: Challenges, Choices, and Uncertainties"

[redacted]
to:

[redacted]
04/24/2012 04:01 PM

Cc:

[redacted]
From [redacted]

:

To:

Cc:

David,

Our colleagues in the Directorate of Intelligence's Political Islam Strategic Analysis Program (PISAP) asked us to check your availability to speak at their off-the-record annual conference the morning of 24 May 2012 in Arlington, VA. The theme of this year's conference is "Political Islam's Future: Challenges, Choices, and Uncertainties." The conference organizers would like you to draw upon the insight from your field experience, reporting, and broad network of contacts during the lead up to the Arab Spring to share how journalists sense that major political, social, or religious changes are in the making. The conference is open to US government intelligence analysts and policymakers. They would ask you to speak formally for 30-40 minutes followed by time for discussion.

If you are interested in accepting the invitation please let me know and the conference organizers will contact you with further details.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 11:04 AM
To: David Ignatius
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: [Redacted]

David,

[Redacted]

Take care,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 9:50 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Your Column

Thanks David,

[Redacted]

Have a good night, [Redacted]

From: David Ignatius [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 08:44 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Your Column

[Redacted]

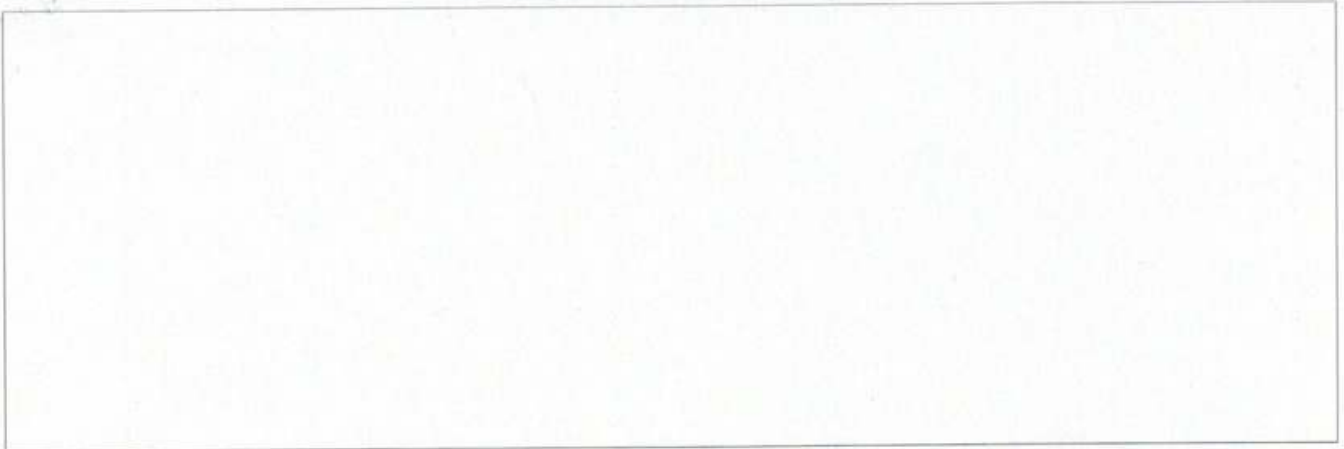
Thanks for this. I did try to get comment, and I would have reflected it in the piece.
I think it would be worthwhile for the agency to follow up the trail I describe in my article. The reason that these former officers went to the FBI in the first place with the information is that they felt they weren't welcome at CIA--but believed the info should be communicated the the USG. There's a thread worth following here, imho.
David

David Ignatius
The Washington Post
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 05/08/2012 08:34 PM AST
To: David Ignatius
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Your Column

David,

[Redacted]



Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in,

[Redacted]

From: David Ignatius [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 4:39 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Quick additional question

I have to be done done about 5:00.

Re: Quick additional question

[Redacted] to:
[Redacted]

05/29/2012 04:11 PM

Cc: [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
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To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

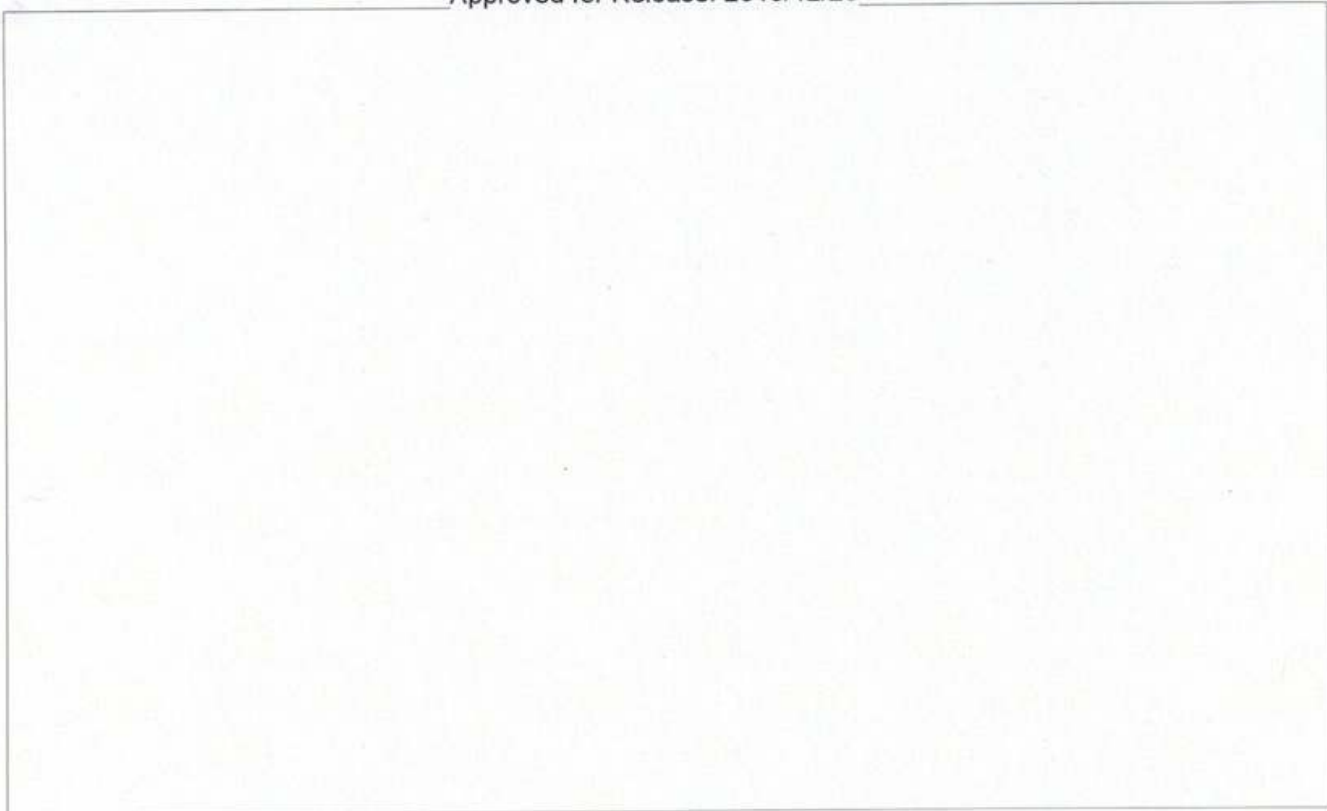
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From: David Ignatius [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 3:08 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Quick additional question

Preston:

Simple question: After receiving the InterAction letter from Worthington, I'd like to say that Petraeus sent the CIA general counsel to meet with the NGO alliance. Can I say anything about what message he conveyed?
David



Best wishes,

[Redacted signature]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted contact information]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 1:27 PM
To: 'David Ignatius'
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Comments will be coming shortly,

David,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 2:03 PM
To: 'David Ignatius'
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Comments for your Column

David,

[Redacted]

On the record, from me in name as a CIA Spokesperson:

"I cannot comment on, or confirm, any possible operational activity. However, I would note that the CIA certainly respects the great work of medical NGOs in difficult places around the world. The Agency is receptive to the views of the NGO community, and met with community representatives for a full and frank exchange on their concerns. Decisions are not made in a vacuum, and the Agency welcomed the opportunity to hear directly from them."

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: David Ignatius [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 5:22 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Follow up question on Afridi

Okay, many tks.

David Ignatius
The Washington Post

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 05/29/2012 05:15 PM AST
To: David Ignatius
Subject: FW: Follow up question on Afridi

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 5:14 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Follow up question on Afridi

David:

[Redacted] I'm responding to your most recent query.

[Redacted]

All the best,

[Redacted]

CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Bennett, Brian [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 4:25 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Pakistan CT Op

[Redacted]

Brian Bennett Los Angeles Times/Tribune Washington Bureau
Office: (202) 824-8368

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 4:14 PM
To: Bennett, Brian
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Pakistan CT Op

Brian,

[Large Redacted Block]

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Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

From: Apuzzo, Matt [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2012 1:34 PM
To: [REDACTED] Goldman, Adam
Subject: RE: Question for you

Perfect. And let's try to get something with the IG in May? Maybe after we're done with that tour we've talked about? We'd love to do it, at your convenience.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2012 1:29 PM
To: Apuzzo, Matt; Goldman, Adam
Subject: RE: Question for you

Thanks Matt - we'll reach out to NPR.

From: Apuzzo, Matt [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2012 11:30 AM
To: [REDACTED] Goldman, Adam
Subject: RE: Question for you

[REDACTED]

Those quotes are my quotes, summarizing what the report said. I don't think NPR got something wrong, per se. I think what happened is, they grabbed this quote from an hourlong radio interview. And in context, it makes sense. But when you pull it out and put it in print (particularly with the "he said" parenthetical) it isn't as clear.

Let me know if you think we should clarify this by sitting down with the IG at his convenience. I believe Adam has a request in on that? I don't know about you, but that seems to me to be the best course of action going forward.

Thanks for the very nice note. Good to hear from you. How have you been? Things have been nutty but great here, as you can imagine.

-Matt

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2012 11:25 AM
To: Apuzzo, Matt; Goldman, Adam
Subject: Question for you

Matt and Adam,

[REDACTED]

Cynthia L Rapp

From: Apuzzo, Matt [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 6:37 PM
To: Cynthia L Rapp; Goldman, Adam; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: meeting with DDCIA

Cynthia:

Thank you for setting this up today. It was a pleasure meeting you and the DDCIA. I know that there were some strained conversations between our bosses this evening, but as far as Adam and I are concerned, I hope you found the story fair, accurate and responsible.

Thank you again.

Matt

----- Original Message -----
From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 05:55 AM
To: Apuzzo, Matt; Goldman, Adam; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: meeting with DDCIA

Matt, Adam: could you make it in for a 9:30 appointment?

----- Original Message -----
From: Apuzzo, Matt [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 01:34 PM
To: Goldman, Adam [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re:

Cynthia,

Thanks for setting this up! My info is below:

Following up on Adam's point, if this meeting is just the one the DDCIA suggested, to offer some details to the story we agreed to hold for a few days, then just Adam and I will be coming. We would only need to bring Sally along if there's been a change in those plans and we need to re-discuss something.

Thank you again. See you soon.

Matt Apuzzo
[redacted]

----- Original Message -----
From: Goldman, Adam
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 01:27 PM
To: [redacted] Apuzzo, Matt
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re:

Thanks Cynthia,

Matt Apuzzo and I are available to come tomorrow morning. I don't think there's a need to bring a senior AP manager. I believe we're on all on the same page after that last chat with the DDCIA. My info is below. Matt will provide his too.

Adam Michael Goldman

Regards,

Adam

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 12:01 PM
To: Goldman, Adam
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject:

Adam - wanted to let you know that DDCIA will be able to speak with you tomorrow; he'd like you to come into our building. We are still working on a time, but I understand that his schedulers are trying to find a morning time slot.

I presume you will be available, but please let us know if you'd like to bring Sally or another AP senior as well. We'll obviously need your full name, DOB, and SSN to get you cleared in.

I'll follow up when the appointment has been firmed up. Regards, Didi

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Cynthia L Rapp

From: Goldman, Adam [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 6:14 AM
To: Cynthia L Rapp; Apuzzo, Matt; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: meeting with DDCIA

Great. Thanks. Adam.

----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 06:11 AM
To: Goldman, Adam; Apuzzo, Matt; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: meeting with DDCIA

Great---I will meet you in the lobby. Stand by for parking instructions--we have an event this morning that may complicate things. Cynthia

----- Original Message -----

From: Goldman, Adam [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 06:05 AM
To: Cynthia L Rapp; Apuzzo, Matt; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: meeting with DDCIA

Yes.

----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 05:55 AM
To: Apuzzo, Matt; Goldman, Adam; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
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Matt Apuzzo

[Redacted]

----- Original Message -----

From: Goldman, Adam

Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 01:27 PM

To: [Redacted] Apuzzo, Matt

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: Re: [Redacted]

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Adam Michael Goldman

[Redacted]

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Cynthia L Rapp

From: Apuzzo, Matt [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 8:52 AM
To: Cynthia L Rapp
Subject: Re: Rep King

Sorry. Unintended. We aren't in office together and didn't know each other was asking on it.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 08:50 AM
To: Apuzzo, Matt
Cc: Goldman, Adam; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Rep King

Guys – you are double-teaming here. Give me a chance to research this a bit. Didi

From: Apuzzo, Matt [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 8:30 AM
To: Cynthia L Rapp
Subject: Rep King

Cynthia,
 See Rep King's comment below, which seems to conflict with what our understanding is. Can you offer any clarity on that front?
 Matt

From: Scott, Var [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 07:54 AM
To: Scott, Var <[redacted]>
Subject: Rep. King: Drone attack and terrorist plot linked



Rep. Peter King (R-NY) tells CNN's Soledad O'Brien that there is a link between the drone attack that killed Al Qaeda operative Fahd Al-Quso and the foiled terrorist plot in the United States.

King says, "Yes, I was told by the White House [the drone attack and terrorist plot] are connected, they're part of the same operation, and that's why I said this operation is still ongoing. Everything that Fran Townsend said is usual, makes a tremendous amount of sense. I'm not in a position to say all of the things that Fran does because of the restrictions that I have but if you listen to Fran Townsend you're getting a pretty good idea of what happened."

VIDEO*: <http://on.cnn.com/IAcGUr>

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FULL TRANSCRIPT (rushed):

SOLEDAD O'BRIEN, CNN ANCHOR: MORE DETAILS FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., WE'RE TALKING TO REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN FROM NEW YORK, PETER KING, HE'S THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE, ALSO WITH US THIS MORNING, CNN NATIONAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTOR FRANCES TOWNSEND, FORMER BUSH HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISER. CONGRESSMAN KING, GIVE ME SOME MORE DETAILS OF THIS PLOT AS YOU KNOW THIS AND THE MAN AT THE CENTER OF THE PLOT WHOM WE HAVEN'T HEARD MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT.

REP. PETER KING (R-NY): SOLEDAD I REALLY CAN'T GIVE YOU ALL THE DETAILS. THIS IS AN ONGOING OPERATION. IT WAS AN UNMETALLIC DEVICE, I CAN TELL YOU IT INVOLVES A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AND THAT AT NO TIME DID THE BOMB EVER MAKE IT ON TO THE PLANE BUT AS FAR AS EVEN THE COUNTRY IT ORIGINATED FROM, ALL OF THAT FOR VARIOUS REASONS IS NOT BEING DISCLOSED BUT IT IS ONGOING, INVOLVED SOPHISTICATED INTELLIGENCE AND IT'S SOMETHING WHERE I DON'T THINK THE GOVERNMENT EXPECTED IT TO BE COMING OUT YESTERDAY BECAUSE IT'S ONGOING AND THE DEVICE IS BEING TESTED BY THE FBI, AND AS YOU RAISE THE ISSUE ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT OUR CURRENT LEVEL OF DETECTION IS ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO FIND THIS TYPE OF DEVICE. THIS SEEMS TO BE A NEW LEVEL OF SOPHISTICATION BY AL QAEDA, PROBABLY AL QAEDA IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA. IT'S AN INDICATION THAT THE WAR UNLIKE THE PRESIDENT SAID IS NOT GOING TO END IN AFGHANISTAN. THE WAR WILL GO ON FOR MANY YEARS.

O'BRIEN: WHERE WAS THE PLOT FOILED? WAS THE INDIVIDUAL FOUND INSIDE OF YEMEN, OUTSIDE OF YEMEN?

KING: SOLEDAD I CAN'T GO INTO ANY OF THAT WITH YOU. THIS IS SENSITIVE INFORMATION ON THE GROUND. I CAN JUST TELL YOU THAT THE PERSON WHO ACTUALLY HAD THE BOMB IS NO LONGER A THREAT.

O'BRIEN: MEANING HE'S DEAD? OR HE'S ALIVE? OR BEING HELD SOMEWHERE?

KING: I CAN ONLY TELL YOU THAT THE WHITE HOUSE PERSON I SPOKE TO SAID THE TERMINOLOGY THEY ARE USE SOMETHING HE IS NO LONGER OF CONCERN.

O'BRIEN CONGRESSMAN KING I'LL HAVE YOU STAND BY WHILE I BRING IN FRAN TOWNSEND. WE'RE HEARING A LOT AND YET THERE'S NOT A LOT OF DETAIL. BEFORE I GET TO THE DEVICE ITSELF, TALK ABOUT THE PERSON, THE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS NOT BEEN NAMED YET. PETER KING SAID HE'S NO LONGER A THREAT AS HE'S BEEN TOLD FROM THE WHITE HOUSE?

FRAN TOWNSEND, CNN NATIONAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTOR: I TALKED TO A SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL YESTERDAY USING THE SAME LANGUAGE. HE'S DEAD OR IN CUSTODY F HE'S NOT A THREAT HE'S GOT TO BE ONE OF THE TWO. OVERNIGHT WE WERE STEERED AWAY FROM THE NOTION HE WAS DEAD, SOUNDS AS THOUGH HE'S IN CUSTODY BUT IT MIGHT NOT BE U.S. CONSIST DI. WE UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE POSSESSION OF THE DEVICE AND LOGICALLY, SOLEDAD, WHAT THAT SAYS TO ME IS WHEREVER THE DEVICE WAS SEIZED PROBABLY SO IS THE WOULD-BE SUICIDE BOMBER. HE'S IN CUSTODY WHEREVER THE DEVICE HAS BEEN SEIZED.

O'BRIEN: WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF WHERE IT'S BEEN SEIZED IF CAUGHT INSIDE YEMEN, OUTSIDE YEMEN, IF HE'S BEEN ABLE TO GET ON A PLANE SUCCESSFULLY AND TRANSPORT THE DEVICE, ALL WOULD BE RELEVANT.

TOWNSEND: ALL WOULD BE RELEVANT. THE SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL WHO HAS DIRECT KNOWLEDGE ASECURED ME AND OTHERS THAT THIS DEVICE NEVER MADE IT TO AN AIRPORT, MUCH LESS NEVER MADE IT TO A PLANE. ONE HAS TO PRESUME IF THIS BEGAN IN YEMEN, IT WAS U.S. FORCES WORKING WITH FOREIGN PARTNERS. IT MAY HAVE BEEN THE SAUDIS. WE'VE HEARD INFORMATION LIKE THAT. THE SAUDIS HAVE THE BEST INSIGHT TO AL QAEDA IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA. PRESUMABLY THE SAUDIS WORKING WITH THE U.S. DISRUPTED THIS PLOT PERHAPS INSIDE YEMEN, SEIZED THE DEVICE, TURNED THAT OVER TO THE U.S. AND THE YEMENIS OR SAUDIS HAVE CUSTODY OF THIS GUY.

O'BRIEN: LET'S TALK MORE ABOUT THIS GUY BEFORE I GET BACK TO CONGRESSMAN KING. NON-METALLIC, IT WOULDN'T SET OFF THE DETECTORS AS YOU WALK THROUGH THE AIRPORT.

TOWNSEND: AL QAEDA IS KNOWN FOR PETN, THE EXPLOSIVE VERY DIFFICULT TO DETECT, IT CAN BE A PUDY TYPE SUBSTANCE, AND WE SAW THE USE OF PTED TYPE OF COMPONENTS SO NO ONE CONCERNED IT'S PETN BUT PETN IS A NON-METALLIC SUBSANS IS A NON-METALLIC SUBSTANCESUBST

O'BRIEN: A DRONE ATTACK WAS HELD TO KILL AL QUSO. THE DRONE ATTACK WAS SUCCESSFUL IN FOILING THIS PLOT?

KING: YES, I WAS TOLD BY THE WHITE HOUSE THEY ARE CONNECTED, THEY'RE PART OF THE SAME OPERATION, AND THAT'S WHY I SAID THIS OPERATION IS STILL ONGOING. EVERYTHING THAT FRAN TOWNSEND SAID IS USUAL, MAKES A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF SENSE. I'M NOT IN A POSITION TO SAY ALL OF THE THINGS THAT FRAN DOES BECAUSE OF THE RESTRICTIONS THAT I HAVE BUT IF YOU LISTEN TO FRAN TOWNSEND YOU'RE GETTING A PRETTY GOOD IDEA OF WHAT HAPPENED.

O'BRIEN: WE FULLY UNDERSTAND, SIR. I'LL GO BACK TO FRAN FOR A MOMENT. TELL ME THE CONNECTION THEN. WE KNOW THERE IS THIS CONNECTION BETWEEN THE DRONE ATTACK THAT TOOK OUT QUSO AND THIS FOILED PLOT.

TOWNSEND: QUSO WAS THE HEAD OF EXTERNAL OPERATIONS FOR AL QAEDA AND THE ARABIAN PENINSULA. AS THE HEAD HE WOULD HAVE BEEN AWARE AND DIRECTING ANY ONGOING PLOTTING SO THEY HAVE A TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY OVER THE WEEKEND, TAKE HIM OUT IN A DRONE ATTACK AND YOU SEE THE DISRUPTION OF THIS PLOT ALSO IN TIME RELATED. IT WAS DESCRIBED AS A ONE-TWO PUNCH. YOU TAKE OUT THE EXTERNAL CHIEF, OPERATIONS CHIEF, AND YOU DISRUPT A PLOT AND THROW THE ORGANIZATION INTO A LITTLE BIT OF CHAOS, WHICH EXPLAINS CONGRESSMAN KING'S REMARK THAT THIS IS REALLY, REMAINS AN ONGOING OPERATION.

O'BRIEN: CONGRESSMAN KING BEFORE I LET YOU GO, WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THIS TREASURE TROVE, FOR LACK OF A BETTER WORD OF INFORMATION THAT WAS COMING OUT AFTER OSAMA BIN LADEN WAS KILLED AND ALL THAT MATERIAL HAD BEEN VETTED, AND WE TALKED A LOT ABOUT THE DRONES AND THE PANIC ALMOST THAT BIN LADEN HAD ABOUT THE DRONES AND ON THE ONE HAND IT SEEMED THERE WAS A TREMENDOUS VULNERABILITY AND ON THE OTHER HAND WE'RE SEEING TREMENDOUS FLEXIBILITY ESPECIALLY AS AL QAEDA IN THIS REGION CONTINUING TO COME BACK HARD AND FLEXIBLY CHANGING THEIR PLANS AND STRATEGIES. WHERE DO WE STAND TODAY IN TERMS OF SAFETY AND SECURITY?

KING: WELL IN MANY WAYS WE'RE SAFER THAN WE WERE ON 9/11. HOWEVER, AL QAEDA AND ITS AFFILIATES CAN METATHESIS AND MORPH. THEY FIND A NEW METHOD, THEY ARE VERY ABLE SCIENTISTS, AND DOCTORS WORKING FOR THEM, THESE ARE SOPHISTICATED PEOPLE, THEY NEVER STOP. THAT'S WHY IT'S WRONG WHEN PEOPLE IN THE NATIONAL ARENA SOMEHOW SAY THE WAR ON TERRORISM IS OVER OR AL QAEDA IS DEFEATED. CERTAIN PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES QUESTION NEVER LET OUR GUARD DOWN. PEOPLE ARE NOT SURPRISED, THEY CAN USE ALL THE DRONES THEY WANT AND THEY ARE EFFECTIVE. AL QAEDA WILL FIND OTHER WAYS AND WE HAVE TO CONSTANTLY STAY WITH THEM AND AHEAD OF THEM.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2012 7:22 AM
To: [Redacted] Cynthia L Rapp
Cc:
Subject: Re: Elizabeth Hanson

Matt,

Thank you very much for the kind words.

[Redacted]

Both you and her are excellent testaments to a Colby education.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

----- Original Message -----

From: Apuzzo, Matt [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 11:21 PM
To: [Redacted] Cynthia L Rapp
Subject: Elizabeth Hanson

[Redacted] Didi:

[Redacted] It was really great to see the CIA's help in the alumni magazine. Colby's a small place. Everyone knows everyone. That story is going to mean a lot to a lot of people.

[Redacted] Really great stuff.

Matt

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From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 5:20 PM
To: Cynthia L Rapp
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Help Has Arrived!

Welcome,

I look forward to having lunch one of these days.

Adam

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 4:49 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Help Has Arrived!

Colleagues in the media:

I'm happy to announce two new additions to our media relations team at CIA. (You have no doubt noticed that we have been short-handed for a while, and we appreciate your forbearance.) We hope to arrange a get-together for you all to meet them in person sometime this spring.

[Large Redacted Area]

Regards,
Cynthia L. Rapp
Director of Public Affairs
Central Intelligence Agency

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 5:29 PM
To: 'Goldman, Adam'
Cc: Cynthia L Rapp; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Congratulations!

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 5:27 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Cynthia L Rapp; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Congratulations!

Thanks,

[Redacted]

Adam

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 5:22 PM
To: Goldman, Adam
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Congratulations!

Adam,

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 8:55 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: greetings

Hi adam,

[Redacted] Cynthia or
[Redacted] call if you want to chat with someone sooner. Sorry, I'm not checking the bb often and just saw this.

From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 10:34 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: greetings

[Redacted]

Adam

Adam Goldman
Reporter
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From: Goldman, Adam [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 4:26 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: greetings

You there?

Adam

Adam Goldman
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[REDACTED]

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From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 4:30 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: anybody have time to chat?

Adam

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From: Goldman, Adam [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 1:11 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: greetings from inside the DC bubble

Let's do it Monday or Tuesday. No rush. Who's point on AQAP? We're getting chatter from our folks in Yemen that al-Wahishi died in a strike. We're being cautious and waiting. The bodies were pretty charred.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 1:08 PM
To: Goldman, Adam
Subject: RE: greetings from inside the DC bubble

Hey Adam

[redacted]

[redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted]

From: Goldman, Adam [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 12:58 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: greetings from inside the DC bubble

Better to talk this afternoon or Monday?

Adam

Adam Goldman
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From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 2:22 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: greetings from inside the DC bubble
Attachments: [Redacted]

We can chat about the video too.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 1:08 PM
To: Goldman, Adam
Subject: RE: greetings from inside the DC bubble

Hey Adam

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 12:58 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: greetings from inside the DC bubble

Better to talk this afternoon or Monday?

Adam

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[redacted]
From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 10:24 AM
To: Goldman, Adam
Subject: RE: Chat in an hour?

Cool thanks, this is helpful. Talk to you then.

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Goldman, Adam [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 10:13 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Chat in an hour?

I'll call about 1p.m.

1. A masked-Vinas appeared in a 2008 propaganda video with Abu Yahya al-Libi.
2. Vinas met Rashid Rauf in Waziristan, the Pakistani British AQ operative who perished after something fell from sky. He also met Abdullah Azzam, an AQ recruiter, who was later killed.
3. The CIA found Vinas in Pakistan after "connecting the dots" and the led the Pakistanis to him. One of the initial tips was jihadist chatter about an "Ameriki" who had "frostbite."
4. I am told it took months for the CIA to piece together Vinas' identity while he was doing his thing in afpak.
5. Vinas has an extraordinary memory. His info led to strikes that killed Rauf and Azzam.

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 9:48 AM
To: Goldman, Adam
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Chat in an hour?

Adam,

I probably need a little more time this morning to clear through a series of meetings. Right after lunch would be better. Can you help me out with a sense of the specific questions? I've done some reading, but I'm not sure what exactly will come in handy for what you are writing about.

Thanks!

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Goldman, Adam [redacted]

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Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 9:38 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Chat in an hour?

Adam

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From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 5:55 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Chat in an hour?

Thanks for all your help. Let me know if you folks want to get lunch next week.

----- Original Message -----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 05:42 PM
To: Goldman, Adam
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Chat in an hour?

Hey Adam,

[Redacted]

Take care,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 7:06 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Chat in an hour?

