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Case No. F-2014-10167

Segment: DS-02, DS-6, & DS-7

Mr. Sean A. Dunagan
425 Third St., SW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Mr. Dunagan:

I refer to our letter dated March 17, 2015, regarding the release of certain Department of State records under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

The search of the records of the Bureau of Diplomatic Security has been completed and the review of the records is ongoing. We have identified 49 documents that are responsive to your request. We have determined that 2 may be released in full, 31 must be withheld in part, 3 must be withheld in full, 6 require inter-agency coordination, and 7 have been referred to another agency with a request that they respond to you directly upon making a determination as to releasability. All released material is enclosed.

Where we have made excisions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. In some cases, two or more exemptions may apply to the same document. Of the documents withheld in full, all 3 are withheld under FOIA Exemption 1, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1). An enclosure explains Freedom of Information Act exemptions and other grounds for withholding material.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, you may contact Megan Crowley, Trial Attorney, at (202) 305-0754. Please be sure to refer to the case number, F-2014-10167, and the civil action number, 1:14-cv-01733, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

Swal P. Wilson for

John F. Hackett, Acting Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. § 552a)

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- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
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| CIA PERS/ORG | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g) |
| EXPORT CONTROL | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c) |
| FS ACT | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4004 |
| INA | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f), Sec. 222(f) |
| IRAN | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505 |
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- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
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 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
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Location	Situation
Cairo, Egypt	Attack on US Embassy / Protests
Benghazi, Libya	Attack on US Consulate
Casablanca, Morocco	Protests
Tunis, Tunisia	Protests
Nouakchott, Mauritania	Protests
Khartoum, Sudan	Protests
Kuwait City, Kuwait	Protests
London, UK	Possible Friday Protests
Sarajevo, Serbia	Possible Friday Protests
Manama, Bahrain	Protests
Muscat, Oman	Peaceful Protests
Dakar, Senegal	Possible Protests after Friday Prayers
Dhaka, Bangladesh	Possible Protests after Friday Prayers
Various, Nigeria	Possible Protests
Jerusalem	Possible Friday Protests
Amman, Jordan	Possible Protests after Friday Prayers

Dates	Notes
09/11 - Present	
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09/12 - Present	1400 LT Protest on 09/14
09/12 - Present	2000 LT Protest 09/13
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09/13-09/14	Reported in Local Media
09/14	
Unknown	Reported Online
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Location	Situation	Demeanor	Dates	Status	Notes
Cairo, Egypt	Attack on US Embassy / Protests	Violent	09/11 - Present	Ongoing	
Khartoum, Sudan	Protests	Nonviolent	09/12 - Present	Ongoing	1400 LT Protest on 09/14
Kuwait City, Kuwait	Protests	Nonviolent	09/12 - Present	Ongoing	2000 LT Protest 09/13 -- 09/13 protest has ceased-- 09/14 planned for 1900 09/13, 09/14-
Muscat, Oman	Protests	Nonviolent	09/15	Ongoing	09/14 @ 13:00 & 09/15 @ 1300
Sanaa, Yemen	Protests	Violent	09/12 - Present	Ongoing	
London, UK	Possible Friday Protests	TBD	09/14	Future	
Sarajevo, Bosnia	Possible Friday Protests	TBD	09/14	Future	
Manama, Bahrain	Protests / Possible Protests after Friday Prayers	TBD	09/13 & 9/14	Future	2000 LT Protest 09/13 RSO REPORTS DEMO CANCELLED
Dakar, Senegal	Prayers	TBD	09/13-09/14	Future	Reported in Local Media
Dhaka, Bangladesh	Possible Protests after Friday Prayers	TBD	09/14	Future	
Various, Nigeria	Possible Protests	TBD	Unknown	Future	Reported Online
Jerusalem	Possible Friday Protests	TBD	09/14	Future	
Amman, Jordan	Possible Protests after Friday Prayers	TBD	09/14	Future	
Benghazi, Libya	Attack on US Consulate	Violent	09/11	Concluded	
Casablanca, Morocco	Protests	Nonviolent	09/12	Concluded	
Tunis, Tunisia	Protests	Violent	09/12	Concluded	
Nouakchott, Mauritania	Protests	Nonviolent	09/12	Concluded	
Nouakchott, Mauritania	Protests	TBD		14-Sep Future	

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Can you and the watch work this?

[Redacted] RD for NEA [Redacted] has asked the following.

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1. When will the remains go wheels up from Germany to CONUS?
2. Where will the flight land?
3. Who in DoS should the [Redacted] folks who make arrangements for special meet/assist and bereavement reach out to for coordination?
4. How do we get [Redacted] HQS seniors to be able to meet the aircraft upon arrival and also have family members of the deceased at the aircraft as well. Keeping in mind we will be consistent with the rest of the delegation.

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They need answers to the first two questions right away.

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[Redacted]
 Please reference the attached imagery of our facility in Benghazi.

Regards,

[Redacted]
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 DS Command Center Technical Operations Group - DS/CC/TOG
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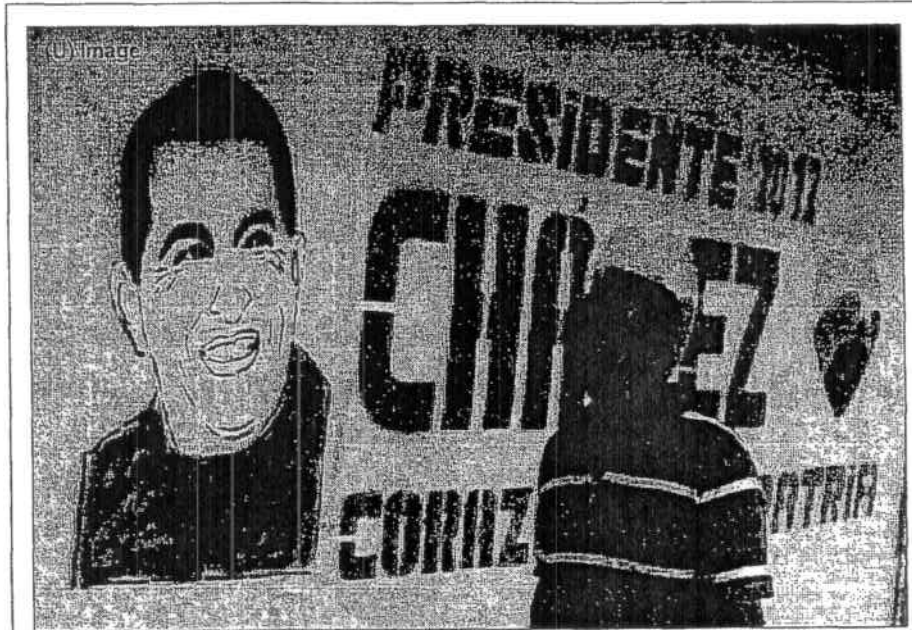
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Current Reporting



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(SBU) Mauritania - At about 3:20 p.m. on September 12, a group of 30 to 40 young Mauritanian males protested outside the U.S. Embassy Nouakchott main vehicle access checkpoint, yelling anti-American slogans. Appropriate notifications were made. Mauritanian police pushed back the protesters, who never came near the Mission perimeter; they remained on site for about an hour.

(Nouakchott Spot Report, 9/12/2012)