[Redacted]

Right, Pakistani police picked him up with help of agency, which located him. I don't know much about Abdullah Azzam other than he was an AQ recruiter and is very dead. Apparently he had a hand in Vinas' recruitment. Can you confirm if Vinas was in fact in that 2008 video with al-Libi? Let's touch base late tomorrow or Wednesday? Is that enough time? Adam

----- Original Message -----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 06:57 PM
To: Goldman, Adam
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Chat in an hour?

Adam,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 10:13 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Chat in an hour?

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[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

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Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Chat in an hour?

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Thanks!

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson

CIA Office of Public Affairs

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-----Original Message-----

From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 9:38 AM

To: [Redacted]

Subject: Chat in an hour?

Adam

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From: Goldman, Adam [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 10:17 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri

Anybody have a minute?

Adam

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 3:18 PM
To: 'Dilanian, Ken'
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: hollywood

Hi Ken - I just called you on this. Please call me back and I'll clarify. [redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 2:25 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: hollywood

[redacted] quick q on Hollywood story. What's the best way to characterize the vault referenced in the emails. There is more than one vault at cia, right? is this just a scif? where some planning for the op took place? Ken

Ken Dilanian
National Security Correspondent
Los Angeles Times
O:(202) 824 8328 [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2012 6:27 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: gym renovations dead?

I will defer to him on that one. Was wondering if he had dropped it.

Ken Dilanian
Los Angeles Times
202 824 8328

-----Original message-----

From: [redacted]
To: "Dilanian, Ken" [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Sent: Wed, May 30, 2012 21:23:11 GMT+00:00
Subject: Re: gym renovations dead?

Ken,

[redacted]

Best wishes,

[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2012 04:09 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: gym renovations dead?

[redacted] Happy Wednesday. I just heard that the director's proposal to build a new fitness center (or overhaul the old, if that is more correct) has been killed, in light of the crappy budget situation. Is that true? What's the current gym situation...there are two, right. and how big and old are they? No daily deadline. Ken

Ken Dilanian
National Security Correspondent
Los Angeles Times
O:(202) 824 8328 [redacted]
[redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 01, 2012 2:19 PM
To: 'Dilanian, Ken'
Subject: RE: gym renovations dead?

Not him, but close enough....How's it going?

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2012 6:25 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: gym renovations dead?

Entous!

Ken Dilanian
Los Angeles Times
202 824 8328

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To: "Dilanian, Ken" [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
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Ken Dilanian
National Security Correspondent

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From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 1:17 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Abu Yahya

gracias.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 1:09 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Abu Yahya

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Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 1:18 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Abu Yahya

can you call me when you have a moment? 202 824 8328

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 1:09 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Abu Yahya

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From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 2:02 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Abu Yahya

is it accurate to say that pakistan's air force continues to allow us drones to fly over is air space?

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 1:40 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Abu Yahya

Ken,

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From: Dilanian, Ker [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 5:03 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Abu Yahya

three including him, right?

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 1:40 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Abu Yahya

Ken,

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From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 11:41 AM
To: Dilanian, Ken; [redacted]
Subject: RE: thanks and question

PS., Brachman told me Abu Musab al-Suri was the next most dangerous guy after al Libi. Do you guys believe he was in fact released from prison in Syria? any idea where he is now?

From: Dilanian, Ken
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 11:24 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: thanks and question

[redacted] thanks for your help yesterday. Do your peeps have an idea who a likely successor might be? Or is there no logical successor, which in itself says something about the state of core al Qaeda? I'm trying to gin up a daily on this.
Ken

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From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 1:11 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: AQ Core Status

thank you.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 1:11 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: AQ Core Status

Ken,

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 4:20 PM
To: 'Dilanian, Ken'
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: this is what i mean

[redacted]

Have a good day,

[redacted]
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From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 4:15 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: this is what i mean

Thanks. Hey, you forgot to include a link to the video. Please re-send. .

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 4:14 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: this is what i mean

Ken,

[redacted]

Take care,

[redacted]
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From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 3:48 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: this is what i mean

today's bbc story states as fact, "At least 14 people are thought to have been killed alongside him."

Pentagon chief Panetta defends Pakistan drone strikes

US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta has backed the use of drones to target militants in Pakistan, two days after a missile strike reportedly killed al-Qaeda leader Abu Yahya al-Libi.

Mr Panetta said the US had made it "very clear that we are going to continue to defend ourselves".

He made the comments while attending a conference in neighbouring India.

On Tuesday, Pakistan summoned the US deputy ambassador to reiterate its "serious concern" about drone strikes.

There have been eight US drone strikes in the past two weeks despite Islamabad's demands for them to be stopped.

Pakistan says the drone attacks fuel anti-US sentiment and claim civilian casualties along with militants. The US insists the strikes are effective.

'Our sovereignty'

US officials say Abu Yahya al-Libi died when two missiles struck a suspected militant compound early on Monday in Hesokhel, a village to the east of Miranshah, the main town of the North Waziristan tribal area.

At least 14 people are thought to have been killed alongside him.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 11:02 AM
To: 'Dilanian, Ken'
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: more, please

Ken,

[redacted]

Thanks for trying though,

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From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 9:52 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: more, please

[redacted] in the spirit of the conversation we were having yesterday, and in light of Shane's story today, I want to appeal once more for more details about the al Libi strikes. They fired three times over three days. At what? What were they seeing? Were the other two targets militants, even though al Libi wasn't hit? They finally got him at sunrise, I read. How did they know he was alone? Did they have a fleet of Predators up there? Was the shot taken from Langley? Was Obama personally involved in the decision or informed pre-strike? Has he or anyone outside CIA seen the video? Ken

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From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 4:05 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: questions about congressional oversight

No doubt they would. I was surprised to see that a member of HPSCI and two members of armed services signed that letter. Thanks. Ken

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 4:04 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: questions about congressional oversight

Ken,

[redacted]

Take care,

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From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 2:56 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: questions about congressional oversight

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I'm working on a story about Congressional oversight of drone strikes that I think presents a good opportunity for you guys. In the letter below, a number of lawmakers assert that there is no meaningful oversight of the drone programs. I am told differently by people I trust, and I am trying to craft a story that explores that and puts some meat on the bones. Not only would such a story be reassuring to the public, I would think, but it would also be an opportunity to explore the misinformation about strikes that sometimes comes out of local media reports. It's one thing for you to say three killed instead of 15, and it's another for Congressional aides from both parties to back you up. Part of what this story will do, if you can help be bring it to fruition, is quote Congressional officials saying that great care is taken to avoid collateral damage and that the reports of widespread civilian casualties are simply wrong.

Here are some questions. I'd like to try to put this to bed by the end of next week. I understand you may want to answer some of this on the phone. I am hoping that in the wake of the John Brennan speech, these questions can be answered, since they are about the program in general, which has been publicly acknowledged.

Oversight committee staffers now regularly review videos of strikes, something that was not happening as of early 2009. When did Congressional staff begin watching videos of strikes? Was there debate within the agency about letting that happen?

Other than lawmakers and their aides, who outside the agency regularly sees those videos? I am told that list is small. Will the videos someday be declassified?

Has the imagery gotten better over the last three years? Military drone footage on the web would suggest it would be difficult for untrained people to know what they are seeing. But it's my understanding that high def video is now common in many of the sensors, meaning the images are much clearer. Is that accurate?

Sen. Feinstein has said the committee reviews all "strike records." My understanding is that that includes the targeting package, after action reports and battle damage assessments. Could you give examples of other sorts of documents it would include?

Has congressional oversight led to any changes, formal or informal, in policies or procedures? If so, can you give me an idea of what they are without revealing sources and methods?

Have the oversight committees conducted investigations into strikes that became controversial, such as the March 17, 2011 one in Datta Khel?

FYI, want to make sure you are aware of Sen. Feinstein's letter to the editor on this, and the transcript of her comments after the bin Laden raid.

Letters: Sen. Feinstein on drone strikes

May 17, 2012

Re "Coming clean on drones," Opinion, May 6

Doyle McManus raised some excellent questions about congressional oversight of U.S. drone strikes. The Senate Intelligence Committee, which I chair, has devoted significant time and attention to the drone program. We receive notification with key details shortly after every strike, and we hold regular briefings and hearings on these operations. Committee staff has held 28 monthly in-depth oversight meetings to review strike records and question every aspect of the program including legality, effectiveness, precision, foreign policy implications and the care taken to minimize noncombatant casualties.

"The use of the drones, or the Predator, by the intelligence community is very carefully done. And as part of our oversight, we have a team of staff that goes out there periodically, spends time out there, looks at the intelligence, watches what is happening, just to be able to provide a measure of oversight that real care is being taken to avoid collateral or civilian damage. And I think they have done a very good job. That's been a concern of mine from the beginning. I asked that this effort be established. It has been. And I think the finding is that the intelligence is very solid, that the procedural chain of approval is very solid, and the way in which this is being done is very careful."

Ken

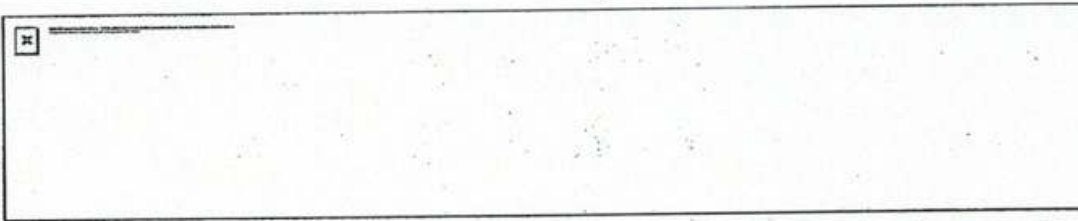
From: White, Nathaniel [mailto:Nathan.White@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 11:28 AM

Subject: 26 Members of Congress Demand Answers About Combat Drone Program

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26 Members of Congress Demand Answers About Combat Drone Program

Bipartisan Letter Calls for Legal Justification of "Signature" Drone Strikes

Washington D.C. (June 13, 2012) – Congressman Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) and twenty-five fellow Members of Congress today wrote to President Obama demanding the White House's legal justification for "signature" drone strikes, which could significantly increase the risk of killing innocent civilians or those who have no relationship to a potential attack on the U.S., further enflaming anti-U.S. sentiment abroad.

See a signed copy of the letter [here](#). See Congressman Kucinich speaking about the letter [here](#).

In the letter Members of Congress demand "the process by which 'signature' strikes are authorized and executed (drone strikes where the identity of the person killed is unknown); mechanisms used by the CIA and JSOC to ensure that such killings are legal; the nature of the follow-up that is conducted when civilians are killed or injured; and the mechanisms that ensure civilian casualty numbers are collected, tracked and analyzed." The effort to gain greater transparency and accountability over the U.S. combat drone program has already been endorsed by Amnesty International, CIVIC and the Center for Constitutional Rights.

"We are concerned that the use of such 'signature' strikes could raise the risk of killing innocent civilians or individuals who may have no relationship to attacks on the United States," write Kucinich et al. "Our drone campaigns already have virtually no transparency, accountability or oversight. We are further concerned about the legal grounds for such strikes under the 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force.

are faceless ambassadors that cause civilian deaths, and are frequently the only direct contact with Americans that the targeted communities have. They can generate powerful and enduring anti-American sentiment.”

The letter has been signed by John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI), Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D-IL), Rush Holt (D-NJ), Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), Charles Rangel (D-NY), Fortney Pete Stark (D-CA), Raúl M. Grijalva (D-AZ), Michael M. Honda (D-CA), Barbara Lee (D-CA), Bob Filner (D-CA), Henry C. “Hank” Johnson (D-GA), Lynn C. Woolsey (D-CA), Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL), Ron Paul (R-TX), James P. McGovern (D-MA), John Lewis (D-GA), George Miller (D-CA), Jim McDermott (D-WA), Yvette D. Clarke (D-NY), Peter A. DeFazio (D-OR), Peter Welch (D-VT), Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), Keith Ellison (D-MN) Walter B. Jones (R-NC), and Donna Edwards (D-MD).

Congressman Kucinich has led the Congress in opposing the use of combat drones against suspected terrorists abroad since the first known attack in 2004. In February 2006, he asked the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency to suspend the use of Predator drones citing the “high toll in innocent civilian life.” In the 111th Congress, he sponsored a bill to prohibit the extrajudicial killing of U.S. citizens abroad in response to revelations that the Administration included U.S. citizens on its targeted killing list.

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Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 3:04 PM
To:
Subject: RE: Abu Yahya

just to be clear from what you said the below: It means that these numbers taken from media reports on New America's site are all wrong, correct?

2012

24. June 14, 2012

Location: Miran Shah, North Waziristan

Militant Leaders: Unknown

Militants Killed: 3

Others Killed: Unknown

Source: AP, AFP, Aljazeera, PakTribune

Assumed Target: Building

23. June 13, 2012

Location: Isha, North Waziristan

Militant Leaders: Unknown

Militants Killed: 3-4

Others killed: Unknown

Source: AP, Dawn, AFP, ET

Assumed Target: Vehicle

22. June 4, 2012

Location: Hassokhel, North Waziristan

Militant Leaders: Unknown

Militants Killed: 15

Others killed: Unknown

Source: Reuters, ET, NYT, AP, BBC, AFP, CNN
Assumed target: Compound (Unclear)

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Subject: Abu Yahya

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From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 2:24 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: re klaidman: this one?

thanks.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 2:25 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Subject: RE: re klaidman: this one?

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From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
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Subject: so what's the real number here.

about 50?

ProPublica: Obama administration's drone death figures don't add up

By JUSTIN ELLIOTT
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Published: June 19, 2012

Last month, a "senior administration official" said the number of civilians killed in drone strikes in Pakistan under President Obama is in the "single digits." But last year "U.S. officials" said drones in Pakistan killed about 30 civilians in just a yearlong stretch under Obama.

Both claims can't be true.

A centerpiece of President Obama's national security strategy, drones strikes in Pakistan are credited by the administration with crippling Al Qaeda but criticized by human rights groups and others for being conducted in secret and killing civilians. The underlying facts are often in dispute and claims about how many people died and who they were vary widely.

So we decided to narrow it down to just one issue: have the administration's own claims been consistent?

We collected claims by the administration about deaths from drone strikes in Pakistan and compared each one not to local reports but rather to other administration claims. The numbers sometimes do not add up. (Check out [our interactive graphic](#) to explore the claims.)

Even setting aside the discrepancy between official and outside estimates of civilian deaths, our analysis shows that the administration's own figures quoted over the years raise questions about their credibility.

There have been 307 American drone strikes in Pakistan since 2004, according to a New America Foundation [count](#). Just 44 occurred during the Bush administration. President Obama has greatly expanded the use of drones to attack suspected members of Al Qaeda, the Pakistani Taliban, and other groups in Pakistan's remote northwest region.

Obama officials generally do not comment by name on the drone strikes in Pakistan, but they frequently talk about it to reporters ([including us](#)) on condition of anonymity. Often those anonymously sourced comments have come in response to outside tallies of civilian deaths from drone attacks, which are generally much higher than the administration's own figures.



The outright contradiction we noted above comes from two claims made about a year apart:

* **April 22, 2011** McClatchy reports that U.S. officials claim "about 30" civilians died in the year between August 2009 and August 2010.

* **May 29, 2012** The New York Times reports that, according to a senior Obama administration official, the number of civilians killed in drone strikes in Pakistan under president Obama is in the "single digits."

As we also show in our [interactive graphic](#), other anonymous administration claims about civilian deaths are possible but imply conclusions that seem improbable.

Consider:

* **April 26, 2010** The Washington Post quotes an "internal CIA accounting" saying that "just over 20 civilians" have been killed by drones in Pakistan since January 2009.

* **Aug. 11, 2011** The New York Times reports that CIA officers claim zero civilians were killed since May 2010

* **Aug. 12, 2011** CNN quoted a U.S. official saying there were 50 civilians killed over the years in drone strikes in Pakistan.

If this set of claims is assumed to be accurate, it suggests that the majority of the 50 total civilian deaths occurred during the Bush administration — when the drone program was still in its infancy. As we've noted, in the entire Bush administration, there were 44 strikes. In the Obama administration through Aug. 12, 2011, there were 222. So according to this set of claims more civilians died in just 44 strikes under Bush than did in 222 strikes under Obama. (Again, the graphic is helpful to assess the administration assertions.)

Consider also these three claims, which imply two lengthy periods when zero or almost zero civilians were killed in drone strikes:

* **September 10, 2010** Newsweek quotes a government estimate that "about 30" civilians were killed since the beginning of 2008.

* **April 22, 2011** McClatchy reports that U.S. officials claim "about 30" civilians died in the year between August 2009 and August 2010.

* **July 15, 2011** Reuters quotes a source familiar with the drone program as saying "about 30" civilians were killed since July 2008.

It's possible that all these claims are true. But if they are, it implies that the government believes there were zero or almost zero civilian deaths between the beginning of 2008 and August 2009, and then again zero deaths between August 2010 and July 2011. Those periods comprise a total of 182 strikes.

The administration has rejected in the strongest terms outside claims of a high civilian toll from the drone attacks.

Those outside estimates also vary widely. A count by Bill Roggio, editor of the website the Long War Journal, which bases its estimates on news reports, puts the number of civilian killed in Pakistan at 138. The New America Foundation estimates that, based on press reports, between 293 and 471 civilians have been killed in the attacks. The London-based Bureau of Investigative Journalism, which draws on a wider array of sources including researchers and lawyers in Pakistan, puts the number of civilians killed at between 482 and 832. The authors of the various estimates all emphasize that their counts are imperfect.

There are likely multiple reasons for the varying counts of civilian deaths from drone strikes in Pakistan. The attacks are executed remotely in often inaccessible regions. And there's the question of who U.S. officials are counting as civilians. A story last month in the New York Times reported that President Obama adopted a policy that "in effect counts all military-age males in a strike zone as combatants."

There are also ongoing debates in the humanitarian law community about who the U.S. may legitimately target with drone strikes and how the CIA is applying the principle of proportionality — which holds that attacks that might cause civilian deaths must be proportional to the level of military advantage anticipated.

In a rare public comment on drone strikes, President Obama told an online town hall in January that the drones had not caused "a huge number of civilian casualties."

When giving their own figures on civilian deaths, administration officials are often countering local reports. In March 2011, for example, Pakistanis including the country's army chief accused a U.S. drone strike of hitting a peaceful meeting of tribal elders, killing around 40 people. An unnamed U.S. official rejected the accusations, telling

the AP: "There's every indication that this was a group of terrorists, not a charity car wash in the Pakistani hinterlands."

Unnamed U.S. officials told the Los Angeles Times last year that "they are confident they know who has been killed because they watch each strike on video and gather intelligence in the aftermath, observing funerals for the dead and eavesdropping on conversations about the strikes."

U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay said during a visit to Pakistan this month that there should be investigation of killings of civilians by drones and that victims should be compensated. The U.S. has given compensation to victims of airstrikes in Afghanistan but there are no reports of victims of drone strikes in Pakistan being compensated.

Since the various administration statements over the years were almost all quoted anonymously, it's impossible to go back to the officials in question to ask them about contradictions.

Asked about the apparent contradictions, National Security Council spokesman Tommy Vietor told ProPublica: "[W]e simply do not comment on alleged drone strikes."

Additional reporting by Cora Currier.

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would you quibble with this?

Occasionally a smaller explosion ends the life of just one person, as when a missile earlier this month crashed into a room in Pakistan's tribal areas and killed Abu Yahya al Libi, al Qaeda's number two, officials say.

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: multiple choice

- a. This wasn't us.
- b. Hussein Salah was actually working for the bad guys.
- c. It was us, he really was Red Cross worker, and we screwed up.

ICRC worker killed in Yemen air strike

GENEVA (Reuters) - A Yemeni aid worker for the International Committee of the Red Cross was killed by an air strike in Abyan province on Wednesday while carrying out humanitarian work, the agency said.

"The International Committee of the Red Cross is deeply shocked and dismayed by the death of one of its staff members, Hussein Saleh, who was killed this morning while on duty in the north of Abyan governorate," it said in a statement.

"It was an air strike. We have no additional details whatsoever," ICRC spokesman Hicham Hassan told Reuters in Geneva.

(Reporting by Stephanie Nebehay; Editing by Kevin Liffey)

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Subject: RE: Late request from chicago

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Yes Ken, you can report we declined comment.

Have a nice weekend!

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You guys are a no comment on poland black site, correct?

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From: Dilanian, Ken [REDACTED]
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Subject: LA Times: Congressional staffers watching drone video

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June 25, 2012
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Congress Zooms In On Drone Killings

A staff team reviews classified videos in an effort to hold the CIA more accountable.

By Ken Dilanian

WASHINGTON -- Once a month, a group of staff members from the House and Senate intelligence committees drives across the Potomac River to CIA headquarters in Virginia, assembles in a secure room and begins the grim task of watching videos of the latest drone strikes in Pakistan and Yemen.

Sometimes they see Hellfire missiles hit buildings after suspected terrorists have entered. Other times they can make out a group or a vehicle consumed in a fiery blast. Occasionally, a smaller explosion kills just one person, as officials say happened when a missile this month crashed into a room in Pakistan's tribal areas and killed Abu Yahya al Libi, Al Qaeda's No. 2.

The videos are much sharper than the grainy drone imagery that can be viewed on the Web. "You can see exactly what is going on," said a senior congressional aide, who, like other officials, spoke about the highly classified program on the condition he not be identified.

The regular review of some of the most closely held video in the CIA's possession is part of a marked increase in congressional attention paid to the agency's targeted killing program over the last three years.

The oversight, which has not previously been detailed, began largely at the instigation of Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, officials said.

The lawmakers and aides with the intelligence oversight committees have a level of access shared only by President Obama, his top aides and a small number of CIA officials.

In addition to watching video, the legislative aides review intelligence that was used to justify each drone strike.

They also sometimes examine telephone intercepts and after-the-fact evidence, such as the CIA's assessment of who was hit.

"We receive notification with key details shortly after every strike, and we hold regular briefings and hearings on these operations," Feinstein wrote in May in a letter sent in response to a column that ran in The Times questioning the oversight of drone strikes.

"Committee staff has held 28 monthly in-depth oversight meetings to review strike records and question every aspect of the program including legality, effectiveness, precision, foreign policy implications and the care taken to minimize noncombatant casualties."

Feinstein did not respond to requests last week for an interview.

The United States faces international criticism for its drone strikes. Officials in Pakistan, in particular, have complained that strikes have killed many civilians, and some members of Congress have recently raised questions about "signature" drone attacks based on an individual's pattern of behavior.

Congressional officials say their review has made the CIA more careful. They are hard-pressed, however, to point to any changes the agency has made. The CIA declined to comment.

If the congressional committees objected to something, the lawmakers could call CIA leaders to testify in closed investigative hearings. If unsatisfied, they could pass legislation limiting the CIA's actions.

"I don't know that we've ever seen anything that we thought was inappropriate," one senior staff member said.

Still, the drone program is under far more scrutiny than in the past, congressional officials say. Even after drone strikes against militants in Pakistan were expanded significantly by President George W. Bush in summer 2008, the strikes were subject to little congressional review, according to former intelligence officials.

"During my time, the committees didn't do any oversight on drone strikes to speak of," said a former senior CIA official who left in 2009. "They would be informed when a strike was carried out. No staffers ever came out and watched video."

As the program intensified under Obama, Feinstein became determined to ensure that it was as precise as the CIA had been claiming. "That's been a concern of mine from the beginning," Feinstein said in little-noticed comments after the raid that killed Osama bin Laden in May 2011. "I asked that this effort be established. It has been. The way in which this is being done is very careful."

Senators and House members occasionally watch the videos. But much of the oversight is conducted by a core group of intelligence committee aides. They include some veteran analysts, such as Tom Corcoran, senior policy advisor to the House committee, who is a Navy Reserve intelligence officer and who worked for seven years for the Defense Intelligence Agency. He did not comment for this report.

Other top aides have less intelligence experience. The Republican staff director and another advisor to Sen. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia, the ranking Republican on the intelligence panel, spent most of their careers on the agriculture committee, which Chambliss once headed. They bring a fresh perspective, colleagues say.

Members of the oversight committees are limited in their ability to challenge the CIA's conclusions, a senior staff member cautioned. "I can watch video all day long -- I'm not an imagery analyst," he said. "I can only look to see if the description reasonably concurs with what my untrained eyes are seeing."

Critics argue that drone strikes sometimes hit the wrong people.

"I know for a fact that civilians are being killed in these strikes," said Brigadier Abdullah Dogar, defense attache at Pakistan's embassy in Washington. He cited a now infamous attack on March 17, 2011, in Datta Khel, North Waziristan, which the Pakistanis insist struck a tribal council and killed as many as 45 people, most of whom were not connected to Al Qaeda. The U.S. has been equally insistent that those killed were militants.

The Washington-based New America Foundation says that as many as 471 civilians have been killed in the strikes since 2004. Peter Bergen, an analyst who supervises the foundation's tally, called it "the least unreliable thing out there in the absence of any real U.S. government transparency."

But lawmakers on the House and Senate oversight committees say media reports out of the tribal areas of Pakistan and Yemen list casualties that are refuted by video evidence. For example, the BBC and other news organizations quoted local officials saying that 15 "suspected militants" were killed in the June 4 Pakistan strike that killed al Libi. But the video shows that he alone was killed, congressional aides say.

Rep. Adam B. Schiff, a Democrat from Burbank and an intelligence committee member who has watched videos of the strikes, said, "If the American people were sitting in the room, they would feel comfortable that it was being done in a responsible way."

Congressional criticism of drone strikes has been rare. But this month, 26 lawmakers, all but two of them Democrats, signed a letter to Obama questioning so-called signature strikes, in which the U.S. attacks armed men who fit a pattern of behavior that suggests they are involved in terrorist activities.

Signature strikes have been curbed in Pakistan, where they once were common, but this year Obama gave the CIA permission to conduct them in Yemen, where an Al Qaeda affiliate that has targeted the United States has established a safe haven in the south.

The lawmakers expressed concern that signature strikes could kill civilians. They added: "Our drone campaigns already have virtually no transparency, accountability or oversight."

Rep. Hank Johnson (D-Ga.) signed the letter even though he is a member of the House Armed Services Committee, which oversees some drone attacks. "We need to know that innocent people are not being haphazardly killed because of bad information," he said.

Schiff, a former federal prosecutor, said he had seen firsthand that the CIA took "extraordinary care" in its targeting.

But he also said he was not convinced, in signature strikes against military-aged males, that every person killed was a militant, suggesting some could have been tribesmen paid to help terrorists.

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From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2012 2:48 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: top ten proliferators

Priceless. "Off the record, no comment." You know, when I first got on this beat, you guys used to say a few things about a few things. Happy weekend.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2012 2:37 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken; [redacted]
Subject: RE: top ten proliferators

Ken,

[redacted]

Have a great weekend,

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2012 12:20 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: top ten proliferators

Hi, folks,

FBI counterintel chief Frank Figliuzzi testified yesterday that the FBI over the past year has arrested a number of people on the CIA's Top Ten Proliferators List. Is this a public list? Can one of you chat with me about who is on it now, and who are the big fish who have been taken down in recent years?

<http://homeland.house.gov/sites/homeland.house.gov/files/Testimony%20Figliuzzi.pdf>

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From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 4:55 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: sexual harassment

FYI, the manager I mentioned was [redacted] though I see no reason to name him.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 4:47 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Subject: RE: sexual harassment

Ken,

Just tried calling you and you were on the other line. Give me a ring. Thanks!

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 4:26 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: sexual harassment

[redacted]

As I bet you have heard, I have been working on a story about Director Petraeus' new sexual harassment policy. I have now gathered enough to write, so I am hoping to talk to you about it. I am going on vacation, so my intention is to file this story by close of business tomorrow.

I'll be writing about his recent memo, the new "zero tolerance" policy, and some of the things that led up to it, including a senior officer who was forced to retire under Panetta for having an affair with a subordinate. I'm hoping that since this does not involve national security secrets, you will be able to engage on this.

Thanks.

Best,

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[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 7:04 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Harassment Story

[redacted]

-----Original message-----

[redacted]

Ken,

[redacted]

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Some historical perspective and additional detail, also on the record:

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"The majority of alleged incidents cited in the survey consisted of remarks or jokes of a sexual nature. Survey results suggested harassment of a more physical nature may also have occurred, but was not reported. In cases where inappropriate behavior was reported to the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity (OEEO) and confirmed, individuals were disciplined."