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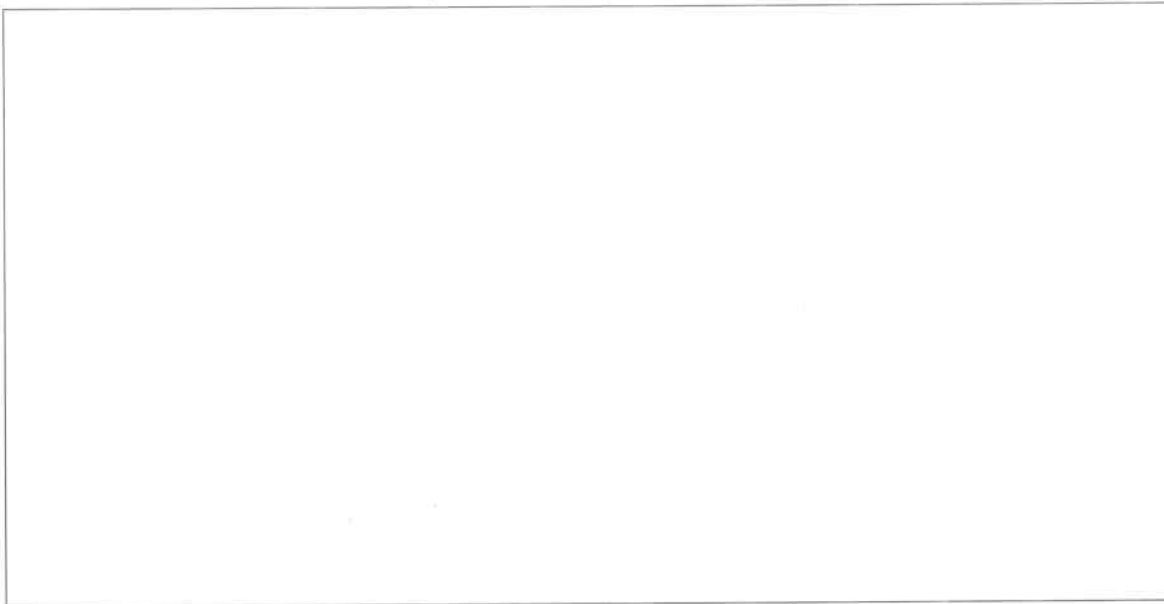


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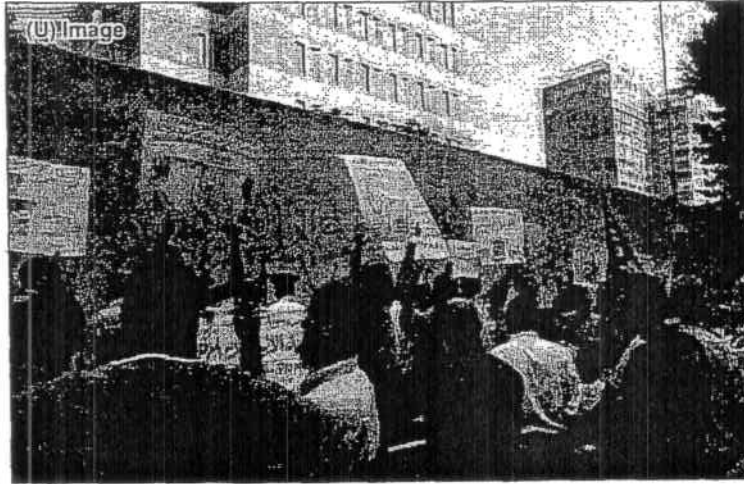
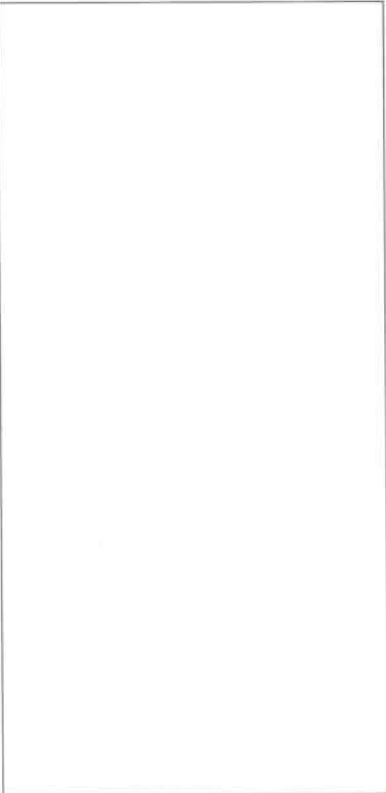
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(U) Egyptian protesters carry anti-U.S. banners near the wall of U.S. Embassy Cairo September 12.

Egyptian media indicates expatriate Egyptian Copts in the U.S. were involved in the production of the film, which depicts the Prophet Mohammed in a negatively exaggerated light. The Freedom and Justice Party, the political wing of the MB and party of President Morsi, denounced the film as an attempt to foment strife between Christians and Muslims.

(SBU) According to open source reporting, the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) called for peaceful nationwide protests on Friday (September 14) in response to the release of an offensive anti-Islamic film in the United States.

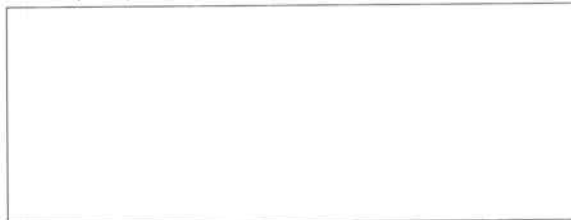
(SBU) In response to the events of September 11 and the potential for additional activity directed against U.S. official interests abroad, Diplomatic Security instructed embassies and consulates to convene Emergency Action Committees as security considerations warrant to review security measures and the potential for future protest action related to the anti-Islamic film release. (Open sources; 529556-12, 121950Z SEP 12, DECL: 13526; 500077-12, 121221Z SEP 12, DECL: EO 13526; 529455-12, 121503Z SEP 12, DECL: EO 13526)

(SBU) Libya - Attack on U.S. Consulate Benghazi:

(SBU) Attack timeline

(S//NF) The DS Command Center was notified at 3:50 p.m. on September 11 that U.S. Consulate Benghazi was under attack by approximately 15 to 20 armed individuals. One media report of questionable credibility suggested that the 17 February Brigade, the primary security force in Benghazi, did not get involved in clashes at the Mission compound because the members sympathized with the attackers' concerns about an insulting film that was produced in the United States. Shortly thereafter, these militants gained access to the compound and set fire to multiple buildings, including the one in which U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens, Information Program Officer (IPO) Sean Smith, and a DS agent were located. Ambassador Stevens and IPO

Smith later died, likely as a result of smoke inhalation. A Quick Reaction Force (QRF) deployed [redacted] to provide support to the Consulate; however, it turned back after taking heavy fire. The QRF finally was able to reach Post at 5:20 p.m. and retrieved IPO Smith's body and five DS agents.



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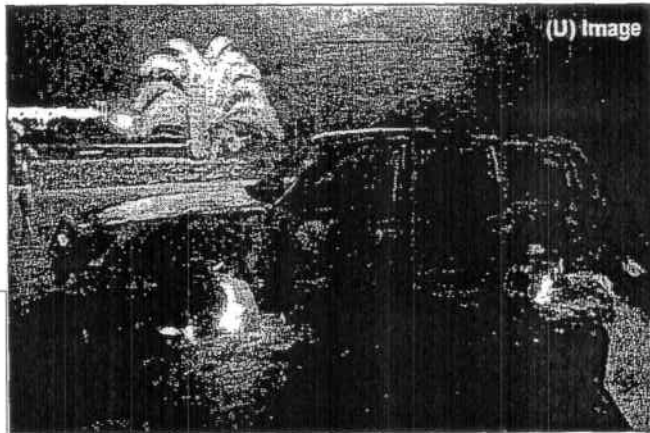
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(SBU) Potential causes and responsibility



(U) A USG vehicle sits smoldering in flames after being set afire in Benghazi September 11.