"The surveys were anonymous, so where there hasn't been a specific OEEO complaint, harassment is hard to verify. The vast majority of Agency employees do not report experiencing sexual harassment. However, even one incident is too many. Agency leadership has reaffirmed its zero tolerance policy for all forms of harassment and is putting in place additional measures—to improve awareness, monitoring, accountability, and training—to address harassment in war zones. These measure include:

- A personal message from the Director to the workforce reaffirming the zero tolerance policy and laying out his expectation that these issues will be addressed and eliminated.
- Over the next several months, the Agency's Associate Deputy Director will lead a team of senior officers to the war zones to hold mandatory meetings with managers and employees.
- The Director has appointed a seasoned EEO counselor and investigator with a track record of reducing incidents of harassment to serve as a single point of contact for harassment issues in the war zones.
- EEO training, which Agency employees already take regularly, will also be incorporated more robustly into war zone readiness training.
- We will canvass our officers more frequently—in surveys and in one-on-one exit interviews—to spot trends sooner.

Have a great Fourth!

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[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2012 9:26 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Harassment Story

[Redacted]

-----Original message-----

[Redacted]

Ken,

[Redacted]

Thanks, and hope you enjoy the 4th!

----- Original Message -----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 06:57 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Harassment Story

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[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2012 10:21 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc:
Subject: RE: Your story

[redacted] This is way over the top. I filed a 35 inch story that did use the quote in full and did some of the other things you are complaining were omitted. The story was cut for space to 20-something inches -- that's the way it goes sometimes. That said, the story as it ran is fair, accurate and balanced. It leads with the director taking action, when it could have led with the fact of the problem -- which is not something you guys were publicizing. If

[redacted] I find your criticisms especially astonishing given that CIA hides the details of these complaints behind a wall of secrecy, refusing to divulge what the military and any other government agency would have to about the frequency and nature of sexual harassment complaints. The surveys mentioned in this story and other statistical information about employee complaints, properly redacted, have nothing to do with national security and ought to be a public record, as they would be at any other government agency. In reporting this story, I encountered a great deal of skepticism that zero tolerance will be enforced. So I would say you guys have a long way to go on this issue, and your problem is not my story -- it is decades of experiences like the one Ilana Greenstein described, unreported and unpunished. Ken

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2012 9:01 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Your story

Ken,

[Large redacted area]

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 4:37 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: it's never simple, is it...

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[REDACTED]

From: Dilanian, Ken [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 10:30 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE:

thanks.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 10:23 AM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE:

I'll give you a call after your conference call, around midday. Thanks!

[REDACTED]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[REDACTED]

From: Dilanian, Ken [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 9:46 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject:

interesting story. I have an 11 am conf call, free other than that...

Bloomberg.com
July 2, 2012

Navy To Combat Sexual Assault With New Training Video

By David Lerman, Bloomberg News

The Navy is turning to professional actors to help teach the fleet to be on guard against sexual-assault crimes.

A new two-hour training course on sexual assault prevention includes a 40-minute video filmed on a ship that depicts situations of improper conduct.

"We used actors and actresses to give it a real feel," said Rear Admiral Martha Herb, the deputy of Navy Personnel Command, in a conference call with reporters today. "It looks at decisions the people on the ship have to make to determine whether they need to intervene."

The number of reported sexual assaults in the military increased by 1 percent in fiscal 2011 over the previous year, according to a Pentagon report released in April. There were 3,192 reports of sexual assault involving service members as either victims or subjects, the report found.

"This is a focused effort by the entire force to eliminate this crime from our ranks," Herb said.

The Air Force said last week it is investigating 12 male military training instructors for alleged sexual misconduct with female cadets. Herb said the Navy's new training effort had no connection to the Air Force probe.

All Navy leaders -- those with ranks of E-7 and above -- will receive the new training by the end of September, said Captain Scott Seeberger, who heads a Navy task force on sexual-assault prevention and joined Herb in the conference call. The rest of the fleet will be trained by the end of the year, he said.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta in April announced plans to create a "special victims unit" in each military service branch to help curb sexual assaults. Trained investigators, prosecutors and other personnel would collect evidence and assist victims of assault.

Panetta also issued a directive to ensure the most serious assault offenses, such as rape and forcible sodomy, will be elevated to a higher level of command. Those cases will be handled at a minimum by an officer at the colonel or Navy captain level, according to a Pentagon statement.

There were 237,401 women serving in the U.S. military in 2011, making up about 14.5 percent of the force, according to Pentagon figures.

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From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 12:11 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: q

just this one case, that's all – if you know whatever happened.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 12:11 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: q

Ken,

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 11:31 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: q

As part of our chat, can you tell me what happened with this EEOC complaint, and whether any internal policies were changed as a result?

Does the CIA have a double standard when its spies cozy up to foreigners? Veteran female officers speak out. An exclusive report.

By David E. Kaplan

Posted 4/22/07

<http://www.usnews.com/>

It was not your usual beltway gathering of eagles. In the summer of 2004, the 10 women who gathered in a downtown Washington law office arrived with aliases, classified résumés, and tales of a secret bureaucracy run amok. They came to compare notes, soothe long-

frayed nerves, and launch what may be the latest challenge to the embattled Central Intelligence Agency—a class action lawsuit on how America's premier intelligence agency treats its female spies.

LAWYER. Veteran CIA officer Janine Brookner asserts that the agency long has given male spies a pass on relationships.

JEFFREY MACMILLAN FOR USN&WR

The group ranged from young recruits to some of the CIA's most experienced, most decorated female case officers. All agreed on one thing: They had been driven out of the agency for intimate affairs and close friendships with foreign nationals, while male counterparts in similar situations had gotten off scot free. Their complaint, now pending at the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, has flown below the radar—until now. But it has CIA officials on edge, alleging that the suit, if green-lighted by the EEOC, will open old wounds, expose classified data, and unfairly tar the agency with the complaints of disgruntled ex-staffers.

The women say they are indeed embittered, angry that the agency to which they entrusted their careers and safety had turned on them. Twenty-five have now joined the complaint, and attorneys expect at least 50 to eventually sign on. The EEOC will decide later this year if the case should move forward, but the proposed suit has already galvanized the women behind it. Until now, none have spoken out.

U.S. News has interviewed five of the women at length and talked to many of their former colleagues. All but one of the five insisted on anonymity, concerned over violating secrecy pledges and possible agency retribution. While careful not to disclose classified material, they each offered detailed accounts about friendships and love affairs overseas, while battling an agency they say employs unjustifiable double standards. They describe falling into Kafkaesque nightmares of rumor and innuendo, abusive polygraph operators, and secret hearings from which they were banned. "You have two organizations," says one, a veteran spy who once ranked among the CIA's top female operatives. "There's the organization I worked in and thrived in, but there's a dark underbelly that nobody knows about unless you have a run-in with it. Nobody knows about it because you're not allowed to talk about it."

The case could revive an image of a CIA that its leaders have long sought to erase—of a brainy club of macho mandarins, many with Ivy League pedigrees, who ran secret operations and briefed presidents but had little use for women and minorities, except in back-office support jobs. The suit revolves around what are known at the agency as "close and continuing relationships," in which staffers must report all regular contact with foreign

nationals-be they friends, cleaning ladies, car mechanics, or, most of all, lovers. The rules are explicit, if not always observed in practice. And that, say the women, is the problem. At the heart of their complaints are the CIA's Centers for Security and Counterintelligence. The centers function, in effect, as the agency's internal affairs division, rooting out moles and safeguarding secrets. But the Security Center, in particular, they say, is dominated by tradition-minded men who believe women are too vulnerable to get emotionally entangled with foreigners. As a result, they claim, the center is driving out some of the CIA's most talented female officers.

Nonsense, says the CIA. Agency officials, citing privacy restrictions, declined to respond directly to individual complaints, but they are adamant that the women have no case. "As a matter of course, we don't comment on pending litigation," says Mark Mansfield, the CIA's chief spokesman, but he insists that today's CIA plays no favorites. "Our code of conduct-and the very high standards to which CIA officers are held-apply to all our officers regardless of their gender." Some familiar with the CIA's handling of these matters, given anonymity, are more frank. "It's so easy to claim that there's a double standard," says one, who points out that many of the women were fired not for having affairs but for being insubordinate or concealing their relationships. "A decision to terminate someone's employment is not made hastily or lightly," the source says. "Invariably there's a darn good reason." Others stress that intimate relationships with foreigners have led to serious security breaches in the past and that the agency can't afford to be lax.

In their conversations with U.S. News, however, none of the women suggested that the CIA let down its guard. What they argue is not that their records were perfect-they are not-but that men in similar situations have been treated far more leniently. Consider, for one, the case of Sherry Norris.

Bright future. Norris (an alias) was part of a new generation of American spies. Fresh out of Boston University, she joined the CIA in 1996. After working to interpret top-secret imagery of terrorist sites, she made an unusual jump from analysis to operations and went off on a two-year tour in a South Asian country. By all accounts, Norris performed well as a young case officer, recruiting one spy in particular who turned heads at her CIA "station" inside the U.S. Embassy. Her job evaluations were strong and, as she neared the end of her tour, the future seemed wide open. Then she fell in love.

At a party, Norris met a Middle Eastern diplomat, an economics officer from a close U.S. ally. The attraction was immediate. They began to date, and Norris dutifully advised CIA headquarters of the relationship. A cable came back from her bosses approving the contact, but she recalls that male friends in the agency warned her to be careful. "They're tougher on women," one told her.

The relationship soon turned serious, and Norris told headquarters everything-even when they first made love. "You have to report it all," she explains. "It was pretty embarrassing." To cover herself, Norris also wrote a cable listing all the people her friend worked with. "I didn't know what I was getting into," she now says. The response was chilling: One of the persons, based on years-old data, might have ties to that nation's intelligence service. This would hardly be unusual-in any embassy-but the CIA's security people came down hard. Norris, they said, needed to end the relationship.

Norris couldn't believe it. Other embassy staffers were embroiled in romantic affairs both inside and outside the office, she says, including several male CIA officers who were actively dating foreigners-with few questions asked. But her tour was nearly up and, unwilling to jeopardize her job, Norris promised she'd break things off when she left for America in three weeks.

Heartbroken, she returned to New York for home leave. "I said to myself, if he contacts me, I'll respond," she recalls. It took only a day. On her return was an E-mail from him-wanting to come visit. "We were really in love," she says.

It was the summer of 2002. As Norris tells it, days after her lover's arrival, they traveled to Washington, and she reported everything to the chief of counterintelligence in her division. "This stuff happens all the time," the man reassured her. With an otherwise spotless record, Norris figured she'd probably just get a letter of reprimand-that's what happened to the men she'd heard about. But in October, the agency's Counterintelligence Center called and said the matter had been reviewed; Norris would need to end the relationship after all. The officials were adamant. "There's no working with you on this," one told her. Forced to choose between love and the CIA, Norris reluctantly picked her career. She even had to run her excuse for breaking up by the counterintelligence people. But her lover kept calling and writing, prompting Norris to change her phone number and block his E-mail.

Secret panel. Still, it wasn't enough for the CIA's Security Office, which launched a formal investigation. Officials there grilled Norris for hours on a polygraph machine, asking if she'd disclosed classified information. Then they told her that she had failed the test and referred the matter to the FBI. She let investigators into her house and allowed them to download everything on her home computer.

Norris's case dragged on for another year. By then she had become one of a precious few at the CIA fluent in Arabic and was hoping for a promised next assignment to the Middle East. Her relationship had been over for two years, and the FBI, she says, had cleared her. But then came word that a Personnel Evaluation Board-a secret panel dominated by

counterintelligence and security officers-was examining her case. The board found her "insubordinate"-for seeing her lover again-and voted to fire her. Norris was never allowed to meet with the board. "I was shocked," she says. "Shocked wasn't even the word. I did everything right, and I still got screwed." Security officials took away her badge and escorted her off the grounds. "I was told not to talk to anyone or I'd go to jail," she recalls. Higher-ups even suggested she leave Washington.

Norris, now 34, has stayed in the nation's capital, where she works with a prominent think tank. She remains bitter about her experience. "Why did I break up with this guy when none of it mattered?" she asks. "There's no happy ending. I lost him, and I lost my job."

The CIA has been down this road before. In 1995, the agency paid out nearly \$1 million to over 400 women in a class action case involving sex discrimination. The complaints back then: lack of promotion, harassment on the job, dead-end assignments. Months before that settlement, the agency handed \$410,000 more to one of its most senior female officers, Janine Brookner-also for sex discrimination. A 24-year CIA veteran, Brookner was a rising star at the agency until she became its first female chief of station in Latin America. Agency investigations, relying on staffers she had disciplined for wife-beating and drunkenness, smeared her as a lush and sexual provocateur.

With the money she won from the CIA, Brookner put herself through law school, and, since 1999, she has represented some 40 clients against the CIA. Brookner is the lead attorney in the current class action case. "Women started coming to me around 2002, complaining about double standards," she says. "I wondered how I could help them-appeals within the system just don't work."

The earlier cases pushed the CIA to change, but within limits, says Kent Harrington, a former senior official who ran the public affairs office at the time. "There clearly was plenty of movement by women, but the attitude and dominant culture didn't change that much," he says. "I don't think the system corrected itself through 1998, when I left." Agency officials insist they've made progress since then and cite personnel data to support their case: 39 percent of the CIA's espionage branch-the National Clandestine Service-is female, including more than a fifth of its case officers or spies; the number of women in the CIA's senior intelligence service-its executive cadre-grew from 14 percent in 1996 to 25 percent in 2006; and during the same time, the number of female station chiefs-the coveted top jobs overseas-rose from 12 percent to 17 percent.

"Right thing." Diversity is a hot topic within the current CIA leadership, which has been under fire for turning away potential recruits because they have foreign relatives or spent time overseas that can't be fully vetted. On Martin Luther King Day this year, Director

Michael Hayden acknowledged the importance of diversity-and equality-in the ranks. "There is no second-class officer here," he told his troops. "We ... must continue to strive for a workforce that reflects our diverse world-not only because it is the right thing to do but because it is essential to our success." Notably, the new class action complaint aims to include not only current and past female staffers but also female job applicants, who Brookner believes have been turned away at a higher rate than men. As in the 1995 case, she hopes to use the courts to force the CIA to cough up personnel data, broken down by gender. Brookner and her clients believe the statistics will show a bias in favor of men.

CIA officials believe otherwise, but they are nonetheless pushing hard to keep the case out of court. They have argued to the EEOC that the complaints are not about sex discrimination but about the agency's internal security measures, which federal judges have ruled cannot be challenged in court. They have also moved to classify key filings in the proceedings.

Lora Griffith, a 19-year veteran of the CIA, is Brookner's lead plaintiff in the case. Griffith worked at the Pentagon on counterterrorism before joining the CIA in 1987. Among her early tasks was tracking Russian shipments to the Sandinistas in Nicaragua. Eager to go abroad, she learned Farsi, the language of Iran, then worked on Middle Eastern targets in western Europe and South Asia.

It was in Europe that Griffith's trouble began. In the anxious days after 9/11, she was teamed with an intelligence officer from a close U.S. ally. Their job was liaison-exchanging information and making sure their respective agencies had the latest intel on terrorism. "We became good friends," Griffith says. "He came to our house, he knew our kids, we socialized. We were very close."

Too close, according to the CIA. After returning to headquarters in 2003, Griffith found herself under investigation by the Security Center-even though the relationship had been short term and ended months earlier. Griffith tells of how, during a particularly grueling interrogation session, the polygraph operator boasted that he had nailed the FBI's Robert Hanssen, the infamous KGB mole, and then accused her of revealing secrets. It seemed absurd to Griffith, as sharing intelligence was part of her job. After hours of questioning, Griffith recalls, her interrogator shut off the polygraph and asked if she had ever shared information about embassy staffers. Of course she had, she says-her contact was interacting with them all the time. "Is that what's bothering you?" he asked. "Well, yes," Griffith responded, not sure what he meant. "Well," he declared, "that's the end of the interview."

Griffith claims the man misinterpreted her remarks as an admission of guilt. The next day she got a call from the Security Office asking her to stop by. There, a large woman at a round table pushed a box of tissues toward her and asked for her badge. After a 19-year

career, Griffith was out of a job. Today, Griffith is a homemaker in Florida, where she looks after her two kids. She still can't believe what happened. "I know a half-dozen cases of guys who became close to foreign nationals," she says. "All these men have been far less candid than I was, but they're still at work over there."

To bolster their case, Griffith and the other women have assembled an intriguing list of male officers who they say have led rather colorful lives, with few repercussions. Topping the list is "Rusty" (another alias). According to a plaintiffs' filing to the EEOC, Rusty was a case officer with a background in paramilitary operations. He got involved with a foreign airline stewardess and, while based in "a dangerous Middle East country, went AWOL." Eventually, he turned up somewhere in the Middle East-stewardess in tow-after allegedly having broken his cover and revealing his alias. Rusty's overseas tour was cut short, but he soon received approval to marry the woman. His position now, according to the EEOC brief: chief of station at one of the CIA's largest posts overseas.

There are many Rustys out there, CIA veterans say. The problem, they explain, is that Rusty and his brethren come out of a long-standing tradition. Historically, the prestige jobs of station chief have gone mostly to men, some of whom engaged in escapades that many a retired old spook will launch into after a cocktail or two. More than one former case officer told U.S. News how staffers used agency safe houses for affairs-complete with condoms stashed in dresser drawers. "Guys could go out and get laid, and who's going to talk about that?" says veteran officer Milt Bearden, who started in 1964. "Guys couldn't get pregnant, and there were fewer marriages then with foreigners."

"Look, in the late 1960s and early '70s, most of the men fooled around," adds attorney Brookner, who started as a case officer in 1968. "They'd hire women, put on sex shows, take turns with hookers at a hotel. Everybody was having an affair with everyone else. If you slept with foreigners, you didn't report it. The guys were mostly married-of course they didn't report it."

Nonetheless, tough questions continued to be asked about long-term relationships with foreigners. For Bearden, who ran offices in a dozen countries over his long career, it was the "shoes in the closet" test for case officers. "If you look in the closet and her shoes are there, that's when I need to deal with this," he recalls. In 1984, when Bearden himself met a French woman in Nigeria he wanted to marry, he had to offer his resignation and submit to an investigation and polygraph.

Attitudes hardened in the mid-'90s, with revelations of the Aldrich Ames case. Ames, the agency's most notorious traitor, had an affair in Mexico City with an agent he was supposed to run and then concealed plans to marry her. It was but one sign of many that CIA security

officers failed to heed. In the end, Ames compromised some 100 operations and led to the execution of at least 10 agents working for the West. The crackdown that followed his 1994 arrest devastated CIA morale and forced many good officers out. A key culprit, agency veterans say, was the Security Center's overreliance on the polygraph, the widely disputed "lie detector" machine that measures stress, not deception.

The crackdown also gave unprecedented power to the Security Office, which few at the agency are willing to cross even today. As one insider explained, "No one wants another Ames." But the secrecy of its work and a series of questionable cases have left the Security Center open to charges of lack of accountability. Making matters worse, say critics, is that security officers have a financial incentive to extract admissions from CIA staff-in the form of bonuses and performance awards of as much as \$3,000.

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To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: q

[redacted] is the agency willing to provide statistics and outcomes on sexual harassment complaints? I'm not suggesting you can produce it today, but I'm just asking what your policy is.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 12:11 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: q

Ken,

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From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 11:31 AM
To: [redacted]
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As part of our chat, can you tell me what happened with this EEOC complaint, and whether any internal policies were changed as a result?

Does the CIA have a double standard when its spies cozy up to foreigners? Veteran female officers speak out. An exclusive report.

By David E. Kaplan

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It was not your usual beltway gathering of eagles. In the summer of 2004, the 10 women who gathered in a downtown Washington law office arrived with aliases, classified résumés, and tales of a secret bureaucracy run amok. They came to compare notes, soothe long-

frayed nerves, and launch what may be the latest challenge to the embattled Central Intelligence Agency—a class action lawsuit on how America's premier intelligence agency treats its female spies.

LAWYER. Veteran CIA officer Janine Brookner asserts that the agency long has given male spies a pass on relationships.

JEFFREY MACMILLAN FOR USN&WR

The group ranged from young recruits to some of the CIA's most experienced, most decorated female case officers. All agreed on one thing: They had been driven out of the agency for intimate affairs and close friendships with foreign nationals, while male counterparts in similar situations had gotten off scot free. Their complaint, now pending at the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, has flown below the radar—until now. But it has CIA officials on edge, alleging that the suit, if green-lighted by the EEOC, will open old wounds, expose classified data, and unfairly tar the agency with the complaints of disgruntled ex-staffers.

The women say they are indeed embittered, angry that the agency to which they entrusted their careers and safety had turned on them. Twenty-five have now joined the complaint, and attorneys expect at least 50 to eventually sign on. The EEOC will decide later this year if the case should move forward, but the proposed suit has already galvanized the women behind it. Until now, none have spoken out.

U.S. News has interviewed five of the women at length and talked to many of their former colleagues. All but one of the five insisted on anonymity, concerned over violating secrecy pledges and possible agency retribution. While careful not to disclose classified material, they each offered detailed accounts about friendships and love affairs overseas, while battling an agency they say employs unjustifiable double standards. They describe falling into Kafkaesque nightmares of rumor and innuendo, abusive polygraph operators, and secret hearings from which they were banned. "You have two organizations," says one, a veteran spy who once ranked among the CIA's top female operatives. "There's the organization I worked in and thrived in, but there's a dark underbelly that nobody knows about unless you have a run-in with it. Nobody knows about it because you're not allowed to talk about it."

The case could revive an image of a CIA that its leaders have long sought to erase—of a brainy club of macho mandarins, many with Ivy League pedigrees, who ran secret operations and briefed presidents but had little use for women and minorities, except in back-office support jobs. The suit revolves around what are known at the agency as "close and continuing relationships," in which staffers must report all regular contact with foreign

nationals-be they friends, cleaning ladies, car mechanics, or, most of all, lovers. The rules are explicit, if not always observed in practice. And that, say the women, is the problem. At the heart of their complaints are the CIA's Centers for Security and Counterintelligence. The centers function, in effect, as the agency's internal affairs division, rooting out moles and safeguarding secrets. But the Security Center, in particular, they say, is dominated by tradition-minded men who believe women are too vulnerable to get emotionally entangled with foreigners. As a result, they claim, the center is driving out some of the CIA's most talented female officers.

Nonsense, says the CIA. Agency officials, citing privacy restrictions, declined to respond directly to individual complaints, but they are adamant that the women have no case. "As a matter of course, we don't comment on pending litigation," says Mark Mansfield, the CIA's chief spokesman, but he insists that today's CIA plays no favorites. "Our code of conduct-and the very high standards to which CIA officers are held-apply to all our officers regardless of their gender." Some familiar with the CIA's handling of these matters, given anonymity, are more frank. "It's so easy to claim that there's a double standard," says one, who points out that many of the women were fired not for having affairs but for being insubordinate or concealing their relationships. "A decision to terminate someone's employment is not made hastily or lightly," the source says. "Invariably there's a darn good reason." Others stress that intimate relationships with foreigners have led to serious security breaches in the past and that the agency can't afford to be lax.

In their conversations with U.S. News, however, none of the women suggested that the CIA let down its guard. What they argue is not that their records were perfect-they are not-but that men in similar situations have been treated far more leniently. Consider, for one, the case of Sherry Norris.

Bright future. Norris (an alias) was part of a new generation of American spies. Fresh out of Boston University, she joined the CIA in 1996. After working to interpret top-secret imagery of terrorist sites, she made an unusual jump from analysis to operations and went off on a two-year tour in a South Asian country. By all accounts, Norris performed well as a young case officer, recruiting one spy in particular who turned heads at her CIA "station" inside the U.S. Embassy. Her job evaluations were strong and, as she neared the end of her tour, the future seemed wide open. Then she fell in love.

At a party, Norris met a Middle Eastern diplomat, an economics officer from a close U.S. ally. The attraction was immediate. They began to date, and Norris dutifully advised CIA headquarters of the relationship. A cable came back from her bosses approving the contact, but she recalls that male friends in the agency warned her to be careful. "They're tougher on women," one told her.

The relationship soon turned serious, and Norris told headquarters everything-even when they first made love. "You have to report it all," she explains. "It was pretty embarrassing." To cover herself, Norris also wrote a cable listing all the people her friend worked with. "I didn't know what I was getting into," she now says. The response was chilling: One of the persons, based on years-old data, might have ties to that nation's intelligence service. This would hardly be unusual-in any embassy-but the CIA's security people came down hard. Norris, they said, needed to end the relationship.

Norris couldn't believe it. Other embassy staffers were embroiled in romantic affairs both inside and outside the office, she says, including several male CIA officers who were actively dating foreigners-with few questions asked. But her tour was nearly up and, unwilling to jeopardize her job, Norris promised she'd break things off when she left for America in three weeks.

Heartbroken, she returned to New York for home leave. "I said to myself, if he contacts me, I'll respond," she recalls. It took only a day. On her return was an E-mail from him-wanting to come visit. "We were really in love," she says.

It was the summer of 2002. As Norris tells it, days after her lover's arrival, they traveled to Washington, and she reported everything to the chief of counterintelligence in her division. "This stuff happens all the time," the man reassured her. With an otherwise spotless record, Norris figured she'd probably just get a letter of reprimand-that's what happened to the men she'd heard about. But in October, the agency's Counterintelligence Center called and said the matter had been reviewed; Norris would need to end the relationship after all. The officials were adamant. "There's no working with you on this," one told her. Forced to choose between love and the CIA, Norris reluctantly picked her career. She even had to run her excuse for breaking up by the counterintelligence people. But her lover kept calling and writing, prompting Norris to change her phone number and block his E-mail.

Secret panel. Still, it wasn't enough for the CIA's Security Office, which launched a formal investigation. Officials there grilled Norris for hours on a polygraph machine, asking if she'd disclosed classified information. Then they told her that she had failed the test and referred the matter to the FBI. She let investigators into her house and allowed them to download everything on her home computer.

Norris's case dragged on for another year. By then she had become one of a precious few at the CIA fluent in Arabic and was hoping for a promised next assignment to the Middle East. Her relationship had been over for two years, and the FBI, she says, had cleared her. But then came word that a Personnel Evaluation Board-a secret panel dominated by

counterintelligence and security officers-was examining her case. The board found her "insubordinate"-for seeing her lover again-and voted to fire her. Norris was never allowed to meet with the board. "I was shocked," she says. "Shocked wasn't even the word. I did everything right, and I still got screwed." Security officials took away her badge and escorted her off the grounds. "I was told not to talk to anyone or I'd go to jail," she recalls. Higher-ups even suggested she leave Washington.

Norris, now 34, has stayed in the nation's capital, where she works with a prominent think tank. She remains bitter about her experience. "Why did I break up with this guy when none of it mattered?" she asks. "There's no happy ending. I lost him, and I lost my job."

The CIA has been down this road before. In 1995, the agency paid out nearly \$1 million to over 400 women in a class action case involving sex discrimination. The complaints back then: lack of promotion, harassment on the job, dead-end assignments. Months before that settlement, the agency handed \$410,000 more to one of its most senior female officers, Janine Brookner-also for sex discrimination. A 24-year CIA veteran, Brookner was a rising star at the agency until she became its first female chief of station in Latin America. Agency investigations, relying on staffers she had disciplined for wife-beating and drunkenness, smeared her as a lush and sexual provocateur.

With the money she won from the CIA, Brookner put herself through law school, and, since 1999, she has represented some 40 clients against the CIA. Brookner is the lead attorney in the current class action case. "Women started coming to me around 2002, complaining about double standards," she says. "I wondered how I could help them-appeals within the system just don't work."

The earlier cases pushed the CIA to change, but within limits, says Kent Harrington, a former senior official who ran the public affairs office at the time. "There clearly was plenty of movement by women, but the attitude and dominant culture didn't change that much," he says. "I don't think the system corrected itself through 1998, when I left." Agency officials insist they've made progress since then and cite personnel data to support their case: 39 percent of the CIA's espionage branch-the National Clandestine Service-is female, including more than a fifth of its case officers or spies; the number of women in the CIA's senior intelligence service-its executive cadre-grew from 14 percent in 1996 to 25 percent in 2006; and during the same time, the number of female station chiefs-the coveted top jobs overseas-rose from 12 percent to 17 percent.

"Right thing." Diversity is a hot topic within the current CIA leadership, which has been under fire for turning away potential recruits because they have foreign relatives or spent time overseas that can't be fully vetted. On Martin Luther King Day this year, Director

Michael Hayden acknowledged the importance of diversity-and equality-in the ranks. "There is no second-class officer here," he told his troops. "We ... must continue to strive for a workforce that reflects our diverse world-not only because it is the right thing to do but because it is essential to our success." Notably, the new class action complaint aims to include not only current and past female staffers but also female job applicants, who Brookner believes have been turned away at a higher rate than men. As in the 1995 case, she hopes to use the courts to force the CIA to cough up personnel data, broken down by gender. Brookner and her clients believe the statistics will show a bias in favor of men.

CIA officials believe otherwise, but they are nonetheless pushing hard to keep the case out of court. They have argued to the EEOC that the complaints are not about sex discrimination but about the agency's internal security measures, which federal judges have ruled cannot be challenged in court. They have also moved to classify key filings in the proceedings.

Lora Griffith, a 19-year veteran of the CIA, is Brookner's lead plaintiff in the case. Griffith worked at the Pentagon on counterterrorism before joining the CIA in 1987. Among her early tasks was tracking Russian shipments to the Sandinistas in Nicaragua. Eager to go abroad, she learned Farsi, the language of Iran, then worked on Middle Eastern targets in western Europe and South Asia.

It was in Europe that Griffith's trouble began. In the anxious days after 9/11, she was teamed with an intelligence officer from a close U.S. ally. Their job was liaison-exchanging information and making sure their respective agencies had the latest intel on terrorism. "We became good friends," Griffith says. "He came to our house, he knew our kids, we socialized. We were very close."

Too close, according to the CIA. After returning to headquarters in 2003, Griffith found herself under investigation by the Security Center-even though the relationship had been short term and ended months earlier. Griffith tells of how, during a particularly grueling interrogation session, the polygraph operator boasted that he had nailed the FBI's Robert Hanssen, the infamous KGB mole, and then accused her of revealing secrets. It seemed absurd to Griffith, as sharing intelligence was part of her job. After hours of questioning, Griffith recalls, her interrogator shut off the polygraph and asked if she had ever shared information about embassy staffers. Of course she had, she says-her contact was interacting with them all the time. "Is that what's bothering you?" he asked. "Well, yes," Griffith responded, not sure what he meant. "Well," he declared, "that's the end of the interview."

Griffith claims the man misinterpreted her remarks as an admission of guilt. The next day she got a call from the Security Office asking her to stop by. There, a large woman at a round table pushed a box of tissues toward her and asked for her badge. After a 19-year

career, Griffith was out of a job. Today, Griffith is a homemaker in Florida, where she looks after her two kids. She still can't believe what happened. "I know a half-dozen cases of guys who became close to foreign nationals," she says. "All these men have been far less candid than I was, but they're still at work over there."

To bolster their case, Griffith and the other women have assembled an intriguing list of male officers who they say have led rather colorful lives, with few repercussions. Topping the list is "Rusty" (another alias). According to a plaintiffs' filing to the EEOC, Rusty was a case officer with a background in paramilitary operations. He got involved with a foreign airline stewardess and, while based in "a dangerous Middle East country, went AWOL." Eventually, he turned up somewhere in the Middle East-stewardess in tow-after allegedly having broken his cover and revealing his alias. Rusty's overseas tour was cut short, but he soon received approval to marry the woman. His position now, according to the EEOC brief: chief of station at one of the CIA's largest posts overseas.

There are many Rustys out there, CIA veterans say. The problem, they explain, is that Rusty and his brethren come out of a long-standing tradition. Historically, the prestige jobs of station chief have gone mostly to men, some of whom engaged in escapades that many a retired old spook will launch into after a cocktail or two. More than one former case officer told U.S. News how staffers used agency safe houses for affairs-complete with condoms stashed in dresser drawers. "Guys could go out and get laid, and who's going to talk about that?" says veteran officer Milt Bearden, who started in 1964. "Guys couldn't get pregnant, and there were fewer marriages then with foreigners."

"Look, in the late 1960s and early '70s, most of the men fooled around," adds attorney Brookner, who started as a case officer in 1968. "They'd hire women, put on sex shows, take turns with hookers at a hotel. Everybody was having an affair with everyone else. If you slept with foreigners, you didn't report it. The guys were mostly married-of course they didn't report it."

Nonetheless, tough questions continued to be asked about long-term relationships with foreigners. For Bearden, who ran offices in a dozen countries over his long career, it was the "shoes in the closet" test for case officers. "If you look in the closet and her shoes are there, that's when I need to deal with this," he recalls. In 1984, when Bearden himself met a French woman in Nigeria he wanted to marry, he had to offer his resignation and submit to an investigation and polygraph.

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Ken,

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Thanks,

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From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 12:21 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: syria

Also, any comment or background on the ACLU Awlaki lawsuit? Am filing a blog item on that. I am particularly interested in the suit's claim that an attempt should have been made to capture him given that he had been under surveillance. Obviously this goes to an issue that has been percolating for a long time – is there a kill-don't-capture policy. have the political constraints made it difficult to capture anybody. if you can say, for example, that a decision was made that no capture option was feasible, that would be helpful.

From: Dilanian, Ken
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2012 12:17 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: syria

Trying again on Syria, can you offer anything on how the rebels pulled off today's attack and what it might portend for the conflict going forward? Ken

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somehow I bet you guys had something to do with cracking this....

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2012/07/18/uk-yemen-spy-ring-idUKBRE86H10R20120718>

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From:
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Dilanian, Ken
Tuesday, July 24, 2012 7:52 AM
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RE: syria -- la times

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Ken,
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Talk to you tomorrow,

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Media Spokesperson
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From: Dilanian, Ken
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2012 6:41 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: syria -- la times

Hi, guys,

I am working on a story about Syria that I am aiming for Wednesday's newspaper, and hoping you will engage.

I'm preparing to report that according to my sources the CIA has little if any presence on the ground in Syria because agency leaders are unwilling to risk the death or capture of American officers.

I'm going to say that until recently, the CIA has left face to face contacts with Syrian rebels largely to Turkish, Qatari, Saudi and other intelligence services who are willing to put operatives into Syria. CIA officers in recent weeks have met with Syrian opposition leaders in Turkey near the Syrian border, officials said, they communicate by secure links with paid assets inside Syria. But the CIA has have largely avoided entering Syria or traveling to the front lines of the conflict. CIA personnel at the U.S. embassy in Damascus left the country when the facility was evacuated in February because of security concerns, officials said.

Critics in my story will call it a missed opportunity that will leave the U.S. in a difficult position if Assad falls.

"We should be on the ground with bucket loads of money renting the opposition groups that we need to steer this in the direction that benefits the United States," said a former CIA officer who spent years in the Middle East. "We're not, and good officers are extremely frustrated."

Andrew Tabler, Syria expert at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a think tank, agreed, adding, "What are we going to do--just allow the Turks the Qataris and the Saudis to have relations with opposition groups, and we not have direct relations? That doesn't make any sense. Those countries don't always have our interests at heart."

I'm going to point out that several journalists have embedded with rebel groups in Syria, living and traveling with them for several days. But the CIA as a rule has been unwilling to let its officers do that, said current and former officials with knowledge of the situation who would not be quoted talking about covert intelligence gathering.

Officials say CIA leaders fear a climate of hyper sensitivity to U.S. casualties, citing the criticism leveled at the CIA after 7 officers were killed by a double agent-turned-suicide bomber in Khost Afghanistan in December 2009.

CIA officers were forced to leave Libya during that country's rebellion, when the U.S. embassy in Tripoli was closed in February 2011. Libya-based CIA operatives decamped to a five-star hotel in Dubai, according to a former CIA officer who ran into them there.

Several months later, however, CIA operatives returned to Libya by traveling to Benghazi, home to the headquarters of the Libyan rebels. They then began coordinating with opposition fighters who, with the help of a NATO bombing campaign, ousted dictator Muamar Kadafy.

In Syria, the rebels have no geographic base, and have seized territory sporadically. Syria's military and police are arguably more sophisticated than Libya's. There is no international military campaign to help the rebels. It's a far riskier climate for American spies seeking to infiltrate the country.

But "it's a manageable risk," the former CIA officer said. "You have to be willing to send your people into harms' way and the agency's value to the president is being the 9-11 service. We should be going in and living with opposition fighters. I've been contacted by a number of my Syrian friends who would take us in there if we wanted to go."

Understand this is sensitive and there is a limit to what you can say, but I want to give you every opportunity. Thanks a lot.

Best,

Ken Dilanian

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To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: syria -- la times

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Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 9:57 AM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: syria -- la times

Morning Ken,

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Thanks!

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Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 5:07 PM
To: 'Dilanian, Ken'
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: syria -- la times

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[redacted]

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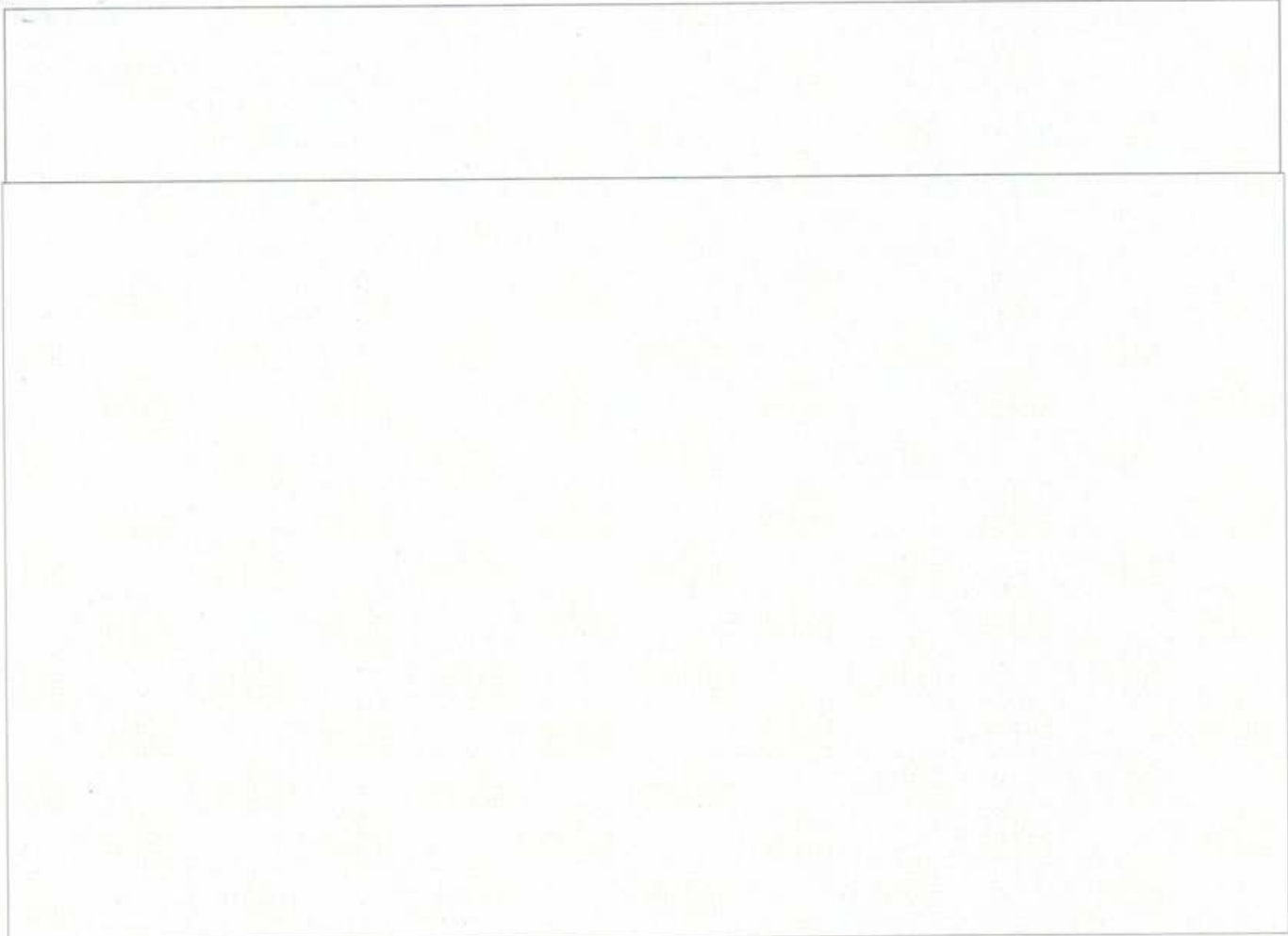
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Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
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From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 12:11 PM
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Hope this helps,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 11:16 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: syria -- la times

I can't wait forever over here.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 9:57 AM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: syria -- la times

Morning Ken,

[Redacted]

Thanks!

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 9:23 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: syria -- la times

Given the post, we're looking to put something up on the web quickly. So please respond asap.

Ken Dilanian
Los Angeles Times
202 824 8328

-----Original message-----

From: [Redacted]
To: "Dilanian, Ken" [Redacted]
Sent: Mon, Jul 23, 2012 22:56:44 GMT+00:00
Subject: RE: syria -- la times

Ken,

[Redacted]

Talk to you tomorrow,

[Redacted]

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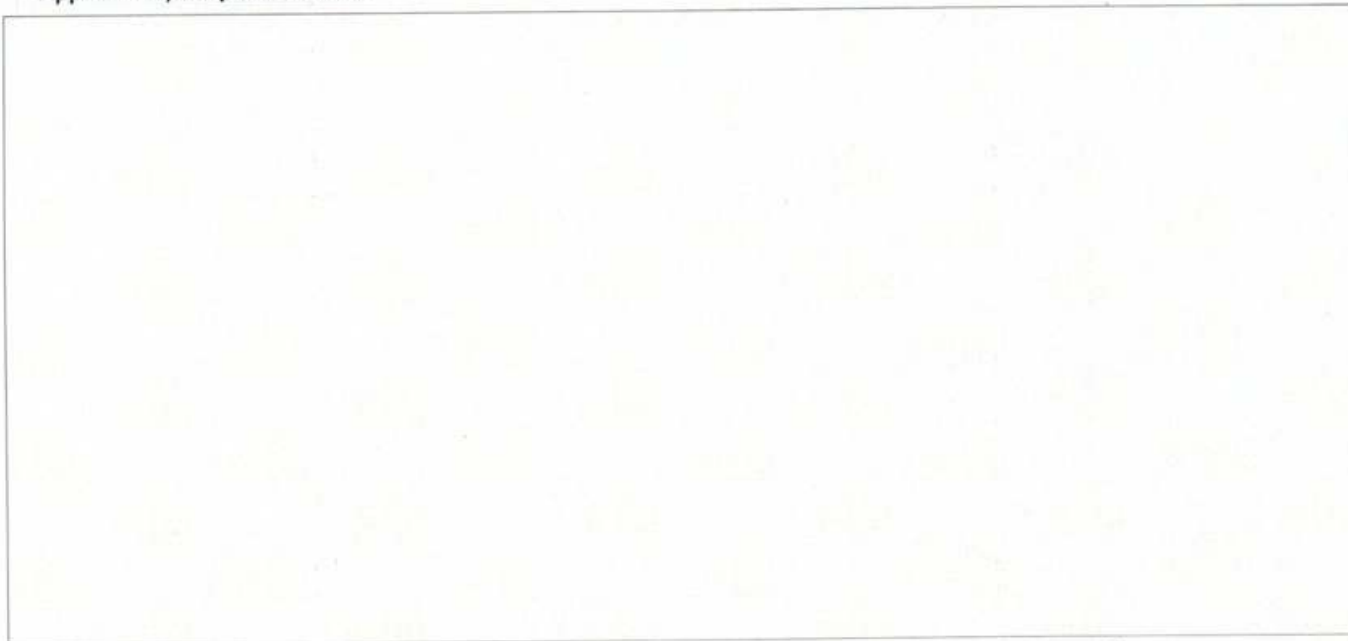
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Cc:

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From: Dilanian, Ken [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2012 6:45 PM
Subject: in case you missed it

latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-syria-cia-20120725,0,6946873.story

CIA absence from Syria a setback for U.S., officials say

The lack of a CIA presence in Syria leaves the U.S. with scant details about opposition groups. Critics see a missed opportunity to influence Syrian rebels.

By Ken Dilanian, Los Angeles Times

9:24 PM PDT, July 24, 2012

WASHINGTON - Despite a dire need for intelligence about the groups fighting to overthrow the Syrian government, the CIA has little if any presence in the country, seriously limiting its ability to collect information and influence the course of events, according to current and former U.S. officials.

American intelligence agencies have kept tabs on Syria's chemical weapons stockpiles, using spy satellites and other forms of electronic eavesdropping as well as information from allied nations and U.S. personnel in Turkey and other neighboring countries. The CIA also has some understanding of President Bashar Assad's government, officials said.

But more than 16 months into the Syrian uprising, the U.S. government still is struggling for details about who the main opposition groups are and what motivates them, say the current and former officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity in discussing covert intelligence activities.

Although U.S. officials have had considerable contact with anti-Assad exile groups, most analysts expect a post-Assad government to be dominated by the armed groups operating in the country.

U.S. officials have worried that some of those groups may be linked to, or sympathetic with, Al Qaeda affiliates. By one U.S. estimate, as many as a quarter of the 300 rebel groups may be inspired by Al Qaeda, says Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Mich.), chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.

A major impediment to determining who is who is that CIA officers largely have avoided entering Syria or traveling to the battle zones since February, when the U.S. Embassy in Damascus was shuttered for security reasons after threats by groups allied with the Assad government. Closing the embassy left the agency without a secure base from which to operate, and CIA personnel left the country, the officials said.

Critics say the CIA's absence from Syria is a missed opportunity to influence the fractured rebel movement.

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The CIA declined to comment. When asked about statements that the CIA lacks a presence in Syria, U.S. officials notably do not dispute the idea, talking, instead, about other ways of finding out what is taking place.

"We know a lot more than we did about the Syrian opposition a month ago and much more than we knew six months ago. That's because of increased contacts diplomatically and through a variety of other means that I'm not going to discuss," an Obama administration official said.

Critics say the intelligence agencies have moved too slowly.

The U.S. has no choice but to get involved in Syria given the risks of Al Qaeda influence, said Rogers, who is regularly briefed on intelligence about Syria. Moreover, he said, a sudden collapse of the government could put its large stockpiles of chemical weapons up for grabs.

"We lost a lot of time on this; our intelligence agencies are playing catch-up," he said. "The administration was very slow to come together on a way forward."

The Obama administration official responded, "It's kind of hard to do a lot until you can get into a country. This issue is the subject of enormous amount of attention and concern."

Some current and former officials said the dearth of American intelligence agents in Syria stemmed from the administration's unwillingness to risk having a CIA officer captured or wounded with little hope of rescue. They also spoke of a hypersensitivity in Congress and among the public to the prospect of U.S. casualties, citing the criticism leveled at the CIA after seven officers were killed by a double agent-turned-suicide bomber in Khowst, Afghanistan, in December 2009.

A U.S. official regularly briefed on intelligence strongly disputed the notion that the CIA was averse to risk, calling it a "tired cliché." The official said, however, that he could not discuss in detail the reasons the CIA was not in Syria.

Until recently the CIA kept its distance from rebel groups, leaving face-to-face contacts largely to Turkish, Qatari, Saudi and other intelligence services, officials said. A few CIA officers in recent weeks have met with opposition leaders in Turkey near the Syrian border, officials said. They communicate by secure links with paid informers in Syria.

Several journalists have been spending time with rebel groups in Syria, living and traveling with them for days. But the CIA as a rule has been unwilling to let its officers do that, officials said. There would be no air support and limited rescue capability should the agents get into trouble.

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By contrast with Libya, where the CIA did put in its own operatives, the rebels in Syria have no geographic base and have seized territory sporadically. Syria's military and police appear to be more sophisticated, or at least have a more centralized command, than were Libya's. Moreover, with no international military campaign to help the rebels, Syria is a far riskier climate for American spies than Libya was.

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Two CIA officers involved in those efforts - Charles Faddis, who ran the CIA base in Iraq, and Gary Berntsen, his counterpart in Afghanistan - have since retired and written books criticizing the CIA as risk-averse.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2012 3:47 PM
To: 'Dilanian, Ken'
Subject: Phone Message

Ken,

Are you out in Aspen? I left a message on your office phone. It isn't urgent and can wait until next week if you are out of the office.

Take care,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

From: Dilanian, Ken [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 28, 2012 12:07 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: is this a real cia twitter feed, by the way?

I figured, thanks.

Ken Dilanian
Los Angeles Times
[202 824 8328](tel:2028248328)

-----Original message-----

From: [REDACTED]
To: "Dilanian, Ken" [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sat, Jul 28, 2012 00:48:52 GMT+00:00
Subject: Re: is this a real cia twitter feed, by the way?

Hey Ken,

It is a fake. We don't operate a CIA Twitter account.

Enjoy Aspen,

[REDACTED]

From: Dilanian, Ken [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2012 06:04 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: is this a real cia twitter feed, by the way?

@us_cia

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2012 10:18 AM
To: 'Dilanian, Ken'
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: spain

Good morning Ken,

[redacted]

Take care,

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2012 10:06 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: spain

Any readout on CIA's role in cracking this case?

By Associated Press, Published: August 2

MADRID — Police have arrested three suspected members of al-qaeda who amassed explosives and may have been plotting attacks in Spain or elsewhere in Europe, Spain's interior minister said Thursday. Authorities found evidence suggesting they were experimenting with ultralight planes and remote-controlled planes.

The three — a Russian, a Russian of Chechen descent, and a Turk, according to Spanish police — were detained Wednesday. The Turk was arrested in the southern city of La Linea bordering the British colony of Gibraltar, while the other two were picked up near the central city of Ciudad Real as they traveled toward a northern Spanish town near the border with France.

Enough explosive material was found in the house in La Linea where the Turk lived to blow up a bus, and the material could have been especially dangerous if combined with shrapnel, Interior Minister Jorge Fernandez Diaz said.

Investigators found no indications that the three were targeting Gibraltar, he said, declining to offer specifics on possible targets, except that "there are clear indications they could have been planning an attack in Spain and/or another country."

"This is one of the most important operations carried out against al-qaeda," Fernandez Diaz told reporters. He said the operation involved close collaboration with intelligence services from "Spain's allies," without identifying any of the countries.

The arrests came as the Summer Olympics were being held in Britain under tight security against possible terrorist attacks, including military aircraft and ground-to-air missiles.

Spanish authorities had been watching the suspects for "some time," the minister said and decided to arrest them after the two Russians took a bus toward France.

They departed from the southern city of Cadiz en route to the northern town of Irun, possibly planning to cross into France, the minister said. The pair had been in Spain for about two months. Cadiz is near the large U.S. military base in Rota alongside the Mediterranean.

"Police moved to arrest them when it became known that they planned to leave Spain," he said. One resisted arrest and had to be subdued by authorities.

Fernandez Diaz did not disclose the suspects' names, but said the Russians were suspected al-qaeda operatives while the Turk was a facilitator. Pictures of them were released by Spanish authorities, but the suspects were identified only by their initials: C.Y. for the Turk and A.A.A. and M.A. for the other two.

The mug shots showed three men who appeared to be in their 30s, two with crew cuts and one with scraggly hair down to his shoulders.

The minister described one operative as a key member of the terror network and said investigators also found "documentation of the use of ultralights as well as remote controlled planes," without providing more details or saying whether a plot may have been planned using them.

Several of those detained had also "vast experience" with explosives including car bombs plus sniper training and the creation of poisonous substances, said Fernandez Diaz.

Spanish police have arrested dozens of al-qaeda suspects since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States and the 2004 train bombings in Madrid.

Most Islamic-based terror arrests in Spain over the last several years have been of lower-level players, although officials in March arrested a suspected al-qaeda member in the eastern city of Valencia described as key to its Internet propaganda and recruiting operation. The Jordanian with Saudi citizen ship was nicknamed "al-qaeda's librarian."

But the detention of the Russians and the Turk was especially significant because of their apparent high level of training, said Magnus Ranstorp, a terror expert at the Swedish National Defence College.

The evidence about ultralight planes was troubling, he said.

"It's always a worry that someone could get a hold of a private plane and try to do a (terror) operation against an event," Ranstorp said.

But getting to Britain during the Olympics probably would have been a challenge for the three, even if they had not been under surveillance.

Passport-free ground travel in much of the 27-nation European Union meant they could have gone to countries on the continent without facing document checks, but getting to Britain is more difficult because passport checks for visitors are mandatory.

Britain "has the tougher border control. They are almost like the United States in some sense. They triple check your name in databases," Ranstorp said.

The three will appear soon before an investigating magistrate at the National Court in Madrid and remain under detention while a judge studies the case and decides on possible charges. That process could take anywhere from days to months, and authorities are not likely to release more details about the case until the judge finishes that work.

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O:(202) 824 8328 [redacted]
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From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 3:01 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: obama remarks on syria chem bio

Thanks, although that doesn't quite answer the question of whether there is anything new sparking concern on this front?

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 3:02 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: obama remarks on syria chem bio

Ken,

[Redacted]

I'll send you something on your other question soon.

Thanks,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 2:14 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: obama remarks on syria chem bio

Hey, can you tell me on background whether there is anything that precipitated the president's comments, or was it just him saying what everyone else has been saying. Is there anything new or troubling you have seen on the chemical or biological weapons? Thanks.

Ken Dilanian
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O:(202) 824 8328
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Cynthia L Rapp

From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 4:51 PM
To: Cynthia L Rapp; [redacted]
Subject: Drone story

Hi Cynthia [redacted] -- Apologies for taking so long on this. After a whole lot of discussion inside the NYT, my bosses have decided they do not want to run any kind of clarification or correction on the Feb. 6 drone story. I went over everything with them in great detail -- [redacted] my story quoting part of that statement, the reactions from BIJ and Glenn Greenwald, and [redacted]

[redacted] We considered several draft clarification statements. I think their view is that even if we had quoted the entire statement [redacted] it would still not have been clear who exactly was being accused of helping AQ, and the reaction from BIJ would likely have been the same. I also think they are uncomfortable with having the NYT speak for the government in trying to explain what a government official meant. [redacted]

If you want to protest or escalate to a higher level, that's absolutely fine with me. The guy to contact is Phil Corbett, the "standards editor" in NY -- sort of a tsar of ethics and rules -- at:

[redacted]
Again, sorry for the delay and the hassle.

Best

Scott

Scott Shane

New York Times

Washington Bureau

202-862-0305 office

Cynthia L Rapp

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 12:48 PM
To: Shane, Scott
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Charges in Poland in connection with CIA program

Hi Scott,

[redacted] declined to comment."

If you need to, you can say "CIA

Best regards, [redacted]

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 11:36 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Charges in Poland in connection with CIA program

Hi folks, I'd appreciate a call on cell -- [redacted] -- or email with any comment or no comment or background for a story on the charges against Poland's former intelligence chief.

Thanks

Scott

Scott Shane
New York Times
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202-862-0305
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[redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 10:09 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Info requests on CT from NYT

[redacted] -- Thanks for the call yesterday and the update. As I said, our deadline keeps slipping, so next week is fine for answers, though if some are ready today, all the better. You asked if there were any additional questions, and you may be sorry you asked....

-- Several people have suggested that strikes have gotten "more precise" over the last three years. Is this a result of improving technology? Or changes in rules? If the rules have changed in the last three years, can you give us some idea of how?

-- Is it true that the proportion of signature strikes (vs personality strikes) in the FATA gradually increased in the last three years? Any way of quantifying that? When were signature strikes suspended, and are they still suspended?

-- Is it true that signature strikes have never been authorized in Yemen? Or if they were authorized, when did that happen?

-- To help us understand how deaths are categorized, can you say how you categorize the deaths of Samir Khan and Abdul Rahman al-Awlaki? I understand that they were not targets, but it is unclear to me whether they would be categorized as "noncombatants." Because these deaths have been widely reported and discussed, I think they might help clarify procedures and rules.

In addition, I'll just repeat what I said on the phone: that if there is information on CT in the Obama first term that I haven't explicitly asked about but you think would be relevant to our story, I'd love to hear it. For example, while there seems to be strong bipartisan support for the operations, we have heard some folks inside and outside the administration talk about the limitations of strikes in the long run. I wonder whether CIA itself has studied the tactic-vs-strategy question.

Finally, please consider this a request for an interview, on any ground rules, with Director Petraeus, Deputy Director Morrell, GC Preston or any other agency official who is willing to discuss the counterterrorism programs, their legal basis and their strategic implications with us.

Again, many thanks for all your help on this.

Best

Scott

Scott Shane

New York Times

Washington Bureau

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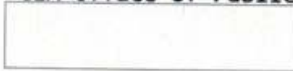
From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2012 4:31 PM
To: Shane, Scott
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Info requests on CT from NYT

Thank you Scott,

We will be in touch next week. Have a great weekend in the meantime!



Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs



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From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2012 3:31 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Shane, Scott
Subject: Info requests on CT from NYT

[redacted] -- Below are the promised requests for information or clarification for the long story Jo Becker and I are doing on the Obama CT record. A couple of these might extend beyond the agency's strict purview, so please let me know or send them along to the NSC if that's so.

All of these questions are for kinds of information that you have kindly provided before. The questions on civilian casualties should NOT be misinterpreted as suggesting that is the major focus of our much broader story -- it is not. The story will certainly note that most experts believe the rate of civilian deaths would be far higher with conventional air strikes or ground troops.