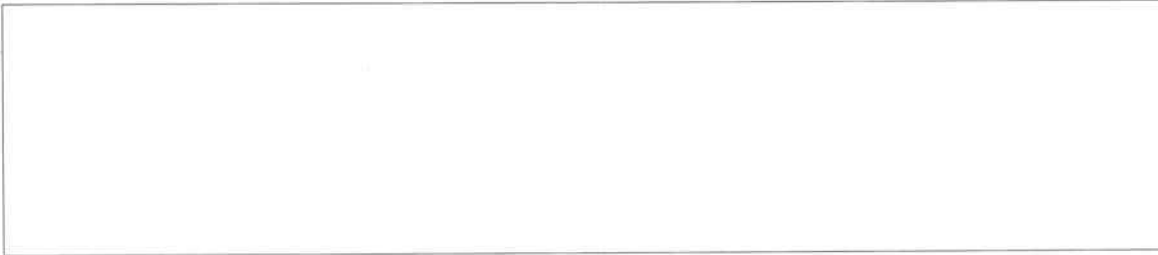
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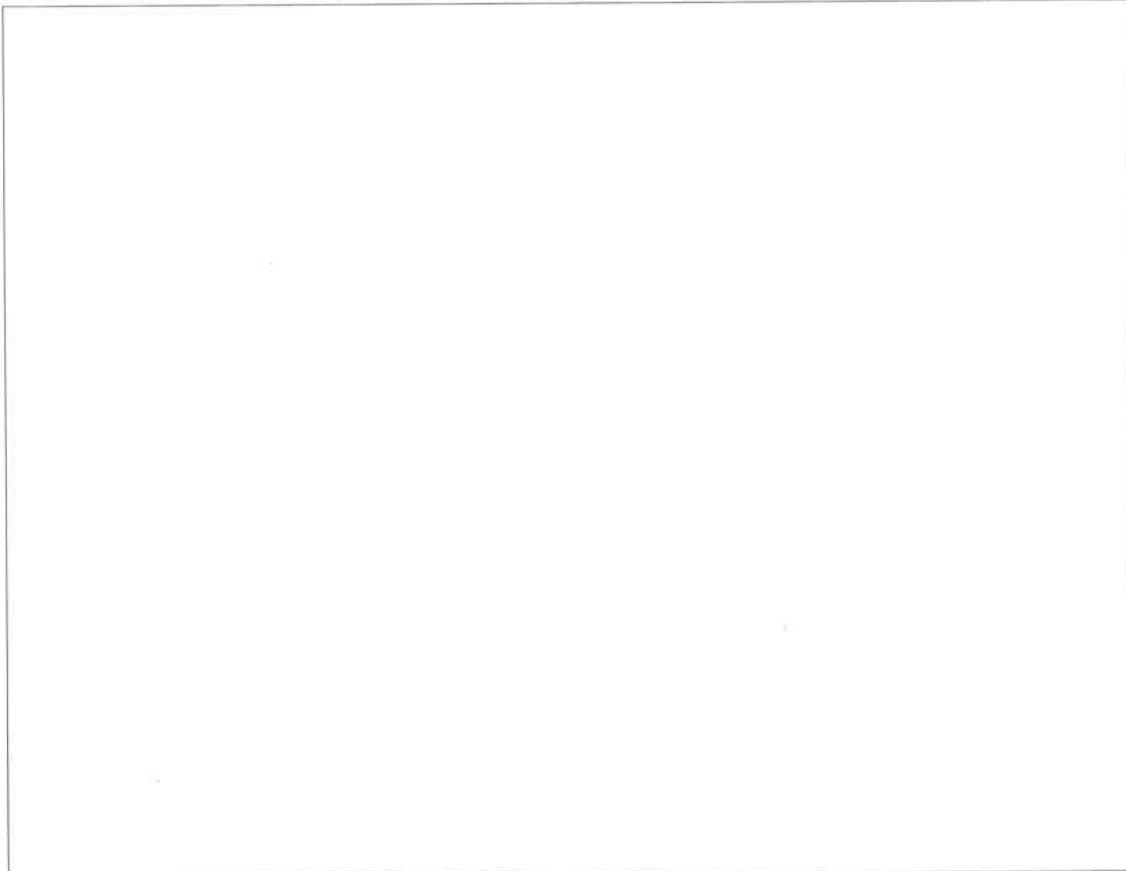
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(SBU) Recent security environment in Benghazi



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(SBU) Comments/questions regarding this product may be directed to [redacted] NGA NST at DOS (PNS), DS/TIA/CC, Geospatial Intelligence Analyst; 571-345-7741 (voicemail); 571-345-9064 (STE); e-mail: [redacted]