We'd be happy to have any other information that you can provide. If it's possible to get answers by a week from today, April 13, that would be terrific.

-- List of important terrorists removed from the battlefield: It would be great to have an updated version of the background memo circulated to reporters after Awlaki was killed.

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[redacted]

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Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 7:47 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Info requests on CT from NYT

[redacted] -- you too. May world crises leave us both alone!

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To: Shane, Scott
Cc: [redacted]
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Scott, we'll engage with responses on Monday. Have a great weekend!

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Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 10:08 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Info requests on CT from NYT

[redacted] -- Thanks for the call yesterday and the update. As I said, our deadline keeps slipping, so next week is fine for answers, though if some are ready today, all the better. You asked if there were any additional questions, and you may be sorry you asked....

-- Several people have suggested that strikes have gotten "more precise" over the last three years. Is this a result of improving technology? Or changes in rules? If the rules have changed in the last three years, can you give us some idea of how?

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Finally, please consider this a request for an interview, on any ground rules, with Director Petraeus, Deputy Director Morrell, GC Preston or any other agency official who is willing to discuss the counterterrorism programs, their legal basis and their strategic implications with us.

Again, many thanks for all your help on this.

Best

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, April 06, 2012 4:31 PM

To: Shane, Scott

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Info requests on CT from NYT

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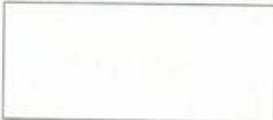
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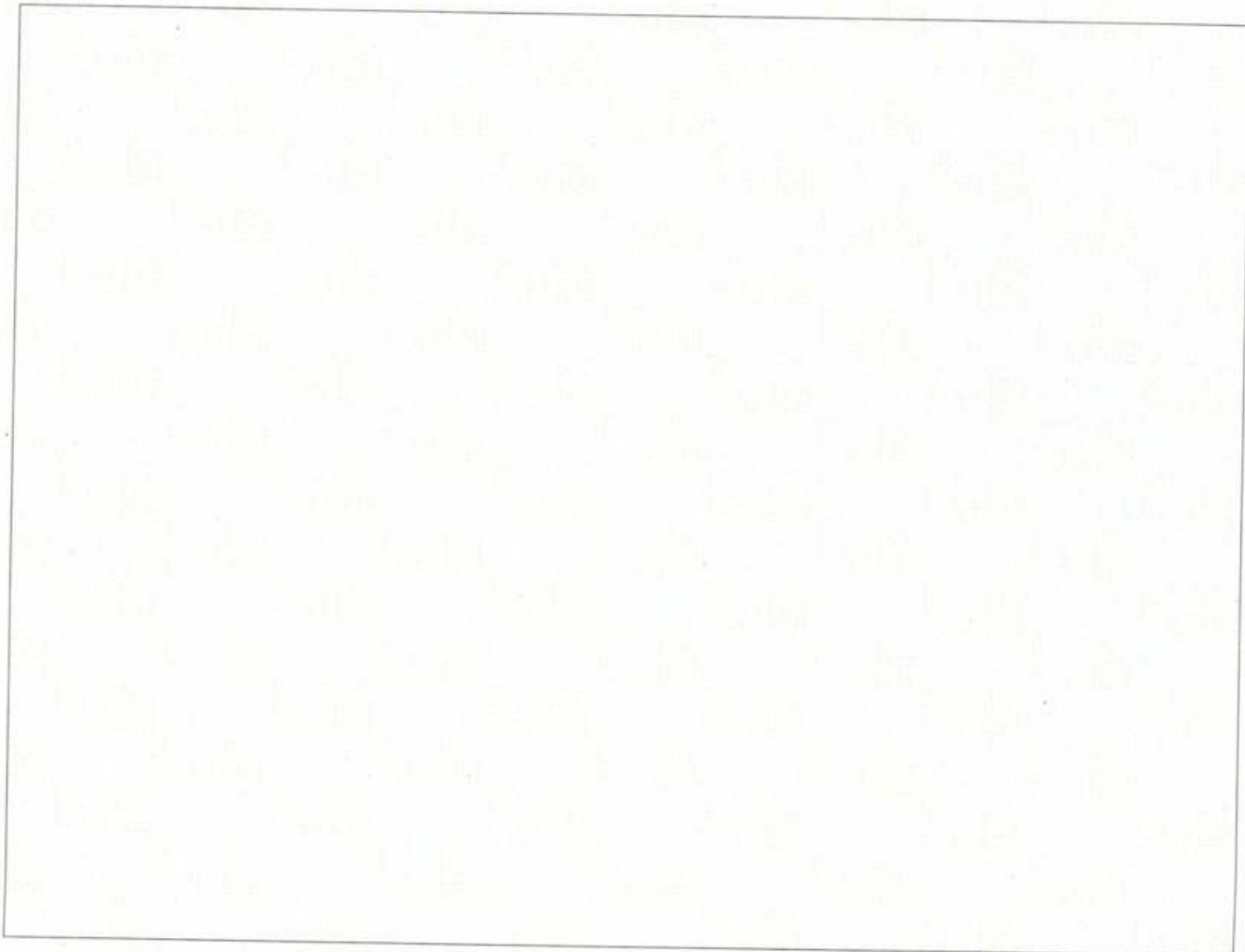
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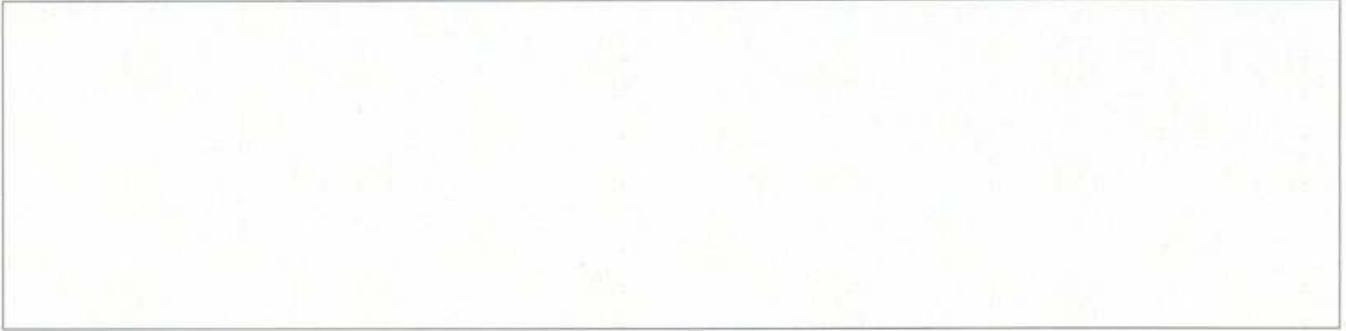
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PS -- clearly I have to watch what I write in reviews! That is a hugely important point, but it does not negate all other questions. This is a new military technology being used in a new way, and everything about it is worthy of serious scrutiny. And as I may have said, a very senior WH official told us near-zero collateral deaths is the president's demand for the program. It would be odd not to ask about it. But forget about all this for a week...

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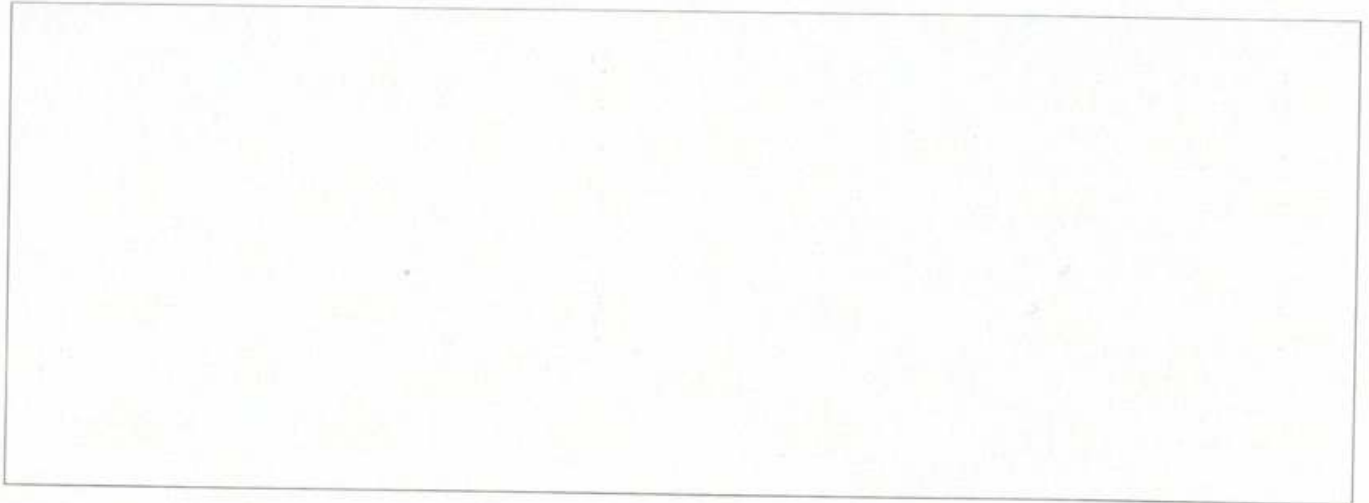
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To: [Redacted]
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Sent: Monday, April 23, 2012 10:59 AM
To: Shane, Scott
Subject: RE: Your call

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From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2012 10:55 AM
To: [Redacted]
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No rush, thanks. You had mentioned that you might have more on the Iran drone claims today, so just checking in.

Thanks

Scott

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2012 10:51 AM
To: Shane, Scott
Subject: Your call

Hi Scott,

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 3:21 PM
To: Shane, Scott
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: I'm back

Good Afternoon Scott,

I'm back in the office.

[Redacted]

Hope all is well,

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From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, April 29, 2012 12:52 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Fact-checking an Afridi story -- quite urgent

You too!

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, April 29, 2012 12:41 PM
To: Shane, Scott
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Fact-checking an Afridi story -- quite urgent

Thanks Scott. Greatly appreciated. Enjoy your Sunday.

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From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, April 29, 2012 12:02 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Fact-checking an Afridi story -- quite urgent

[Redacted] we're putting off the story for Tuesday's paper, as requested. Grateful for all info.

Thanks

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2012 10:20 PM
To: Shane, Scott
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Fact-checking an Afridi story -- quite urgent

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2012 08:26 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Fact-checking an Afridi story -- quite urgent

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Thanks,

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From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2012 10:32 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Fact-checking an Afridi story -- quite urgent

[redacted] Well, I'd say early afternoon would be his realistic deadline, though changes could obviously be made till evening our time. If there were a solid promise of very significant cooperation, and it can't be done by deadline, conceivable that editors might consider holding till Tues paper. But at the moment plan is to go up on Web Sunday night.

Crazy times, I know....Sorry to add to the weekend load!

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2012 10:15 AM
To: Shane, Scott; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Fact-checking an Afridi story -- quite urgent

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From: Shane, Scott [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2012 09:50 AM
To: [REDACTED] Shane, Scott [REDACTED]
Subject: Fact-checking an Afridi story -- quite urgent

Hi Folks -- My Islamabad colleague Declan Walsh is writing, for Monday or Tuesday's NYT, a long story on Dr. Afridi and his role before UBL raid. He asked me to seek comment, confirmation or correction on his reporting before final edit. Apologies for the short notice but this has just come together and obviously editors want it to run by the anniversary.

In view of the above, I'm sending the below very detailed summary of the facts as Declan understands them. It would be great either to get a written point by point set of comments or for someone to talk to Declan by phone or in person and go over all of this. We greatly appreciate your consideration. I'm on cell to discuss -- [REDACTED] Declan is at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Many thanks.

Scott

BACKGROUND:

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Stateside trip: Afridi visited the United States in 2007 (and maybe in 2009 too) with his wife, apparently on some sort of medical conference jaunt. Was he a regular visitor to the US? Did that bring him in touch with intelligence folks?

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American wife: A senior ISI official and several friends say that Afridi's schoolteacher wife, Imrana Ghafoor, is a US citizen (or, most likely a dual national). True?

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Checked past: Afridi had a very checkered past, having faced multiple allegations of corruption, professional malpractice and sexual harassment. He was fired from his job as agency surgeon general (chief medical officer) in Khyber tribal agency six months before the operation, following official complaints from a nurse who alleged he had sexually assaulted her on the job. He was reinstated as agency surgeon general just a couple of weeks before May 2. Was the CIA aware of this background? Did it make any difference to the operation, for better or worse?

ABBOTTABAD OPERATION

-- The ISI says Afridi was in contact with a CIA handler named Peter, and was brought to the US embassy hidden in the back of a car in order to meet his handlers. True?

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UN equipment used in CIA op: In interviews in Khyber we have established that Afridi used polio vaccination kits funded by the United Nations to carry out the first round of phoney Hepatitis vaccinations in Abbotabad in March 2011. Was the agency aware of this? Would it have mattered to them?

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Save the Children link: A senior US official says that Afridi's wife told ISI interrogators that her husband claimed to be working for the charity Save the Children (US) at the time he was doing the vaccination campaign. The ISI, however, goes even further: it claims that Afridi had actually persuaded Save the Children to fund the vaccination program (without their knowing its true purpose), and that he even went to the extent of giving Save the Children fake invoices to keep the pretense going. Subsequently, according to aid agency

sources, two senior managers at Save the Children - one Irish, one Pakistani - were put on the Pakistani government's Exit Control List, preventing them from leaving Pakistan. The US and British embassies have been involved with the SC case and helped make representations stressing their innocence with the Pakistanis. Can you confirm?

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The phone call: US official say that Afridi didn't manage to get DNA from the OBL house, something that Pakistanis generally agree with. True? The Pakistanis also claim that, in order to confirm the identities of the people inside the house, he was given a phone number. A week or so before the raid, Afridi got one of the nurses employed on the vaccination program to ring that number, and the courier, Abu Ahmed al Kuwaiti came on the line. The ISI claims the CIA used voice recognition software to confirm Kuwaiti's presence. A second version of the story has it that Kuwaiti passed the phone to bin Laden's wife, Khairee, who came on the line. Can you confirm or debunk?.

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Payment: Different Pakistani sources say he was paid between \$10,000 and \$20,000 for his part in the operation. Any comment on figures?

AFTERMATH

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Efforts to spring him free. What efforts has the US government/CIA made to have Afridi released? What do the Pakistanis privately say about the case? Is there any chance of a deal? And if not, won't that have implications for others' willingness to help the US in the future?

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Leon Panetta: I was very surprised to hear Director Panetta's comment in the 60 Minutes interview last January where he admitted Afridi was a CIA operative and appealed to the Pakistanis to let him go. Did Panetta put that out there intentionally? Inside the CIA, was this public admission considered unusual? Was it seen as furthering or hindering Afridi's cause?

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Aid agency blowback: In general terms, there's been a lot of criticism from western aid workers about the vaccination scheme, saying it has brought much unwelcome attention from the ISI in the past year, and endangered their humanitarian work. Despite the huge success of the overall mission, are there any regrets inside the CIA about this aspect of the operation, or any changes in rules or guidelines for cover?

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Capture by ISI: One thing I can't really figure out: after May 2 Afridi continued with life as normal, and didn't skip Pakistan. One of his colleagues says that he had a Saudi visa for performing Hajj in his passport, so he clearly had an option. Why didn't he leave? Did he think he would get away with it? And how, in the end, did the ISI figure out what he had been doing?

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Possible compromise: Pakistani officials in Peshawar tell us that Afridi may now be charged under the Frontier Crimes Regulation, which is the operative law in the tribal belt, instead of under the civil code. This effectively means that he could skirt treason charges, which carry the death penalty, and instead be incarcerated under the opaque tribal belt legal system. This would, in theory, make it easier for Pakistan to have Afridi quietly released a few years hence, and traded with the US at an opportune moment. OTHER

- Bin Laden's buddies: Stepping back from the small detail of the Afridi story, what's striking is that the Pakistanis put a lot of effort into catching the man who helped catch OBL - but what have they done to roll up the network of people who helped OBL when he was on the run? In this story - <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/30/world/asia/on-run-bin-laden-had-4-children-and-5-houses-a-wife-says.html?pagewanted=all> - Bin Laden's youngest wife said she changed house seven times in six months in Karachi in 2002. Has the ISI rounded up any of these people?

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From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 11:24 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Visit today

[redacted] I know you know I'll give the broader story a shot, if only to try to persuade him a little more help would be in the agency's interest. But I know Afridi is the urgent question -- for us too.

See you shortly

Scott

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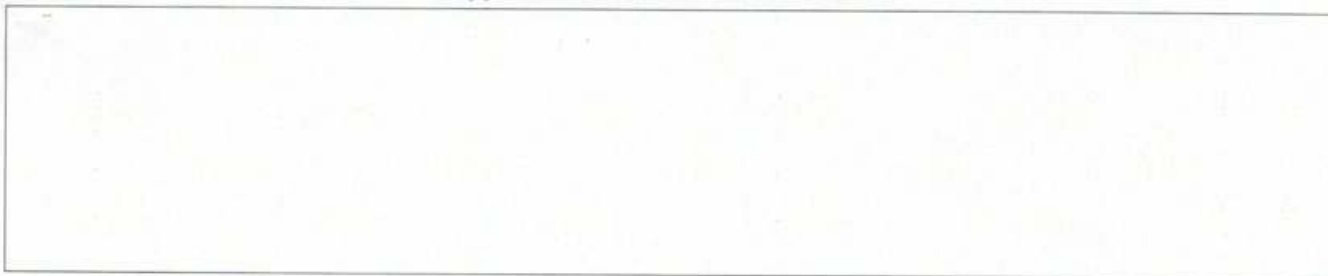
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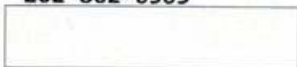
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Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 8:35 AM
To: Cynthia L Rapp; [redacted]
Subject: Visit today



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Cynthia L Rapp

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 11:55 AM
To: 'Shane, Scott'
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Visit today

Thanks Scott. Will see what we can do on the new parts at the last minute. [redacted]
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From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 11:37 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Visit today

Hi again Jennifer -- just got this updated list of questions for CIA (biggest change is that Save the Children talked to us). Thanks much.

Ten Questions

Family background

Is Afridi's wife Imrana Ghafoor, an American citizen or a dual national? Does that have any bearing on his case? Is there any record of his trips to the United States in 2007 and/or 2009?

Vaccination campaign: It's been reported there were three rounds of Hep B vaccinations in Abbottabad: mid-March, early April and late April. True?

Capture by ISI: Why didn't Afridi skip Pakistan after May 2? Did he have a US visa in his passport? How did the ISI figure out what he had been doing?

Panetta: Were Panetta's comments to 60 Minutes in January part of a strategy of getting Afridi out. What effect have they had?

Humanitarian cover:

While we know that Afridi worked under the cover of a phony vaccination campaign, our reporting suggests he also sheltered under the brand name of reputable major aid organizations. Colleagues at his hospital in Khyber Agency say that he used refrigerated boxes donated by Rotary International - intended use in World Health Organization polio vaccination campaigns - to carry out the Hepatitis B campaign in Abbottabad. Moreover, he told the ISI and the Abbottabad Commission that he believed he was actually working for Save the Children instead of the CIA. As a result of this, aid workers say they suffered restrictions to important humanitarian work in the past year including visa denials, limited movement and delays in shipping relief aid. Does the CIA regret using humanitarian aid as cover for this operation?

Save the Children:

Save the Children's Pakistan director, David Wright, has told us on-record that Afridi has made a barrage of damaging allegations against the NGO during ISI interrogations that have badly compromised his operations in Pakistan. According to Wright, Afridi claims to have been introduced to CIA personnel through a senior Save the Children official in Islamabad in 2008. He also says that Save the Children inadvertently approved the Abbottabad vaccination campaign in 2011. Among the consequences for Save the Children, Wright says that he hasn't

been able to leave Pakistan since last October, and that a senior staff member was on the Pakistan government's Exit Control List until a couple of weeks ago. Any comment?

Checked past:

Our research suggests that Afridi had a very checkered past, with multiple allegations of corruption, professional malpractice and sexual harassment. He was fired from his job as agency surgeon general (chief medical officer) in Khyber tribal agency six months before the Abbottabad operation as a result of complaints by nurse who said he sexually assaulted her. He was reinstated to his job on April 13, three weeks before the Abbottabad raid. Was the CIA aware of this background? Did it make any difference to the operation, for better or worse?

CIA contacts:

The ISI says Afridi was in contact with a CIA handler named Peter. They say he was brought to meetings in the US embassy hidden in the back of a car. They say he was paid between \$10,000 and \$20,000 for his services. True?

The ISI

The ISI has gone on publicity offensive recently telling foreign journalist that it played a hitherto unacknowledged role in locating bin Laden. Is this true? And has the ISI rounded up any of the people who helped Bin Laden (and his family) stay on the run for a decade?

The phone call: US official say that Afridi didn't manage to get DNA from the OBL house, something that Pakistanis generally agree with. True? The Pakistanis also claim that, in order to confirm that the courier, Abu Ahmed Al Kuwaiti, was inside the house, the CIA got Afridi to call a phone number that was eventually patched through the Kuwaiti. The ISI claims the CIA used voice recognition software to confirm Kuwaiti's presence. A second version of the story, given by the retired Pakistani brigadier Shaukat Qadir, has it that Kuwaiti passed the phone to bin Laden's wife, Khairee. Is there any truth in this?

Efforts to spring him free: What has the US government/CIA done to secure his release? Is it important to set an example for other foreign nationals assisting the agency who may get in trouble?

Possible compromise: Pakistani officials in Peshawar tell us that Afridi may now be charged under the Frontier Crimes Regulation, allowing him to skirt treason charges. Is this true?

Lastly: Did Afridi's work contribute anything to the capture of OBL?

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From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 3:09 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Visit today

[redacted] we are pushing this off a day, thank God. So it's not going uo on the web till Tues night. I'll send requests for background later today.

Thanks again

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To: [redacted] Shane, Scott
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: CT Story

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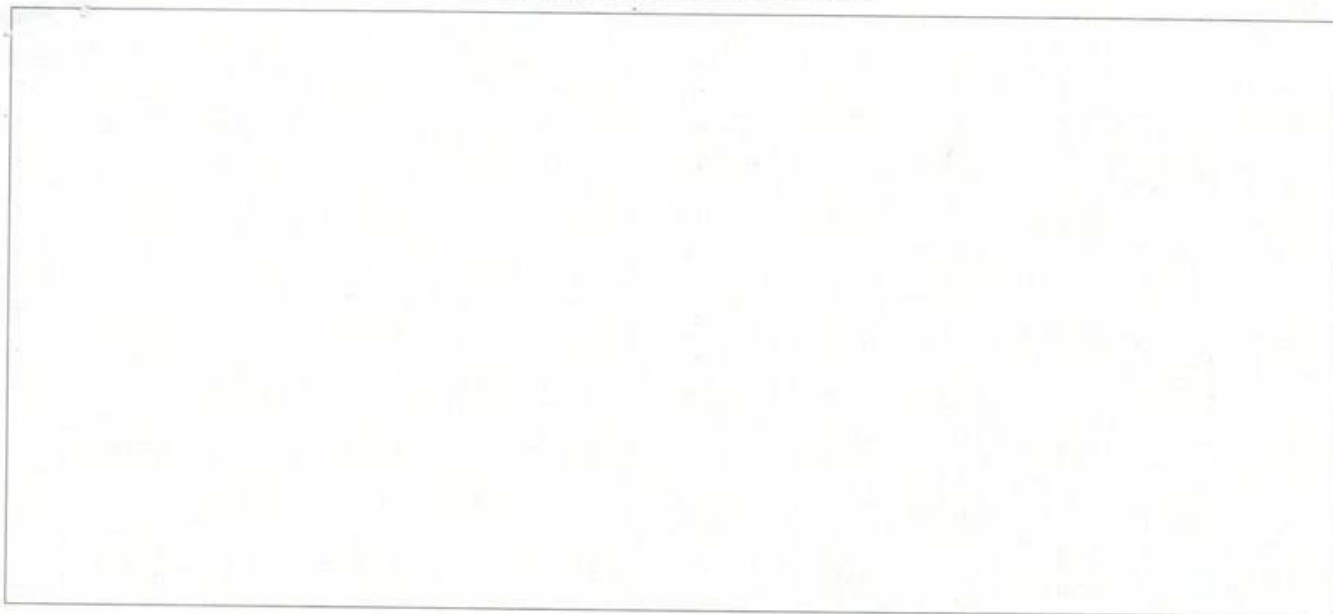
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 3:49 PM
To: Shane, Scott
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: CT Story

Scott,

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Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Cynthia L Rapp

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 6:31 PM
To: 'Shane. Scott'
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Feinstein, Levin Statement on CIA's Coercive Interrogation Techniques

Scott,

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From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 5:39 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Feinstein, Levin Statement on CIA's Coercive Interrogation Techniques

Here you go. Thanks for your patience. I am causing you all kinds of trouble today. Will send the background requests later on....

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From: Feinstein Press [mailto:Feinstein_press@feinstein.senate.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 2:09 PM
Subject: Feinstein, Levin Statement on CIA's Coercive Interrogation Techniques

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NEWS RELEASE

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Contact: Brian Weiss (Feinstein), 202-224-9629

Feinstein, Levin Statement on CIA's Coercive Interrogation Techniques

Washington—Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin (D-Mich.) released the following statement regarding claims by former CIA Deputy Director of Operations Jose Rodriguez about the effectiveness of the CIA's coercive interrogation techniques:

"We are deeply troubled by the claims of the CIA's former Deputy Director of Operations Jose Rodriguez regarding the effectiveness of the CIA's coercive interrogation techniques.

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence will soon complete a comprehensive review of the CIA's former Detention and Interrogation Program. Committee staff has reviewed more than 6 million pages of records and the Committee's final report, which we expect to exceed 5000 pages, will provide a detailed, factual description of how interrogation techniques were used, the conditions under which detainees were held, and the intelligence that was – or wasn't – gained from the program.

Statements made by Mr. Rodriguez and other former senior government officials about the role of the CIA interrogation program in locating Usama bin Laden (UBL) are inconsistent with CIA records. We are disappointed that Mr. Rodriguez and others, who left government positions prior to the UBL operation and are not privy to all of the intelligence that led to the raid, continue to insist that the CIA's so-called "enhanced interrogation techniques" used many years ago were a central component of our success. This view is misguided and misinformed.

The roots of the UBL operation stretch back nearly a decade and involve hundreds, perhaps thousands, of intelligence professionals who worked non-stop to connect and analyze many fragments of information, eventually leading the United States to Usama bin Laden's location in Abbottabad, Pakistan. The suggestion that the operation was carried out based on information gained through the harsh treatment of CIA detainees is not only inaccurate, it trivializes the work of individuals across multiple U.S. agencies that led to UBL and the eventual operation.

We are also troubled by Mr. Rodriguez's statements justifying the destruction of video tapes documenting the use of coercive interrogation techniques as "just getting rid of some ugly visuals." His decision to order the destruction of the tapes was in violation of instructions from CIA and White House lawyers, illustrates a blatant disregard for the law, and unnecessarily caused damage to the CIA's reputation.

Further, it's worth repeating, as discussed in the Senate Armed Services Committee's 2008 report, the SERE techniques used in the CIA's interrogation program were never intended to be used by U.S. interrogators. Rather, the techniques – which are based on Communist Chinese interrogation techniques used during the Korean War to

elicit false confessions – were developed to expose U.S. soldiers to the abusive treatment they might be subjected to if captured by our enemies. An overwhelming number of experts agree, the SERE techniques are not an effective means to illicit accurate information.

Misinformation Relating to the UBL Operation

Statement of Jose Rodriguez, former CIA Deputy Director for Operations, Time Magazine, May 4, 2011:

“Information provided by [CIA detainees] KSM and Abu Faraj al-Libbi about bin Laden's courier was the lead information that eventually led to the location of [bin Laden's] compound and the operation that led to his death.”

This statement is wrong. The original lead information had no connection to CIA detainees. The CIA had significant intelligence on the courier that was collected from a variety of classified sources. While the CIA's enhanced interrogation techniques were used against KSM and al-Libbi, the pair provided false and misleading information during their time in CIA custody. This information will be detailed in the Intelligence Committee's report.

Statement of Michael Hayden, former CIA Director, Scott Hennen Show, May 3, 2011:

“[W]hat we got, the original lead information – and frankly it was incomplete identity information on the couriers – began with information from CIA detainees at the black sites.”

This statement is wrong. The original information had no connection to CIA detainees. The CIA had significant intelligence on the courier that was collected from a variety of classified sources. This information will be detailed in the Intelligence Committee's report.

Statement of Michael Mukasey, former Attorney General, Wall Street Journal, May 6, 2011:

“Consider how the intelligence that led to bin Laden came to hand. It began with a disclosure from Khalid Shiekh Mohammed (KSM) who broke like a dam under the pressure of harsh interrogation techniques – that included waterboarding. He loosed a torrent of information – including eventually the name of a trusted courier of bin Laden ... Another of those gathered up later in this harvest, Abu Faraj al-Libi, also was subjected to certain of these harsh techniques and disclosed further details about bin Laden's couriers that helped last weekend's achievement.”

This statement is wrong. There is nothing in CIA intelligence records to corroborate this statement.

Other press reports have suggested that a third CIA detainee subjected to the CIA's enhanced interrogation techniques provided significant information on the courier and his relationship with al-Qa'ida. While this third detainee did provide relevant information, he did so the day before he was interrogated by the CIA using their coercive

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From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
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Subject: Re: Request for background/on record

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 07:22 PM
To: Shane, Scott
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Request for background/on record

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From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 7:16 PM
To: [Redacted]
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For background or on record:

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3) That Afridi's help in the OBL hunt was "marginal" as it turned out, revealing the second set of phones that cemented the certainty that the compound's residents were acting very secretly and strangely. But how would you characterize his overall contribution, including identifying other AQ or other militant members and locations?

4) That for the Abbottabad operation, Afridi got \$250,000 to buy Hep B vaccine kits and \$10,500 as salary. What was the total money paid to Afridi by CIA over the whole three years, with separate numbers for expenses and salary?

5) What is the CIA's understanding of his relationship with President Zardari? He was honored for his polio work at a dinner that Zardari attended, but did they really know each other? Any greater clarity on the relationship?

6) Were Hepatitis B vaccines used to get blood for DNA analysis? And were the vaccines useless without the entire series?

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Thanks much. Any idea of timing? Also wanted to ask about Zeit/CNN piece on documents found in Germany -- or should I call someone else about that?

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Subject: Re: Request for background/on record

Morning Jennifer -- a couple of things that occurred to me to mention. Declan will be including appeals from Afridi's family about his plight (didn't include that in memo for you guys because it requires no response). And we would not like to run the complaints from Save the Children partially blaming CIA for its troubles without a full response from you.

Also, can I assume that the following passage from UK Times today is wrong? I guess it doesn't quite contradict what Michael said, so just checking:

-----It appears that Dr Afridi was recruited by the CIA while he was in the United States in 2009. The family had gone to stay with Mona's relatives in San Jose, California, but had fallen on hard times when they were befriended by Yogi Kumar, an expatriate Kashmiri who provided the names of people who could introduce him to the CIA.-----

Thanks. I'll be reachable anytime except during an interview roughly 2:30 to 4.

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- 2) Basic facts you shared on Afridi's work for the agency: that he was recruited in Pakistan because he traveled freely through the FATA and not recruited in the U.S., worked with the agency for three years, did some vaccination work at the agency's request and other work on his own, reported on Arabs in the places he went, gave only real vaccination for polio and hepatitis B, was motivated both by his strong desire to stop disease and hostility to the militants who he thought were harming his country and who had threatened him for treating women, was not told that CIA was specifically looking for Bin Laden but concluded that the strange compound might be of special interest, loaned his phone to the nurse who called Abu Ahmed, was probably betrayed to ISI by the nurse and the phone number recorded in his phone, was thought by CIA to have a generally good reputation, has been tortured since his arrest.
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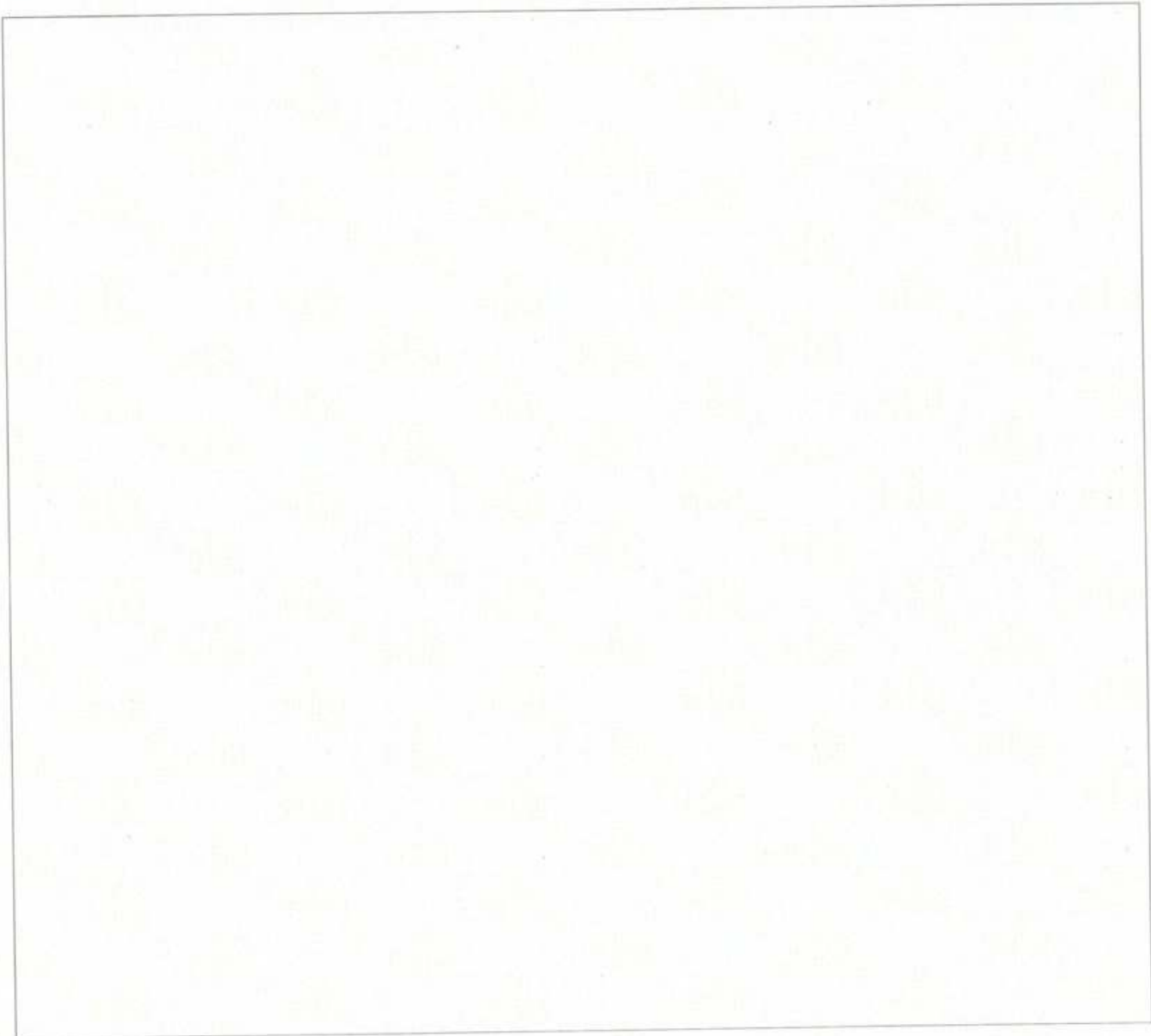
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From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 10:12 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Following up

[redacted] -- Thought I should share with you what the Save the Children guy told us on the record. Given the fact that the former CIA director confirmed the relationship with Afridi, I hope you can say something on-record defending or explaining this practice.

-----David Wright, the Save the Children Pakistan director, says that he is angry at the CIA, which he believes may have used Save the Children as cover for its operation. "I was outraged that a vaccination campaign would be used as cover for espionage - particularly in country that has more polio cases than the rest of the world combined." He added: "Ultimately I don't blame the ISI. What they are doing is a natural outcome of what the CIA has done. If they use humanitarian activities as cover, of course there will be consequences for us." Having previously kept a low profile, Wright said he was going public in order to expose the case. "I'm done with pussyfooting on this. If governments continue to use humanitarian activities as cover for intelligence activities, the humanitarian space across the world is going to get pretty small, pretty quick. So they really should stop it."-----

Will call later

Thanks

Scott

Scott Shane

New York Times

Washington Bureau

202-862-0305 office

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 2:28 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Seems Afridi story is running

....so would be great to get a comment. Researching the limitations on cover, I'm told that CIA by policy does not use Peace Corps volunteers or Fulbright scholars and uses journalists accredited to US news organizations only with a waiver from director or president. (If any of this is wrong or incomplete, I'd love to know.) I recognize that Afridi was not an intel officer working under physician cover, but a physician doing intel work, but the issues and consequences appear to be the same.

Thanks

Scott

Scott Shane

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[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 5:07 PM
To: 'Dilanian, Ken'
Subject: RE: Help Has Arrived!

I am looking forward to working with you, Ken. [redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 4:51 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Help Has Arrived!

Hooray! Glad to have you guys.

Ken Dilanian
National Security Correspondent
Los Angeles Times
O:(202) 824 8328 [redacted]
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 4:50 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Help Has Arrived!

Colleagues in the media:

I'm happy to announce two new additions to our media relations team at CIA. (You have no doubt noticed that we have been short-handed for a while, and we appreciate your forbearance.) We hope to arrange a get-together for you all to meet them in person sometime this spring. [redacted]

[redacted]

Regards,

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Cynthia L. Rapp
Director of Public Affairs
Central Intelligence Agency



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[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 3:04 PM
To: [redacted] Cynthia L Rapp; [redacted]
Subject: iran

Hi, folks, I'm looking at the issue of how the U.S. would know, as President Obama said, if and when Iran began building a bomb. Could someone speak to me on background about that? I haven't done a lot of reporting on this yet, but I have spoken to a few people recently, including Stephen Hadley, who expressed skepticism that U.S. intelligence would be able to detect such a move in time for decision makers to do anything about it.

In terms of assessing whether and when Iran has made a decision to break out, Hadley said, "The thing that would be most relevant to that judgment is what's called leadership intelligence--what the supreme leader is saying and thinking and writing--and that is the area of intelligence that is the hardest to get." He also expressed doubts about whether intelligence agencies could detect a secret program to enrich to weapons grade.

I am sure you guys could offer an alternative view, however carefully couched -- would you mind doing that?

Best,

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National Security Correspondent
Los Angeles Times
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[redacted]
[redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2012 4:52 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: fyi

that covert action story I was working on never ran. too thin

Ken Dilanian
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[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 11:48 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: what can you tell me about this?

OK, thanks. And you wouldn't put out disinformation on this would you? If it was true and you didn't want to confirm it, you'd say, "No comment?" I ask only because covert operations are supposed to be deniable, right?

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 11:47 AM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Subject: RE: what can you tell me about this?

Ken,

[Large redacted area]

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 11:41 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: what can you tell me about this?

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Al-Qaida claims responsibility for killing U.S. intelligence officer

0 Comment(s) Print E-mail Xinhua, March 3, 2012

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The Yemen-based al-Qaida wing said Friday that it had killed a U.S. intelligence officer in the southern port city of Aden.

"Our brave fighters opened fire at a team of U.S. intelligence officers in the southern city of Aden on Thursday, killing a CIA officer," the al-Qaida said in a text message received by Xinhua.

"We killed the officer after we monitored him and made sure that he was cooperating with the Sanaa government in the war against terrorism," the message said.

The group did not give more details about the attack or elaborate how it conducted the operation against the U.S. team.

A close source to the al-Qaida militants told Xinhua that "we saw a team of U.S. senior officers patrolling in the al-Mulla district in downtown Aden in a small military car."

"The officers' car came under attacks, which also injured a number of them," the source said.

On Thursday, a Yemeni security official told Xinhua that a brigade of Yemen's special forces were dispatched from Sanaa to Aden for an anti-terror training course conducted by a U.S. security team.

He said on condition of anonymity that the Yemeni special forces were preparing to engage next month in battles against al-Qaida militants in the neighboring restive province of Abyan.

The Yemeni government has given the militants ultimatum to quit captured cities in Abyan.

Taking advantage of one-year anti-government protests, the resurgent al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), known locally as Ansar al-Sharia (Partisans of Islamic Law), has taken control of several cities across the restive southern provinces.

The Yemeni government forces have been battling the AQAP militants in the south, leaving hundreds of people killed and thousands displaced.

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[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 3:48 PM
To: [Redacted]

I guess I should also ask if you can confirm this:

(AP) VIENNA - Satellite images of an Iranian military facility appear to show trucks and earth-moving vehicles at the site, indicating an attempted cleanup of radioactive traces possibly left by tests of a nuclear-weapon trigger, diplomats told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 4:45 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: iran

Ken,

[Redacted]

Hope this helps,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 11:39 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: iran

OK. Is there anything else you can talk about, in response to my query?

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 11:39 AM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: iran

[Redacted]

Take care,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 10:41 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: iran

[redacted] regarding my query on Iran, the Ambinder piece had some interesting stuff I wonder if you can confirm, some of which I have heard from my own sources. It's sort of obvious, and not revealing of sources and method:

That the CIA's Open Source Center has provided some interesting insights into the fissures and sentiments coursing through the regime, the political factions, and the society.

That you guys are "scrutinizing and seizing cargo shipments bound for Iran, tapping the black market for nuclear supplies and buying up spare parts, and maximizing the collection of Iranian signal traffic."

That MASINT sensors can provide some early warning (provided they are looking in the right place—my sentiments, not his) by detecting electromagnetic signatures, disturbances in the soil and geography around a hidden facility, and streams of radioactive particles that are byproducts of the uranium enrichment process.

Finally: That the U.S. "has a good handle on the nuclear supply chain; it knows what Iran has and doesn't have; it has a good handle on who needs to be where in order for certain things to happen; it knows...a lot about the daily lives and stresses of Iran's nuclear scientists."

Again, this is all obvious, and anyone who follows this stuff for a living would be shocked if it weren't true. But it would help if I could get some confirmation. Thanks.

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[redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 4:46 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: iran

It's official: You guys have gotten way more conservative under the new guy. but thanks for trying...

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 4:45 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: iran

Ken,

[Redacted]

Hope this helps,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 11:39 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: iran

OK. Is there anything else you can talk about, in response to my query?

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2012 11:39 AM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: iran

[Redacted]

Take care,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 9:37 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: iran -- new stuff

[redacted] I spoke to Mike Rogers and Dianne Feinstein last night. They both said that CIA's position on whether Iran has other clandestine enrichment sites boils down to, we simply don't know. (A former senior intelligence official also told me that, though his info is obviously less current.) I want to ask if you guys would dispute that.

Rogers also said that based on the briefings he's gotten, he is not confident that the US would learn about a secret Iranian breakout in sufficient time to stop it. I throw that out in case you guys would offer a different view.

Thanks.

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[redacted]

Cynthia L Rapp

From: Cynthia L Rapp
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 8:02 PM
To: [redacted]

Ken--I am sending this for [redacted] (you can tell it's from him by the "Hey Ken"). Sorry we couldn't get back to sooner. Regards, Cynthia

Hey Ken,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 3:46 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Called both your phones.

[Redacted]

-----Original message-----

[Redacted]

I didn't leave a message. I'm back in the office...call when you have a minute.

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

[redacted]
From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 12:45 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: syria nuclear material?

Thanks. Last time I checked, you guys believed the CBW program was securely guarded by the regime. Still true?

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 12:43 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: syria nuclear material?

Ken,

Cheers,

[redacted]
 Media Spokesperson
 CIA Office of Public Affairs
 [redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 11:05 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: syria nuclear material?

[redacted] Fred Fleitz raises some reasonable questions here, but the last line can't be true, can it? Can you say on background whether you guys believe, and with what confidence level, that Syria has nuclear material? Ken

"In the eyes of some in the press, that was that. The threat was gone. But that's not necessarily the case," said Fleitz. "This reactor reportedly was close to operations, which raises the question: Where are the fuel rods for this reactor? Now, it's possible that North Korea was going to ship these fuel rods to Syria. However, it's also very likely that Syria was building a fuel fabrication building somewhere in the country to keep this reactor fueled. Also, since this reactor was likely for plutonium for weapons, there would have to be buildings to process that plutonium, to reprocess and extract the plutonium and then make it into weapons fuel. Where are those buildings? What technology does Syria have that other powers could possibly exploit or terrorist groups could exploit?"

The United States, said Fleitz has never bothered to ask these questions, or tried to answer them.

Photo released by the CIA in 2008 of Syria's al-Kibar nuclear reactor while it was under construction.

The Secret Threat from Syria's Nuclear Weapons Program

March 14, 2012
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The United States must start thinking about how to secure Syria's nuclear program and to locate the missing uranium and nuclear weapons-related technology of the program before they can find their way

into the hands of the Iranians or terrorist groups, LIGNET managing editor Fred Fleitz said in an interview this week.

"If Assad thinks he's in danger, he just may decide to transfer some technology, or maybe some uranium, to Iran," Fleitz said of the Syrian president, who has earned international opprobrium for his brutal crackdown on the opposition.

"When we think about a post-Assad Syria, we shouldn't be overlooking this," said Fleitz.

Fleitz, a long-time senior analyst with the CIA and senior staffer on the House Intelligence Committee until the spring of 2011, said there are many outstanding questions about Syria's nuclear program that date to the Bush administration.

Most of what is known about Syria's nuclear program came to light in reports of Israel's 2007 strike on the al-Kibar nuclear reactor in the Syrian desert about 20 miles outside the town of Deir el-Zor. The reactor, which was reportedly close to being operational, was destroyed by Israeli air strikes on September 6, 2007. "We know since this reactor wasn't near any cities and didn't have any infrastructure to produce power, this was not a reactor that was built for peaceful purposes," Fleitz told journalist John Bachman. "This was a reactor that was built to make plutonium for weapons."

In 2008, a U.S. intelligence briefing revealed that the al-Kibar reactor was built by North Korea, and was almost identical to one in Yongbon, North Korea, that is used to produce plutonium for North Korea's nuclear weapons. The briefing also revealed that the reactor was very close to being operational.

But Fleitz says this isn't the end of the story -- Syria's nuclear program still poses a threat, especially if the Assad government falls and the country descends into chaos.

"In the eyes of some in the press, that was that. The threat was gone. But that's not necessarily the case," said Fleitz. "This reactor reportedly was close to operations, which raises the question: Where are the fuel rods for this reactor? Now, it's possible that North Korea was going to ship these fuel rods to Syria. However, it's also very likely that Syria was building a fuel fabrication building somewhere in the country to keep this reactor fueled. Also, since this reactor was likely for plutonium for weapons, there would have to be buildings to process that plutonium, to reprocess and extract the plutonium and then make it into weapons fuel. Where are those buildings? What technology does Syria have that other powers could possibly exploit or terrorist groups could exploit?"

The United States, said Fleitz has never bothered to ask these questions, or tried to answer them.

"Iran is running out of uranium, for enrichment, and it's been looking all over the world for sources for uranium -- supposedly for its power program, but most experts believe is for its weapons program. If there is an amount of uranium in Syria that Syria had amassed for its al-Kibar reactor, Iran's going to want it. And I think that's something that, in addition to worrying about Syria's chemical and biological weapons program, the United States has to think about Syria's nuclear weapons program and all the associated infrastructure and buildings and materials and uranium that had built up for this program. I think this is a serious threat."

Many experts believe the al-Kibar reactor couldn't have been put together without Iranian assistance, and that it may have in fact been an Iranian project, the manifestation of Iran's attempt to pursue plutonium for use as fuel in nuclear weapons. Fleitz says there's a "strong likelihood" that Iran and Syria were indeed collaborating on al-Kibar, building the facility "where the world wouldn't be watching, in the middle of the Syrian desert."

Chemical weapons

The Bush administration had repeatedly charged that Syria had stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons, basing this on U.S. intelligence reports. These weapons, says Fleitz, would "pose a significant threat" if they were to fall into the wrong hands.

"In all likelihood they are well guarded and well protected," said Fleitz, and dismissed media speculation about the weapons being used on invading troops as unlikely.

"Now in terms of falling into the hands of terrorist groups, that is a real worry. The worry that militia groups could seize these weapons, such as militias in Libya did after that conflict, is a real concern."

Fred Fleitz
Managing Editor, LIGNET.com

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From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 2:34 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: assad emails

if this is you guys, nice work. if it's real, even better.

while Syrian protesters bled, assad's wife shopped for a fondue set on amazon.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/mar/14/assad-emails-lift-lid-inner-circle>

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[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 11:55 AM
To: [Redacted]

http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-bin-laden-plot-to-kill-president-obama/2012/03/16/gIQAwN5RGS_story.html?wpisrc=al_national

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[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 12:45 PM
To: [redacted]

I just saw something that said Petraeus was knighted in the Hague. was that a joke?

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Cynthia L Rapp

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 11:52 AM
To: Cynthia L Rapp
Subject: RE: meet?

Didi, just circling back on this. Want to schedule something? Ken

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2012 7:02 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Subject: Re: meet?

Ken--I am sorry if I didn't get around to replying on Friday. It was one crazy day.

I would be happy to meet sometime for coffee. I don't have my calendar handy, so let's touch base tomorrow.

Regards, Cynthia

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2012 11:15 AM
To: Cynthia L Rapp
Subject: meet?

Didi, Would you be willing to meet for lunch or coffee one of these days? Ken

Ken Dilanian
National Security Correspondent
Los Angeles Times
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[redacted]

[redacted]
From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 1:10 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: north korea tidbit

Thanks.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 1:06 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: north korea tidbit

Ken,

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 10:25 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: north korea tidbit

[redacted] this report out of South Korea says Kim Jong Un is conducting purges to consolidate power. Could you please ask your folks if they believe this is true—including the details about the officials shot for sexual harassment and drunkenness—and whether he is the driving force behind it or is it Jang Song-thaek? Thanks. Ken

Kim Jong-un 'Purged Top Brass of Dissenters'

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has purged high-ranking military officers to consolidate his grip on power after the death of his father Kim Jong-il, it emerged on Tuesday.

A source familiar with North Korea said Kim Jong-un ordered officials in January to remove anyone caught misbehaving during the mourning period for Kim Jong-il. "We have information that an assistant chief of the General Staff Department was arrested and shot by firing squad on charges of sexual harassment during the mourning period," the source added.

The General Staff Department takes orders directly from Kim Jong-un in wartime and commands the entire North Korean military. There are six or seven assistant chiefs under Gen. Ri Yong-ho, the chief of General Staff. It remains unclear which assistant chief was purged.

A high-ranking government official here said, "To my knowledge, an assistant chief of the Ministry of the People's

Armed Forces was also put in front of a firing squad early this year for being drunk during the mourning period."

Kim Sung-min of Free North Korea Radio, a former captain in the North Korean army, recalled that Kim Jong-il also carried out a bloody purge after the death of his father Kim Il-sung in the name of restoring public order. "There is a strong chance that Kim Jong-un is doing exactly what his father did," he said.

englishnews@chosun.com / Mar. 21, 2012 10:13 KST

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National Security Correspondent
Los Angeles Times

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[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 7:05 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: yemen

Thanks, [Redacted]

Ken Dilanian
Los Angeles Times
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From: [Redacted]
To: "Dilanian, Ken" [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Sent: Wed, Mar 21, 2012 21:17:41 GMT+00:00
Subject: RE: yemen

Ken,

[Large Redacted Block]

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 11:45 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: yemen

[Redacted] sorry to hit you with two today, but I am also working on something about Yemen. The U.S. military has stepped up strikes in recent weeks, even as it pushed a plan to reorganize the Yemeni military to that it is better suited to dislodge AQAP and Ansar al Sharia from the towns they have seized in the south. Can we chat later about some of this?

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National Security Correspondent

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[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 12:09 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: yemen

[Redacted] I was thinking about that. thanks.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 12:09 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Subject: RE: yemen

Hey Ken,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 10:27 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: yemen

question: do you think it would be accurate to say that southern yemen right now is the largest safe haven for al qaeda since pre 9-11 Afghanistan? just looking for guidance here, not the cia's official view.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 5:18 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: yemen

Ken,

[Redacted]



[Redacted]

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Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 11:45 AM
To: [Redacted]
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From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 5:38 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: thanks for your help

can you say which one of these was the yemeni gov?

US drones struck yet again in the Yemeni province of Al Baydah, according to a report from the country. The strike is the fourth in Yemen in the past week.

Yemeni security officials have told the Yemen Post that an unmanned Predator or more heavily armed Reaper struck a vehicle as it traveled in Al Baydah province yesterday, killing four al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula fighters. The strike took place just two hours after an AQAP suicide bomber killed four soldiers from the Republican Guards in an attack in the city of Al Baydah.

No senior AQAP leaders or operatives were reported killed in the strike. US military and intelligence officials contacted by *The Long War Journal* would neither confirm nor deny that yesterday's strike took place.

Yesterday's strike followed three other strikes in central and southern Yemen that have taken place since March 9.

The last strike occurred on March 11, when the unmanned warplanes killed three AQAP fighters in Jaar. The target of the strike was weapons seized by AQAP during last week's assault on a military base in Al Koud in neighboring Abyan province. In that assault, AQAP overran a Yemeni mechanized base in Al Koud, killing 185 troops, wounding over 150, and capturing at least 55 more.

On March 10, AQAP "hideouts" in Jaar were targeted; 10 AQAP fighters were reported to have been killed. And on March 9, the Predators and Reapers hit an AQAP hideout in a rural area near Al Baydah. Abdulwahhab al-Homaiqani, an AQAP commander in the city, and 16 of his fighters were reported to have been killed in the strike.

Read more: http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2012/03/us_drone_strike_kill_2.php#ixzz1pssUfRtg

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[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2012 1:48 PM
To: [redacted]

[redacted] based on this statement, wouldn't it follow that any AQAP fighter would be fair game for the US?

"AQAP has two main goals: to attack the West and solidify a safehaven and extremist state in Yemen," said a third American official familiar with the intelligence on Yemen. "Because of the political unrest in 2011, they had more success at the latter. AQAP will try to use any space it can get to plan external attacks."

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[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ker [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2012 4:51 PM
To: [Redacted]

Do you think this bears any resemblance to reality?

<http://www.longwarjournal.org/multimedia/Yemen/code/Yemen-strike.php>

Ken Dilanian
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Los Angeles Times
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[Redacted]

[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 5:05 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: yemen q

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 5:05 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: yemen q

Hey Ken,

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2012 4:13 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: yemen q

This attack on Americans happened, but no American was killed, is that correct? Can you say if the people behind it have been targeted?

2012-03-03 10:57

ADEN, Yemen, March 2-- The Yemen-based al-Qaida wing said Friday that it had killed a U.S. intelligence officer in the southern port city of Aden.

"Our brave fighters opened fire at a team of U.S. intelligence officers in the southern city of Aden on Thursday, killing a CIA officer," the al-Qaida said in a text message received by Xinhua.

"We killed the officer after we monitored him and made sure that he was cooperating with the Sanaa government in the war against terrorism," the message said.

The group did not give more details about the attack or elaborate how it conducted the operation against the U.S. team.

A close source to the al-Qaida militants told to Xinhua that "we saw a team of U.S. senior officers patrolling in the al-Mulla district in downtown Aden in a small military car."

"The officers' car came under attacks, which also injured a number of them," the source said.

On Thursday, a Yemeni security official told Xinhua that a brigade of Yemen's special forces were dispatched from Sanaa to Aden for an anti-terror training course conducted by a U.S. security team.

He said on condition of anonymity that the Yemeni special forces were preparing to engage next month in battles against al-Qaida militants in the neighboring restive province of Abyan.

The Yemeni government has given the militants ultimatum to quit captured cities in Abyan.

Taking advantage of one-year anti-government protests, the resurgent al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), known locally as Ansar al-Sharia (Partisans of Islamic Law), has taken control of several cities across the restive southern provinces.

The Yemeni government forces have been battling the AQAP militants in the south, leaving hundreds of people killed and thousands displaced.

The AQAP, entrenching itself mainly in Yemen's southern provinces of Abyan and Shabwa, is on the terrorist list of the United States.

Newly-elected President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi vowed to strengthen security and intelligence cooperation with the United States in combating the AQAP that threatened the daily oil shipping routes in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

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[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 2:54 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: yemen

Hey, what say you about the numbers quoted today by the "bureau of investigative journalism"?