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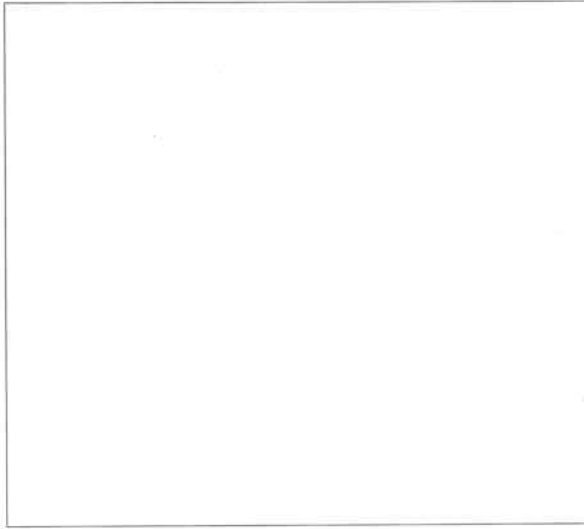
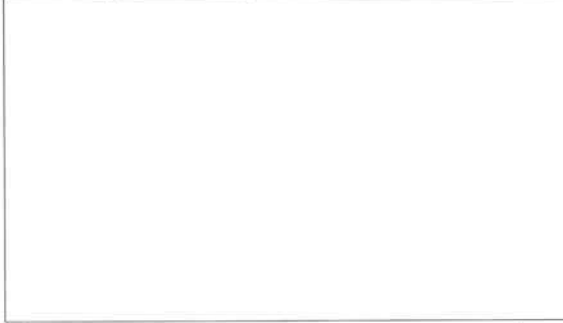
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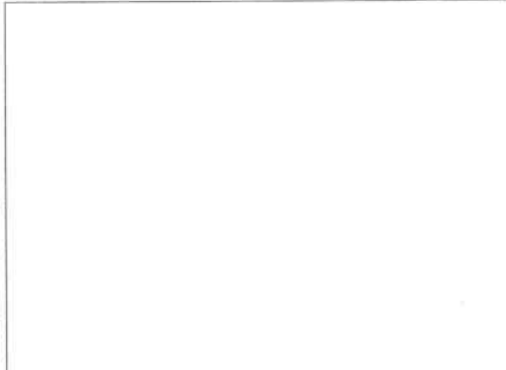
(S//OC//NF) On June 6, Consulate Benghazi was attacked with an explosive device, [redacted]



(S//OC//NF) Other recent attacks in Benghazi include an improvised explosive device thrown at the UN Special Envoy's motorcade on April 10 and a grenade thrown over Consulate Benghazi's wall on April 6. [redacted]

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(S//NF) Yemen - [redacted]