<http://www.thebureauinvestigates.com/2012/03/29/arab-spring-saw-steep-rise-in-us-attacks-on-yemen-militants/>

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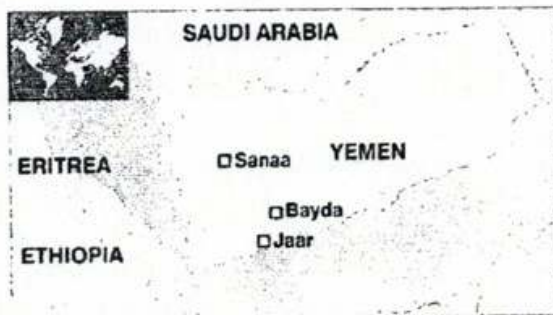
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From: Dilanian, Ken [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 5:28 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: just found this

bbc

Officials in Bayda said Friday night's raids targeted a stronghold of local al-Qaeda leader Abdulwahhab al-Homaiqani. He was among the dead, a government source told Reuters.

One official told AFP the dead were mostly, "new recruits, youths from the region, taken by surprise by the raids which struck as they were dining in training camps".



The militants were reported to have equipment, weapons and vehicles in order to carry out attacks.

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[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 5:36 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: and this

Sources said that AQAP militants came from Qaefa district with their heavy weapons, gathering in Wadi Al-Makhneq district, Al-Baydha province in a readiness to fight against Yemen government forces in an attempt to expand its hold over province.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 5:42 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken
Subject: RE: Abdulwahhab al-Homaiqani?

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2012 4:08 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Abdulwahhab al-Homaiqani?

on March 9, the Predators and Reapers hit an AQAP hideout in a rural area near Al Baydah. Abdulwahhab al-Homaiqani, an AQAP commander in the city, and 16 of his fighters were reported to have been killed in the strike.

Read more: http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2012/03/us_drone_strike_kill_2.php#ixzz1qXRVIbRg

but this was not just drones, right?

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[REDACTED]

From: Dilanian, Ken [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 3:50 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: from Ansar Alshariaa in Yemen to Mr Ken Dilanian & David Dloud

Thinking of accepting. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: ansar alshariaa [mailto:ansaralshariaa@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 3:44 PM
To: Dilanian, Ken; Cloud, David S
Subject: from Ansar Alshariaa in Yemen to Mr Ken Dilanian & David Dloud

To Mr Ken Dilanian & David Dloud ,

We'd like to express our admiration of the latest article of both of you about Yemen with the name of "In Yemen, lines blur as U.S. steps up airstrikes" which has a number of realistic points and facts about the current situation in Yemen, and the unfair u.s war on "terrorism". We - Ansar Alshariaa - invite you to come to our territories in southern Yemen and give your ears a chance to listen to our point of view about this war & also to watch how we rule these lands with islamic law "shariaa", as a result of that visit insha' Allah you'll have the full picture of the situation here.

So if you're interested about this visit please reply to this e mail so we can arrange it insha' Allah. We also want you to be sure that you won't get hurt with any level insha' Allah as you'd be our guests, plus it's not our policy to target journalists, & don't forget that if you accept our invitation to visit us, you won't be the first American journalists to do that because Mr Casey L Coombs visited Waqar (previously Jiaar) in Abyan last month. You can check it out in these two links;

<http://caseylcoombs.com/>

http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/03/09/land_of_the_black_flag

Awaiting for your reply,

(Ansar Alshariaa)

[Redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 3:55 PM
To: [Redacted]

do we know who is the leader of ansar al sharia?

Ken Dilanian
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O:(202) 824 8328 [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[redacted]

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 3:56 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: request for yemen backgrounder

[redacted] I ran into [redacted] today at a State Department thing, and I mentioned to him that I would love a backgrounder on Yemen. I told him that I am in an email conversation right now with people who purport to speak for Ansar al Sharia, who seem to be trying to put a kinder gentler face on the "mujihadeen" in Yemen. He said asked me to go through you guys, so here I am. Understanding that analysts won't talk about drone strikes or US policy, I would love to come in with David Cloud and get some insights into the relationship between Ansar Al Sharia and AQAP. I spoke to a very knowledgeable analyst today who believes they are very different animals, but he doesn't have access to the latest intel, as your folks do. Can you help with this? Thanks.

Best, Ken

Ken Dilanian
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[redacted]

Cynthia L Rapp

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 9:01 PM
To: Cynthia L Rapp
Subject: Re: north korea

Ok, thanks, Didi. Ken

Ken Dilanian
Los Angeles Times
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-----Original message-----

From: [redacted]
To: "Dilanian, Ken" [redacted]
Sent: Thu, Apr 12, 2012 00:48:51 GMT+00:00
Subject: Re: north korea

Ken--sorry not to have gotten back earlier. [redacted]
[redacted]

However, we expect the White House to issue a statement in the event of a launch that might help. Didi

From: Dilanian, Ken [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 04:42 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: north korea

Hi, folks. I've been asked to write a feed on US reaction to the North Korean missile launch if it happens tonight...will any of you be in a position to offer initial assessments on background? Thanks. Ken

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[redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 4:18 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: For your story

Many thanks. I will make sure it has the "not confirming" part. And I will be back to you soon to pitch Michael on the Obama story.

Scott Shane
New York Times
Washington Bureau
202-862-0305 office

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 4:09 PM
To: Shane, Scott
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: For your story

Scott,

The following is attributable to me, in name, as CIA spokesperson:

"I cannot comment on, or confirm, any possible operational activity. However, I would note that the CIA certainly respects the great work of medical NGOs in difficult places around the world. The Agency is receptive to the views of the NGO community, and met with community representatives for a full and frank exchange on their concerns. Decisions are not made in a vacuum, and the Agency welcomed the opportunity to hear directly from them."

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 7:57 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Note for Michael Morrell -- please pass on

Very kind of you

Scott Shane
New York Times
Washington bureau
202-862-0305

[Redacted]

----- Original Message -----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 07:53 PM
To: Shane, Scott
Subject: RE: Note for Michael Morrell -- please pass on

I already did.

-----Original Message-----

From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 7:01 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Note for Michael Morrell -- please pass on

Whoops! Please correct. And thanks for your help.

Scott Shane
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[Redacted]

----- Original Message -----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 06:57 PM
To: Shane, Scott
Subject: RE: Note for Michael Morrell -- please pass on

By the way, it's Morell. Will pass this along.

-----Original Message-----

From: Shane, Scott

Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 6:14 PM

To:

Cc:

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Many thanks for your consideration.

Scott

Scott Shane

New York Times

Washington Bureau

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[Redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 10:51 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Note for Michael Morrell -- please pass on

[Redacted] fyi, as you can imagine, Declan had info from other sources. Anything you gave us off the record stayed off the record. Thanks again.

Scott

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[Redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 6:56 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Your story

[Redacted] Sorry, was stuck in interviews and off email. Sorry to hear that. This is an imperfect business -- editor had told me he would make sure the entire quote from you ran. It was cut at some point in the evening as they rejiggered the page for space, it seems. Trust me, Michael and you would have been far more displeased with the story that we would have run without your help, [Redacted] you'll see what I mean (only wanted to work on vaccines, hero and patriot). He and you accomplished a great deal -- your time was by no means wasted. Meanwhile, if Michael doesn't want to talk, I still hope we might get answers to the questions I sent, and perhaps the outstanding ones I'd sent to [Redacted] Many of them are very much in the agency's interest to answer -- eg, a roundup of the program's success to date. I'll try you in the morning.

Thanks again

Scott

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 03:42 PM
To: Shane, Scott
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Your story

Scott,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 11:14 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Two things

Thanks, [Redacted] I'll try to catch you later (I'm on cell). My argument would be that CIA helps itself by saying more, not less. That was absolutely what happened with the Afridi story -- no question that the story was better from our point of view and yours with the agency's input.

best

Scott

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New York Times
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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 10:29 AM
To: Shane, Scott; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Two things

Scott,

[Redacted]

Take care,

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 9:43 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Two things

(Copying message just sent to [Redacted])

Scott Shane
New York Times
Washington bureau
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[Redacted]

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From: Shane, Scott
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 9:42 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Two things

[REDACTED] On the news front: we've heard that joint CIA-JSOC teams are now embedded in the tribal areas of Yemen, helping gather intelligence and direct strikes. Can you confirm, dispute, explain?

And I'd like to chat briefly on where we go from here on the bigger Obama piece. I'm on [REDACTED]

Thanks much

Scott

Scott Shane
New York Times
Washington bureau
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[redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 2:32 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc:
Subject: A little more background on Afridi story

[redacted] fyi and please share with Michael a little more info on our Afridi story. We very seriously considered the notion that the negative info on Afridi was coming from ISI (and ignored some of the more lurid claims that were indeed coming from ISI). Declan called the guy supposedly spreading the disinformation, the FATA director of health, Dr. Fawad Khan. They spoke about healthcare but when Declan mentioned Afridi, he clammed up and ended the conversation. So while he may well be smearing Afridi to other journalists, he didn't do so to us.

In addition, the two main allegations we mentioned - sexual harassment and dubious surgery that led to his arrest by the local warlord - were backed by multiple sources. The harassment claim came through papers filed with the FATA authorities and the local Human Rights Commission (which we obtained independently from each). The surgery/warlord info came from at least six different sources including the local parliamentarian and his own colleagues, most speaking on the record.

And of course we included the US government assessment of Afridi as a doctor of good character.

So I hope this clarifies why we do not believe the negative information about Afridi was an ISI invention.

cheers

Scott

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[redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 4:55 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: AQAP plot

Great, thanks much

Scott Shane
New York Times
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[Redacted]

----- Original Message -----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 04:54 PM
To: Shane, Scott
Subject: RE: AQAP plot

Scott - [Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 4:38 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: AQAP plot

I'd love to talk with someone about this as soon as possible. At the 202 number below.

Thanks much

Scott

Scott Shane

New York Times

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[Redacted]

[redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 8:21 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Fact check

[redacted] Still don't have the background stuff, fyi. Hope it's not going in spam filter!

Thanks

Scott

Scott Shane
New York Times
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[redacted]

----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 07:43 PM
To: Shane, Scott
Cc: [redacted] Schmitt, Eric P
Subject: RE: Fact check

Hi Scott,

Just going through all the requests for fact checking/follow up. Please forgive the delay in responding. I just tried calling you on land line and cell. [redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 6:26 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fact check

[redacted] Could you tell me if anything in this Web story (below) is wrong or misleading? Thrown together on deadline.

Also, if you have time for a chat I'm putting a fuller version together for tomorrow's newspaper: 202-862-0305.

Thanks

Scott

May 7, 2012

U.S. Thwarts New Qaeda Plot to Attack Plane, Officials Say By JOHN H. CUSHMAN Jr.

WASHINGTON -- American counterterrorism forces recently thwarted an apparent plot to bring down a commercial plane, seizing a new, more sophisticated explosive device designed to be worn by a passenger, government officials said Monday.

Officials said the plot had been based in Yemen and appeared to be a second attempt at the kind of attack that failed in 2009 when a passenger on a flight to Detroit tried to set off an explosive hidden in his garments.

The explosive, which contained no metal parts and had a more sophisticated triggering device, may have been designed by the same bomb-maker, Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri, they said. The officials did not say they had captured the bomber or any other individuals, and it was not clear whether anybody had been identified, or whether a suicide bomber had even been recruited yet.

The bomb was seized days before the May 2 anniversary of the death of Osama bin Laden. But the officials said that there was no reason to say it was intended to be used to mark the date, that an attack was never launched and that no plane was ever in danger.

Administration officials continued to say Monday, as they did for days before the anniversary of Bin Laden's death, which President Obama marked with a trip to Afghanistan and a speech to the nation, that there was no specific threat of a terrorist plot to attack the United States at this time.

A statement Monday from the Department of Homeland Security, however, spelled out the kinds of measures it is taking to prevent being caught off guard, including by this kind of improvised explosive device, or I.E.D.

"Since this I.E.D. demonstrates our adversaries' interest in targeting the aviation sector, D.H.S. continues, at the direction of the president, to employ a risk-based, layered approach to ensure the security of the traveling public," Matt Chandler, an agency spokesman, said in a statement. "These layers include threat and vulnerability analysis, prescreening and screening of passengers, using the best available technology, random searches at airports, federal air marshal coverage, and additional security measures both seen and unseen."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation said in a written statement that it possessed the device, which it said had been seized abroad. The bureau is conducting tests on the device, the statement said, and "initial exploitation indicates" that it is very similar to ones used by Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula "in attempted terrorist attacks, including against aircraft and for targeted assassinations."

Mr. Obama was first told of the plot in April by the White House's homeland security and counterterrorism adviser, John O. Brennan, and has since received briefings on the matter, according to a statement by the National Security Council.

"While the president was assured that the device did not pose a threat to the public, he directed the Department of Homeland Security and law enforcement and intelligence agencies to take whatever steps necessary to guard against this type of attack," said Caitlin Hayden, a spokeswoman for the National Security Council. "The disruption of this I.E.D. plot underscores the necessity of remaining vigilant against terrorism here and abroad."

The plot's disruption was earlier reported by The Associated Press, which said the government was planning to announce it on Thursday. Other officials confirmed details of the A.P. report.

It was at least the third attempt of the Qaeda affiliate to attack the United States with an aircraft plot using an innovative bomb that officials believe Mr. Asiri designed.

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On Christmas in 2009, a young Nigerian tried to blow up an airliner over Detroit with chemical explosives hidden in his underwear, but the explosives merely burned the would-be bomber. Then, in October 2010, Qaeda operatives placed two printer-ink cartridges loaded with explosives and addressed to Chicago aboard cargo planes, but the bombs were detected and removed en route.

Eric Schmitt, Scott Shane and Michael S. Schmidt contributed reporting.

Scott Shane

New York Times

Washington Bureau

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 8:22 PM
To: 'Shane, Scott'
Subject: RE: AQAP Bomb Plot

Great. You're welcome. [redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 8:22 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: AQAP Bomb Plot

Just got it! Thanks

Scott Shane
New York Times
Washington bureau
202-862-0305
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 08:19 PM
To: Shane, Scott
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: AQAP Bomb Plot

Hi Scott,

[Large redacted area]

For your convenience:

DHS Statement:

"We have no specific, credible information regarding an active terrorist plot against the U.S. at this time, although we continue to monitor efforts by al-Qa'ida and its affiliates to carry out terrorist attacks, both in the Homeland and abroad. Since this IED demonstrates our adversaries' interest in targeting the aviation sector, DHS continues, at the direction of the President, to employ a risk-based, layered approach to ensure the security of the traveling public. These layers include threat and vulnerability analysis, prescreening and screening of passengers, using the best available technology, random searches at airports, federal air marshal coverage and additional security measures both seen and unseen. DHS will continue to work with our federal, state, local, international and private sector partners to identify potential threats and take appropriate protective measures. As always, we encourage law enforcement and security officials, as well as the general public, to maintain vigilance and report suspicious activity to the appropriate authorities." –Matt Chandler, DHS Spokesman

FBI statement:

"As a result of close cooperation with our security and intelligence partners overseas, an improvised explosive device (IED) designed to carry out a terrorist attack has been seized abroad. The FBI currently has possession of the IED and is conducting technical and forensics analysis on it. Initial exploitation indicates that the device is very similar to IEDs that have been used previously by al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) in attempted terrorist attacks, including against aircraft and for targeted assassinations. The device never presented a threat to public safety, and the U.S. Government is working closely with international partners to address associated concerns with the device. We refer you to the Department of Homeland Security, including the Transportation Security Administration, regarding ongoing security measures to safeguard the American people and the traveling public." -FBI Statement

WH COMMENT:

"The President was first informed about the plot in April by his Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Advisor John Brennan, and he has received regular updates and briefings as needed from his national security team. While the President was assured that the device did not pose a threat to the public, he directed the Department of Homeland Security and law enforcement and intelligence agencies to take whatever steps necessary to guard against this type of attack. The disruption of this IED plot underscores the necessity of remaining vigilant against terrorism here and abroad. The President thanks all intelligence and counterterrorism professionals involved for their outstanding work and for serving with the extraordinary skill and commitment that their enormous responsibilities demand." –Caitlin Hayden, Deputy NSC Spokesperson

[Redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 9:29 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: details on thwarted plot

[Redacted] We were told the following on record by Rep. Peter King from the briefing he got about the would-be suicide bomber:

"They said that we don't have to worry about him anymore, that we don't have to worry about this guy. That was the exact language they used."

I'm concerned about using this because it makes it sound like CIA or its partners may have killed the would-be bomber or made him disappear or something else ominous. Can you help me interpret what Rep. King is saying, or clarify off-record, so that we don't inadvertently cause misunderstanding?

[Redacted]

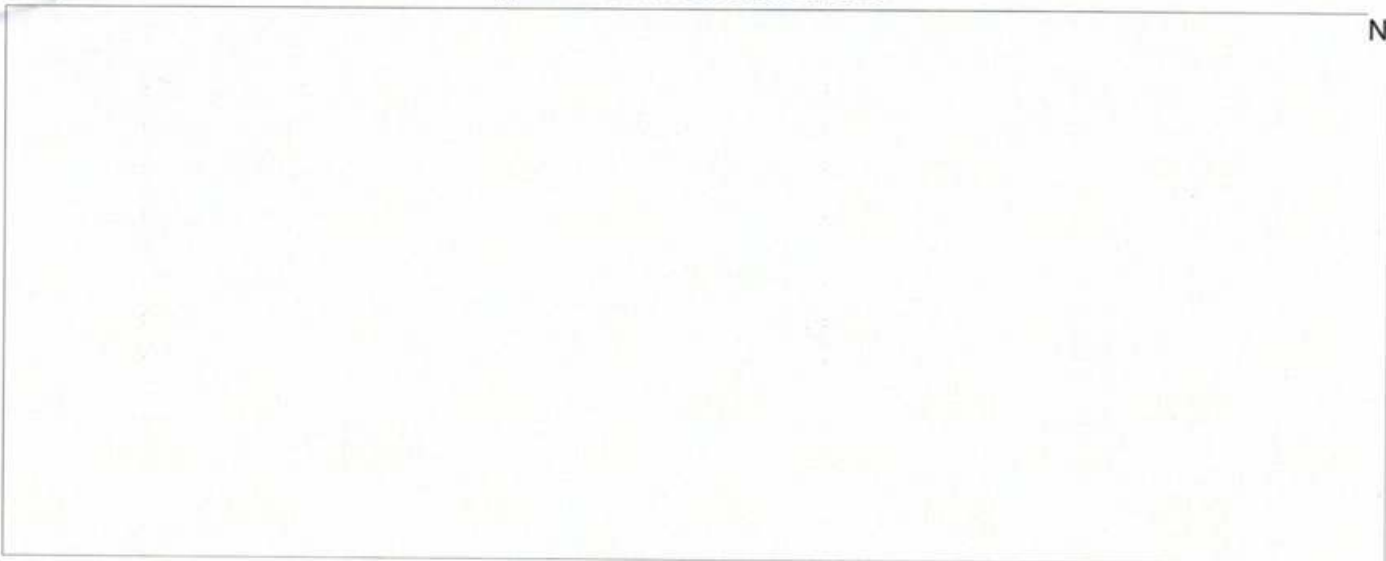
Thanks much

Scott

Scott Shane
New York Times
Washington bureau
202-862-0305

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 10:06 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Plans today?

Hi Folks, Running into an interview for most of the morning, but would greatly appreciate a note advising on whether any organized briefings on Yemen are planned today by CIA, NSC or anyone else.

Thanks much

Scott

Scott Shane

New York Times

Washington Bureau

202-862-0305 office

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, May 13, 2012 5:32 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Response to your query

Hi Scott ~ In response to your question I can offer the following on the record, from me as a CIA Spokesperson:

"CIA takes its responsibility to keep Congress informed very seriously. We will, of course, cooperate fully with any review or investigation."

Hope you have the chance to enjoy some of this great weather. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 5:54 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Obama CT Policy

Thanks very much, [Redacted] Will study this tonight.

Best

Scott

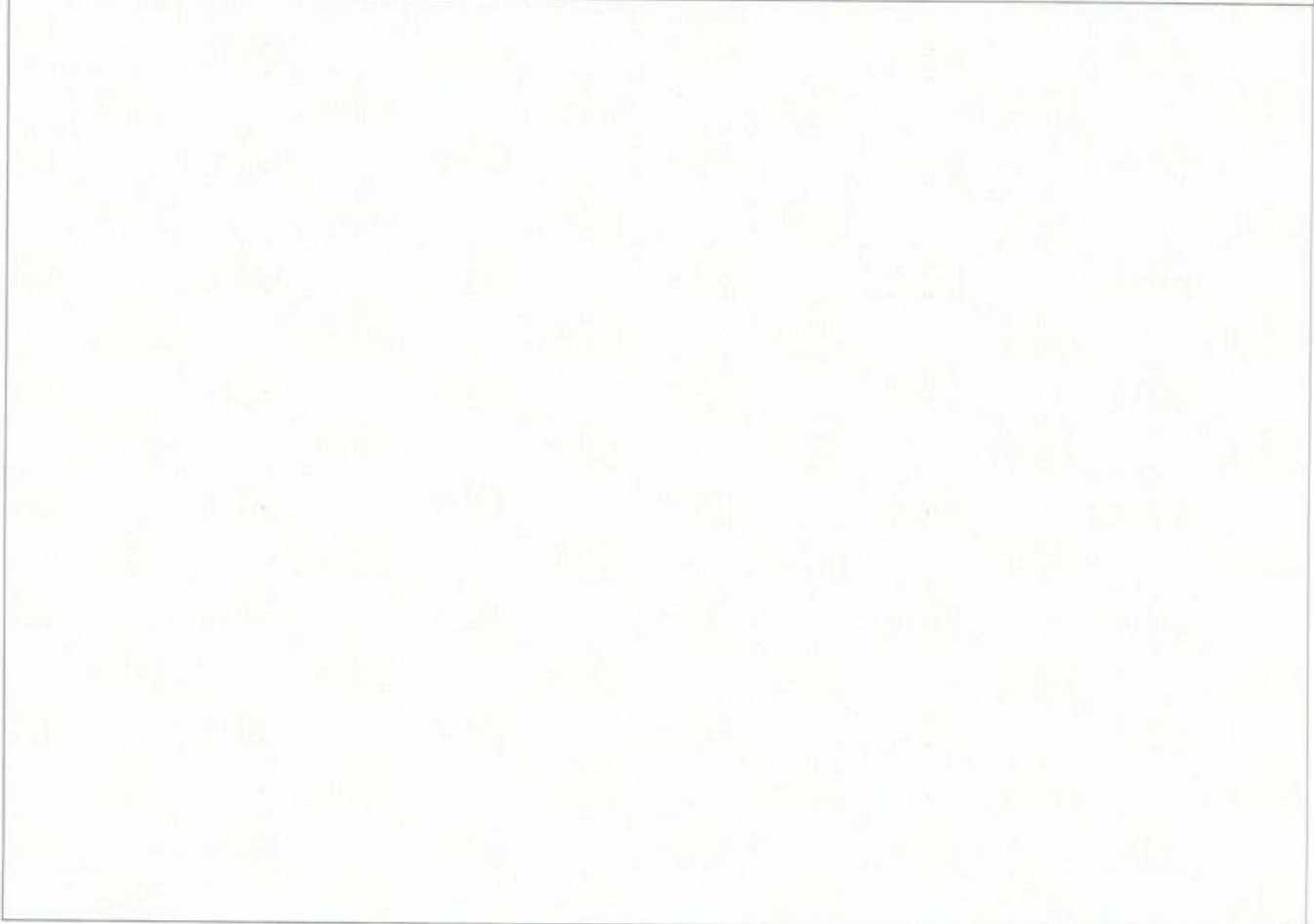
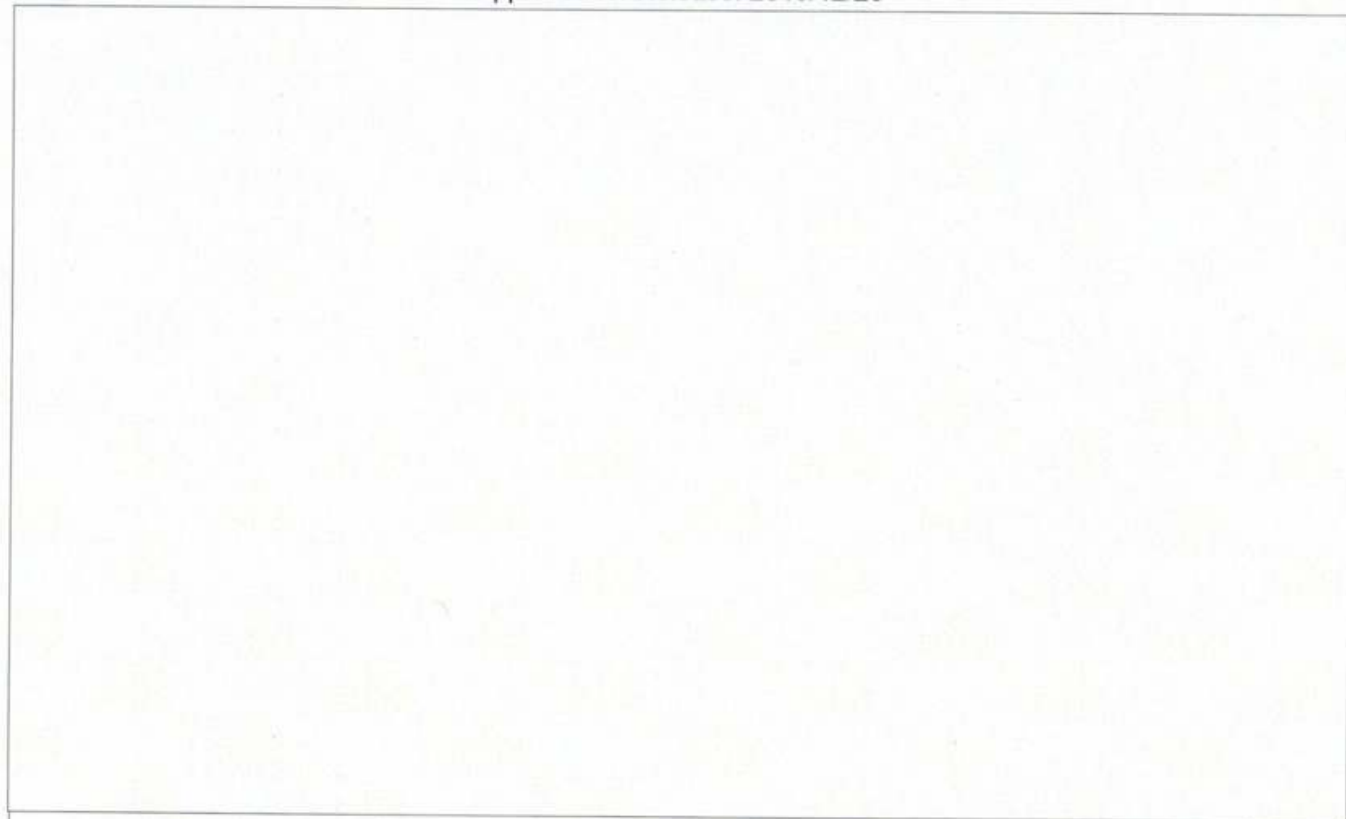
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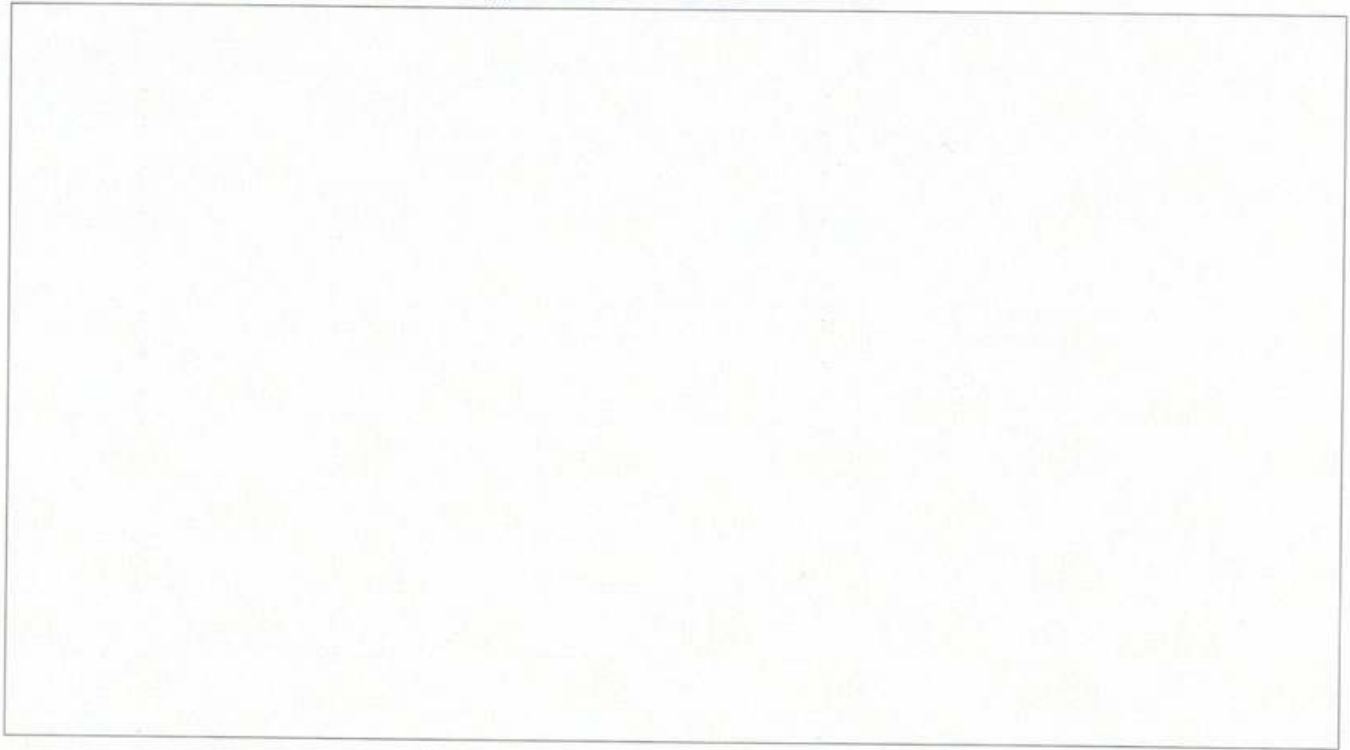
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 05:49 PM
To: Shane, Scott
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Obama CT Policy

Scott,

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Hope this helps,

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

[redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2012 6:19 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Obama CT story

[redacted] This story is going through the editing meat grinder now and that's in plenty of time to influence it.

Thanks
Scott

Scott Shane
New York Times
Washington bureau
202-862-0305
[redacted]

----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2012 06:03 PM
To: Shane, Scott
Subject: RE: Obama CT story

Scott,

[redacted]

Thanks!

[redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 12:02 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Obama CT story

[redacted] Thanks for the call Monday. Again, we would naturally welcome any input in response to the various questions sent previously. Two things that came up in our reporting more recently but that I may not have listed explicitly: We're told on what seems to be good

authority that two things changed, apparently pretty early in 2009, as a result of the president's concern about noncombatant casualties and resulting blowback:

1) The munitions available for Hellfires were downsized to offer at least the option of a smaller blast zone;

and 2) The standard for deciding when to go forward with a strike was changed from "reasonable certainty of zero collateral damage" (ie, deaths and injuries of noncombatants) to "near certainty of zero collateral damage"

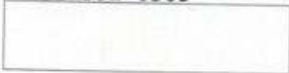
Just letting you know this so that you can either correct it, if we've gotten this wrong in some way, or better explain it if you think I might not grasp the significance.

On cell today, in office Thursday and Friday. Chance that this story will run this weekend is smaller than the chance I will be named CIA director, so no huge rush, but the sooner the better.

Thanks

Scott

Scott Shane
New York Times
Washington bureau
202-862-0305



[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 01, 2012 9:12 AM
To: 'Shane, Scott'
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Thanks

Resending...

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2012 7:29 PM
To: 'Shane, Scott'
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Thanks

Scott,

[Large Redacted Block]

As always though, we will keep in dialogue. Have a good evening!

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 4:34 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Thanks

[Redacted] just FYI, I collected all the unused comments and answers from a "US counterterrorism official" and proposed running them online in Q & A format as a sidebar to the story today (which editors rushed into print because of the Newsweek excerpt). I argued that partly because the comments are anonymous, we rarely use more than a snippet, and it might be interesting to readers to see it all and form their own opinions. But editors disagreed, saying they didn't want to give anonymous government officials an unedited platform. Still, I appreciated all your input.

I raised with you the possibility of following up on Michael Morell's comment to me on the alleged drone deaths last year of Tariq Khan, 16, and his cousin, 12. If it's try that neither boy was killed by that drone strike, is it an opportunity to illustrate

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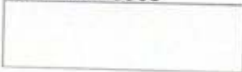
how false claims travel the world? From my point of view it would be a terrific piece, assuming some degree of certainty about the facts is possible. And I think the agency would welcome a chance to show how the disinformation process operates. What you think?

Thanks again and best

Scott

--

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Washington bureau
The New York Times
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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 3:19 PM
To: 'Shane, Scott'; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Intel committee statement

Scott,

[Redacted]

Thanks,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 2:21 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Intel committee statement

Hi folks -- I'll be writing daily on the Intel committee press conference and would welcome background and comment on the somewhat unclear statement from Rogerts that CIA is refusing to provide information.

Back in office about 3 pm.

Many thanks

Scott

Scott Shane
New York Times
Washington bureau
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[Redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2012 4:49 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Intel committee statement

Thanks, Preston. You're faster on the draw than Rogers' folks, who may still be trying to figure out what he meant.

--
Scott Shane

Washington bureau
The New York Times
202-862-0305

[Redacted]

On 6/7/12 4:41 PM, [Redacted]

>Scott,
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[Redacted]

>Have a good evening,
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[Redacted]

>Media Spokesperson
>CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

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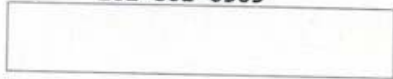
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- > Washington bureau
- > 202-862-0305



[redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 11:59 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Question on Bulgarian bomber

[redacted] You have any guidance on whether indeed the bomber was Mehdi Ghezali, formerly of Gitmo?

Thanks

Scott

--
Scott Shane
Washington bureau
The New York Times
202-862-0305

[redacted]

[REDACTED]

From: Shane, Scott [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 6:09 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Story on Director Petraeus

Hi folks — As I mentioned briefly [REDACTED] I've been asked to write a piece on Director Petraeus and his record at the agency, probably shooting for early September (I'll be out the week of August 20). There's no hidden agenda — just a desire to catch up on his impact there. I'd like to have any guidance, material and suggestions you are able to provide — interviews with CIA officials, suggestions for outsiders to talk to, maybe a memo on his goals and achievements, or whatever else might be relevant. In addition, I would like to request an interview with the director, if he's willing.

Glad to discuss this next week.

Many thanks

Scott

—
Scott Shane
Washington bureau
The New York Times
202-862-0305
[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

From: Shane, Scott [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 2:20 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Your Query on Syria

[Redacted]

Scott Shane
Washington bureau
The New York Times
202-862-0305

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
To: Scott Shane [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Your Query on Syria

Hi Scott,

Thanks for your call. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

From: Goldman, Adam [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 2:09 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: i checked.....

my handy two volume Harvard alumni directory and sure enough I found you.

That's the extent of my background check. I assume the agency did a thorough job.

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[Redacted]

From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 6:23 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Chat in an hour?

Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 06:08 PM
To: Goldman, Adam
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Chat in an hour?

Adam,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2012 11:41 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Chat in an hour?

Do you have a minute?

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 5:42 PM
To: Goldman, Adam
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Chat in an hour?

Hey Adam,

[Redacted]

Take care,

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson

CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 7:06 PM

To: [Redacted]

Subject: Re: Chat in an hour?

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

----- Original Message -----

From: [Redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 06:57 PM

To: Goldman, Adam

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Chat in an hour?

Adam,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Media Spokesperson

CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 10:13 AM

To: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Chat in an hour?

I'll call about 1p.m.



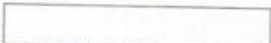
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 9:48 AM
To: Goldman, Adam
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Chat in an hour?

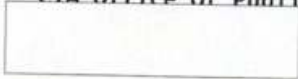
Adam,

I probably need a little more time this morning to clear through a series of meetings. Right after lunch would be better. Can you help me out with a sense of the specific questions? I've done some reading, but I'm not sure what exactly will come in handy for what you are writing about.

Thanks!



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-----Original Message-----

From: Goldman, Adam [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 9:38 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Chat in an hour?

Adam

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From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 12:15 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Have you seen this?

<http://pastebin.com/3RNmH53Q>

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2012 4:11 PM
To: 'Goldman, Adam'; [redacted]
Subject: RE: greetings

Adam,

The following may be attributed to me, in name, as CIA spokesperson:

"The Jones case demonstrates that the CIA is committed to enforcing the secrecy agreements of its employees and contractors. The breach of such an agreement is a violation of a solemn public trust."

[redacted]

From: Goldman, Adam [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2012 2:01 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: greetings

Thanks. The judge ruled Wednesday. Former DCIA LP had spoken out.

¶ "CIA officers are duty-bound to observe the terms of their secrecy agreement with the Agency," Director Leon E. Panetta said Tuesday in a statement (10-19-2010). "This lawsuit clearly reinforces that message."

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2012 2:00 PM
To: Goldman, Adam; [redacted]
Subject: RE: greetings

Adam,

[redacted]

From: Goldman, Adam [redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2012 12:38 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: greetings

An comment on the ruling in the Ishmael Jones case? He wrote "The Human Factor" without the CIA's permission.

Adam

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From: Goldman, Adam [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 12:27 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: this is the guy

<http://www.rewardsforjustice.net/index.cfm?page=umari&language=english>

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From: Goldman, Adam [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 4:46 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Greetings

Thanks. I'll get keep in touch with you on al-Asiri. There is also a different guy named Abu Ibrahim, whose real name is Husayn Muhammed al-Umari. He's also a master bomb maker. He's on the Rewards for Justice website. He left Lebanon for Yemen a while ago. Not sure exactly when. He's living on the coast east of Aden in the Shaqra area. He's got a \$5 million bounty on him _ one of the biggest for terrorists. Is the agency not tracking this guy? He's indicted in the U.S. and is responsible for a spate of bombings. He also killed U.S. soldiers in Iraq. DOD is offering \$200,000 for info leading to arrest or capture. I know he's long in the tooth but folks say he's still in the teaching business.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 4:39 PM
To: Goldman, Adam
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Greetings

Adam,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

-----Original Message-----

From: Goldman, Adam [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 7:36 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Greetings

We shud chat when u have a minute. We're hearing about aqap activity that has USG spun up and Ibrahim al-asiri is back on agency's radar after laying low in months following awlaki's demise.

Adam

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From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 11:33 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: monday

[Redacted] I hope we can nail down a time by Monday. I want to be able to tell my editors we're all set. Prefer not to have another conference call.

Adam

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 11:31 AM
To: Goldman, Adam
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: monday

Adam,

[Redacted]

Thanks!

[Redacted]
Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]

From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2012 9:59 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: monday

[Redacted]

Did you folks figure out a time yet?

Adam

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From: Goldman, Adam [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 8:47 AM
To: Cynthia L Rapp; Apuzzo, Matt; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: meeting with DDCIA

We are downstairs at northeast entrance. Sorry. A little early. Thought there wud be bad traffic. Adam.

----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 06:11 AM
To: Goldman, Adam; Apuzzo, Matt; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: meeting with DDCIA

Great---I will meet you in the lobby. Stand by for parking instructions--we have an event this morning that may complicate things. Cynthia

----- Original Message -----

From: Goldman, Adam [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 06:05 AM
To: Cynthia L Rapp; Apuzzo, Matt [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: meeting with DDCIA

Yes.

----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2012 05:55 AM
To: Apuzzo, Matt; Goldman, Adam; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: meeting with DDCIA

Matt, Adam: could you make it in for a 9:30 appointment?

----- Original Message -----

From: Apuzzo, Matt [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 01:34 PM
To: Goldman, Adam [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re:

Cynthia,

Thanks for setting this up! My info is below:

Following up on Adam's point, if this meeting is just the one the DDCIA suggested, to offer some details to the story we agreed to hold for a few days, then just Adam and I will be coming. We would only need to bring Sally along if there's been a change in those plans and we need to re-discuss something.

Thank you again. See you soon.

Matt Apuzzo

----- Original Message -----

From: Goldman, Adam

Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 01:27 PM

To: [redacted] Apuzzo, Matt

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Re:

Thanks Cynthia,

Matt Apuzzo and I are available to come tomorrow morning. I don't think there's a need to bring a senior AP manager. I believe we're on all on the same page after that last chat with the DDCIA. My info is below. Matt will provide his too.

Adam Michael Goldman

Regards,

Adam

----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]

Sent: Sunday, May 06, 2012 12:01 PM

To: Goldman, Adam

Cc: [redacted]

Subject:

Adam - wanted to let you know that DDCIA will be able to speak with you tomorrow; he'd like you to come into our building. We are still working on a time, but I understand that his schedulers are trying to find a morning time slot.

I presume you will be available, but please let us know if you'd like to bring Sally or another AP senior as well. We'll obviously need your full name, DOB, and SSN to get you cleared in.

I'll follow up when the appointment has been firmed up. Regards, Didi

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From: Goldman, Adam [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 11:49 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: PRESS RELEASE: CIA Holds Annual Memorial Ceremony to Honor Fallen Colleagues

A nice recognition. We wrote about molly and tom last year.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 11:40 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: PRESS RELEASE: CIA Holds Annual Memorial Ceremony to Honor Fallen Colleagues

**PRESS RELEASE: CIA Holds Annual Memorial Ceremony to Honor Fallen Colleagues
May 22, 2012**

The Central Intelligence Agency on Monday paid tribute to all of its exceptional men and woman who have died in the line of duty. An additional star was carved on the Memorial Wall this year, which now commemorates the lives of 103 courageous Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to this country.

Standing before the wall in the lobby of CIA headquarters, Director David H. Petraeus said: "The 103 souls represented by the stars on the wall behind me all heard the same call to duty and answered it without hesitation—never for acclaim, always for country. They devoted their hearts and minds to a mission unlike any other, at an agency unlike any other, serving on the world's most dangerous frontiers to defend our people, defeat our adversaries, and advance our freedoms. Their words and deeds will inspire us forever, and their service and sacrifice will never be forgotten."

The DCIA honored the memory of **Jeffrey R. Patneau**, a young can-do officer who was killed in Yemen in September 2008. "Jeff proved that he had boundless talent, courage, and innovativeness to offer to our country in its fight against terrorism," the Director said. "Tested by adversity, Jeff had been more than equal to every task. He was taken from us just as he had begun what promised to be a brilliant career and a life of great consequence—one of faithful service to the people he loved and to the nation he revered."

In total, fifteen names were inscribed in the CIA's Book of Honor this year, allowing Agency officers to publicly acknowledge those who have been represented by stars and whom we have silently mourned for years. Five of the names entered in the Book of Honor are those of officers who perished on April 18, 1983 when a suicide bomber struck the US Embassy in Beirut, killing 63 in the most destructive terrorist attack against a US official presence at that time. **Phyllis Nancy Faraci** was one of the last four Americans evacuated from the Mekong Delta when Saigon fell. She was an intensely devoted officer who volunteered to work in Beirut. **Deborah M. Hixon** was a talented young officer fluent in French who volunteered for a temporary posting in Beirut. **Frank J. Johnston**, a 25-year veteran officer, couldn't resist the request of a superior who wanted him on his team in Beirut, even though Frank's retirement was just around the corner. **James F. Lewis** joined the CIA as a paramilitary officer—after a distinguished career in the US military—and his fluent French and Arabic uniquely qualified him for service in Beirut. Jim's wife, **Monique N. Lewis**, was only hours into her first day as an Agency officer when the bomber struck that terrible day.

Speaking about the loss of these officers and the others who perished with them, Director Petraeus said: "Beirut was not, of course, the CIA's first deadly encounter with terrorism, but it was there that we first caught sight of the adversary we face today." Four other Agency officers whose names were entered into the Book of Honor this year also lost their lives to terrorist acts. **Matthew K. Gannon**, a talented young officer with an exceptionally bright future, died in the December 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. Veteran officer **Molly N. Hardy**, moments before she was killed in the August 1998 suicide bombing of the US Embassy in Nairobi, used her keen situational awareness to warn colleagues to take cover. Molly exemplified the valor and compassion that are hallmarks of our finest officers. **Leslianne Shedd** was serving a highly successful tour in Ethiopia when, in November 1996, hijackers forced down her plane over the Indian Ocean, killing over 125 people. Survivors of that flight tell us that Leslianne—an outstanding young woman—spent her final moments comforting those around her. In March 1995 **Jacqueline K. Van LANDINGHAM**, an accomplished officer known for her liveliness and humor, was on her fourth overseas tour when she was killed in Pakistan.

"We are reminded of the sheer sweep of our global mission by the stories of five other officers honored today, whose experiences demonstrate the risks inherent to intelligence work, as well as the bravery and integrity of those who perform it," the Director said. For his heroism, **Barry S. Castiglione** earned the Agency's Intelligence Star for a successful July 1992 ocean rescue of a colleague in distress. Barry died in the effort, which took place in El Salvador. **Lawrence N. Freedman**, a 25-year Army veteran when he joined the Agency in 1990, was performing work for a humanitarian aid mission when he was killed in Somalia in December 1992. Larry also was awarded the Intelligence Star. **Thomas M. Jennings, Jr.**, an accomplished veteran officer, lost his life in Bosnia in December 1997 after volunteering for a temporary assignment there. **Freddie R. Woodruff** was a gifted linguist who had mastered German, Turkish, Greek and Russian. He was killed in Georgia in August 1993 after volunteering for a temporary assignment. **Robert W. Woods** volunteered to accompany former Congressman Mickey Leland on a humanitarian mission in Ethiopia and died when their plane crashed in August 1989—yet another example of selfless service.

The memorial ceremony is attended each year by hundreds of employees, retirees, and family members and friends of those who have died in service with CIA.

For more information, please contact CIA Media Spokesperson

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From: Goldman, Adam [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 12:06 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: does somebody have time for a quick chat?

Adam

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 1:36 PM
To: 'Goldman, Adam'
Subject: RE: here u go

Thanks.

From: Goldman, Adam [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2012 1:29 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: here u go

Mark Vadasz, a spokesman for the Swedish Security Service, said the suicide bomber in Bulgaria was not Ghezali. "That rumor is incorrect," Vadasz said. He declined to say how the Swedish Security Service knows that the rumor is incorrect. "I can't go into details. But we can reject reports that this is Mehdi Ghezali."

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 10:31 AM
To: 'Goldman, Adam'
Subject: RE: did u want to comment on my story?

[Redacted]

From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2012 10:28 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: did u want to comment on my story?

adam

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2012 4:50 PM
To: 'Goldman, Adam'
Subject: RE: good morning!

Thanks

From: Goldman, Adam [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2012 4:50 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: good morning!

No problem. I won't list the locations (or make the connection).

Adam

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2012 4:48 PM
To: Goldman, Adam
Subject: RE: good morning!

Adam,

From: Goldman, Adam [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 23, 2012 9:30 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: good morning!

[redacted]

We're gonna be running that story about the Israelis in the next few days I think but not totally sure. The story will touch on a number of incidents regarding the Israelis.

1. The Israelis have broken into the homes of successive CIA station chiefs in Tel Aviv and the homes of officers in Jerusalem. The Israelis have tampered with sensitive equipment in the homes of these COS. Other stories involve the Israelis moving items around the fridge like milk.
2. The CIA fired two women in the mid-2000s for unreported contacts with the Israelis. One of the women was having a relationship with an Israeli from the foreign ministry. The CIA later learned the woman was introduced to the man's uncle who worked for the Shin Bet. I think in your line of work this is called a daisy chain. I won't name the women.
3. About a decade ago, the CIA shared reporting with the Israelis about the Syrian chemical/biological program. After the CIA shared the intel from its asset (a scientist) working in the program, the Israelis leaked that info publicly to try to put pressure on the international community to get the Syrians to stop its wmd program. But the unauthorized leak caused the death of the scientist. Syrian Military Intelligence figured out the CIA source and he disappeared by 2003. He's presumed dead. In private, the CIA made its displeasure known to the Israelis. The Israelis denied it leaked the info. The cos of Damascus at the time is now COS Abu Dhabi. I won't name him or get into whether he failed to move this source out of country fast enough once the Syrians had identified him.
4. The Israelis are the No. 1 CI threat in the NE. The Indians are a distant second.

5. The Pollard incident was a violation of the Friends on Friends agreement. To this day, folks tell me the Israelis don't respect that long-standing agreement.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2012 4:01 PM
To: 'Goldman, Adam'
Subject: RE: two last pts-i dont want to catch u off guard when story moves in very near future

Thanks. Is the story moving today ("very near future")?

[REDACTED]

From: Goldman, Adam [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2012 1:27 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: two last pts-i dont want to catch u off guard when story moves in very near future

1. CIA policy generally forbids its officers in Tel Aviv from recruiting Israeli government sources. To do so would require the approval from senior CIA leaders. During the Bush administration, the approval had to come from the White House.
2. During the presidency of George W. Bush, the CIA ranked some of the world's intelligence agencies in order of their willingness to help in the U.S.-led war on terrorism against al-Qaida. The completed list said that Israel _ which hadn't been directly targeted in attacks by al Qaida _ fell below Libya, which had recently agreed to abandon its nuclear weapons program. This has been previously reported but I confirmed myself.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2012 6:11 PM
To: 'Goldman, Adam'; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Who's on call?

What's on call..? it's only 6pm. We're here.

-----Original Message-----

From: Goldman, Adam [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2012 6:10 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Who's on call?

Adam

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2012 10:29 AM
To: 'Goldman, Adam'
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Today

Hi Adam,

Not sure what happened to your call. I went to pick it up, and you'd dropped off.

We're going to decline comment on the issue you called about last night.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Goldman, Adam [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2012 9:49 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Today

I am on my cell-not in the office. Adam

Sent from my iPhone

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[Redacted]

From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2012 3:29 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: U there?

Adam

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 8:58 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: U there?

Adam, I am out of the office. Please call into the office and someone will help you.

Thanks!

[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

From: Goldman, Adam [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 08:42 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: U there?

Adam

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Goldman, Adam [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 9:14 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Greetings

Anybody there to chat?

Adam

Sent from my iPhone

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(U) Juan Williams Speaks at First 2007 Leadership Speakers Forum

(U) National Public Radio senior correspondent **Juan Williams** (left) and Special Assistant to the Director for DPP Rickey Jasper (Click image to enlarge.) On January 23, **Juan Williams**, senior correspondent for National Public Radio (NPR), addressed a standing-room-only audience in the Awards and Events Suite for the first 2007 Leadership Speakers Forum. The Office of Diversity Plans and Programs (DPP) sponsored the event themed "Inclusive Leadership: Incorporating Leadership." The video is available on CIA Link on [Video on Demand](#).

Special Assistant to the Director for Diversity Plans and Programs Rickey Jasper opened the program, calling all Agency officers "leaders." He said, "You are all leaders. You may not be managers, but you are leaders." He noted that leadership and learning were indispensable. After he addressed the audience, he introduced ADD/CIA Michael Morell.

ADD/CIA Morell said that **Williams'** work reflects a "true appreciation for the complexity of our world and most importantly a keen understanding that every individual can bring about positive change." He then added, "To me, that is a great definition of leadership."

Williams opened his speech with a compliment to Agency officers: "The CIA has the best and brightest." He added that Americans admire, trust, and look to the Agency to guide the nation and the nation's future. "The American people watch the way you train people, relate to people, those that are elderly, women in the workforce, minorities in the workforce. All of those are innovations that are being graded at CIA - watch and grade the way CIA relates to people, minorities, women, and elders. In essence, you become a model for what other areas in American life see as the best."

Williams highlighted the change going on within the Agency and the political, demographic, and economic change within America. Even in the midst of change, **Williams** said the CIA has to remain focused, aware, and "understand who you are and where you are in American history."

The author and journalist recalled stories about Martin Luther King, Jr., Nelson Mandela, and Thurgood Marshall's rise-to-leadership during periods of social change. He said these men became great leaders, but, initially, that was not their intent. "In the case of Dr. King, Mandela, and Marshall, what you see is sometimes leadership emerging from people who don't consider themselves leaders. These men came from outside the system with talents, energy, and ideas that other people thought would never work. But they some how shaped the mainstream institutions in our national, political, cultural, and social lives."

Williams encouraged all officers to be in touch with their power and to not only act as leaders of the Agency, but also of the community. "You have the opportunity to be examples of positive inclusive leadership to the nation."

In conclusion, **Williams** said, "For everyone here, I hope your family, friends, colleagues, and historians look back and say 'in 2007, it was a group of people at CIA who kept their eyes on the prize.'" (*This article is UNCLASSIFIED.*)

(U) CFC Kickoff Featuring Bret Baier

October 7: 9 a.m., Headquarters Auditorium. All employees are encouraged to join this year's CFC Campaign Chairperson, D/CIA Michael Hayden, and Co-chairperson ADD/CIA Scott White to hear **Bret Baier**, the Chief White House Correspondent for Fox News, talk about the importance of charity at this year's Combined Federal Campaign Kickoff and celebrate the beginning of this important season of giving.

Visitor Request Summary

Tracking # [redacted] Status: **Complete**

Visit Details

Date(s) of visit: **01/12/2010**
 Buildings to visit: **Headquarters**
 Parking Required: **VIP East (OHB)**
 Purpose of visit: **Driver for Diversity Inc journalist on request no. [redacted] I created a new request due to the correct spelling of his name. The journalist on request no. [redacted] will be meeting with OPA Media Spokesperson George Little.**

Sponsor Information

Name: [redacted]
 AIN: [redacted]
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 Phones: [redacted]
 Office: **DIR/ OPA**
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Buildings to visit: **Headquarters**
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Purpose of visit: **Meeting with Director Panetta and OPA Media Spokesperson George Little**

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2	Dawit Selassie	<input type="text"/>	Escort Req	DRIVER

(U) Kent Center To Host Panel on “Journalism’s Practices and Ethics: Views of News Ombudsmen” on March 7

All employees are welcome to stop by [] OHB on March 7 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., when the Kent Center will host an unclassified panel discussion by news ombudsmen as part of its [] This panel features experienced journalists whose job it is to critique their profession, discuss the ethics of their profession, and propose steps to improve the media’s integrity, objectivity, and professionalism. As journalism shares some of the same missions that intelligence analysts have – presenting information in an unbiased fashion and challenging prevailing opinions – the Kent Center believes it will be a useful and stimulating opportunity to see how journalists deal with some of our common professional and ethical difficulties.

The three journalists are:

- David Okrent, *New York Times* “Public Editor.” He recently penned articles with the following titles: “Is the *New York Times* a Liberal Newspaper (answer: yes but not systematically biased); “How Would Jackson Pollock Cover this Campaign?” (reporting is all over the map); “Political Bias at the *Times*? Two counter-arguments” (other reporters’ comments on his critiques).
- Michael Getler, *Washington Post* “Ombudsman.” He recently wrote articles with the following titles: “Self-inflicted Wounds” (on the CBS-Dan Rather case); “Is Balancing an Act” (on election reporting on the two campaigns); “Looking Back Before the War” (critiquing *WP* reporting prior to the Iraq War).
- Jeffrey Dvorkin, *NPR* “Ombudsman” and President of the Organization of News Ombudsmen (ONA). Dvorkin leads the national organization of news professionals who critique the media, and he is also involved in *NPR*’s program “On the Media”, which reviews what the media is saying.

(U) The event will be videotaped.

~~(U//AIUO)~~ Those under cover should be advised that one panelist is a Canadian citizen.

(U) Plan to come a few minutes early for good seating. The panel members will hold their remarks to 30-45 minutes, leaving ample time for questions and comments from the audience.

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(U) 2009 CFC Kickoff

(U) 1 October: 1 p.m., [] OHB. Catherine **Herridge**, a national correspondent for FOX News covering homeland security, the Department of Justice, and the Intelligence Community, donated a portion of her liver to her infant son when he was diagnosed with a rare condition. All employees are encouraged to attend the kickoff when **Herridge** will share her story and speak about the importance of giving. The CFC is the only authorized workplace charitable-giving drive for employees in the federal government. The event will be followed by a reception.

(U) Leadership Speakers Forum Welcomes Juan Williams on January 23

(U) **Juan Williams.** (Click image to enlarge.) On January 23, at 10 a.m. in the Awards and Events Suite OHB), the Office of Diversity Plans and Programs (DPP) will welcome **Juan Williams**, national political correspondent, author, and Emmy Award winning documentary writer. **Williams**'s presentation, part of DPP's quarterly Leadership Speakers Forum, is entitled "Inclusive Leadership: Incorporating Inclusion."

Williams, editorial writer, columnist, and bestselling author, has chronicled history-making movements for Black, Hispanic, and Women's rights as well as other successes at creating a better America. He comes to CIA to share his bold perceptive views on American life, culture, and politics.

As one of the nation's most influential journalists, **Williams** monitors the pulse of American political leaders from the President of the United States to members of Congress and the Supreme Court. He has won several journalism awards for his writing and investigative reporting as a columnist and correspondent for *The Washington Post*.

All employees are encouraged to attend. As part of a new partnership between DPP and CIAU, attendees can sign up for training credit at the event. For more information, contact on or on .
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