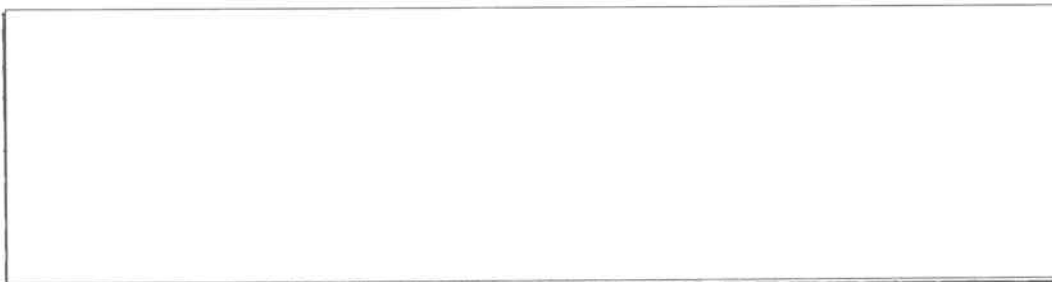
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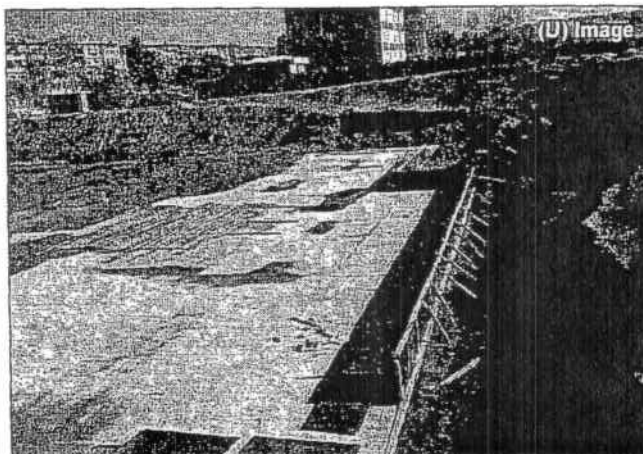
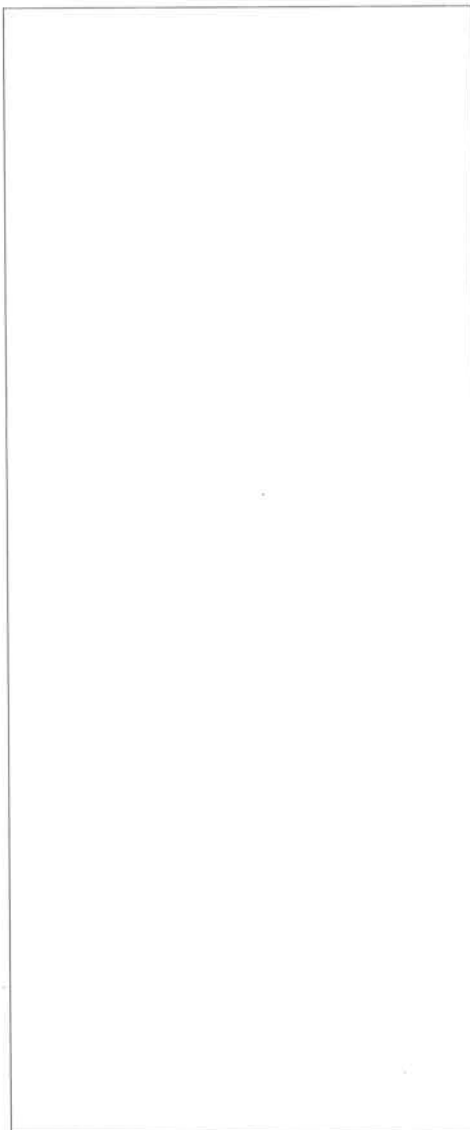
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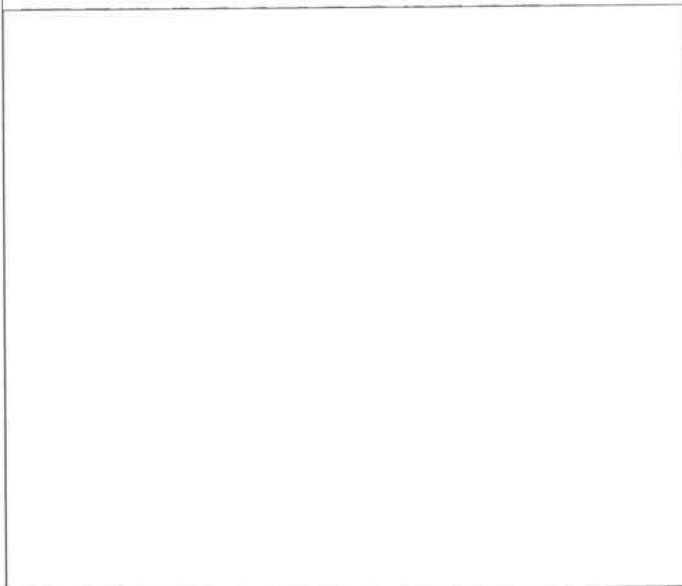
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(U) New Marriott hotel construction site in Kabul (photo undated)



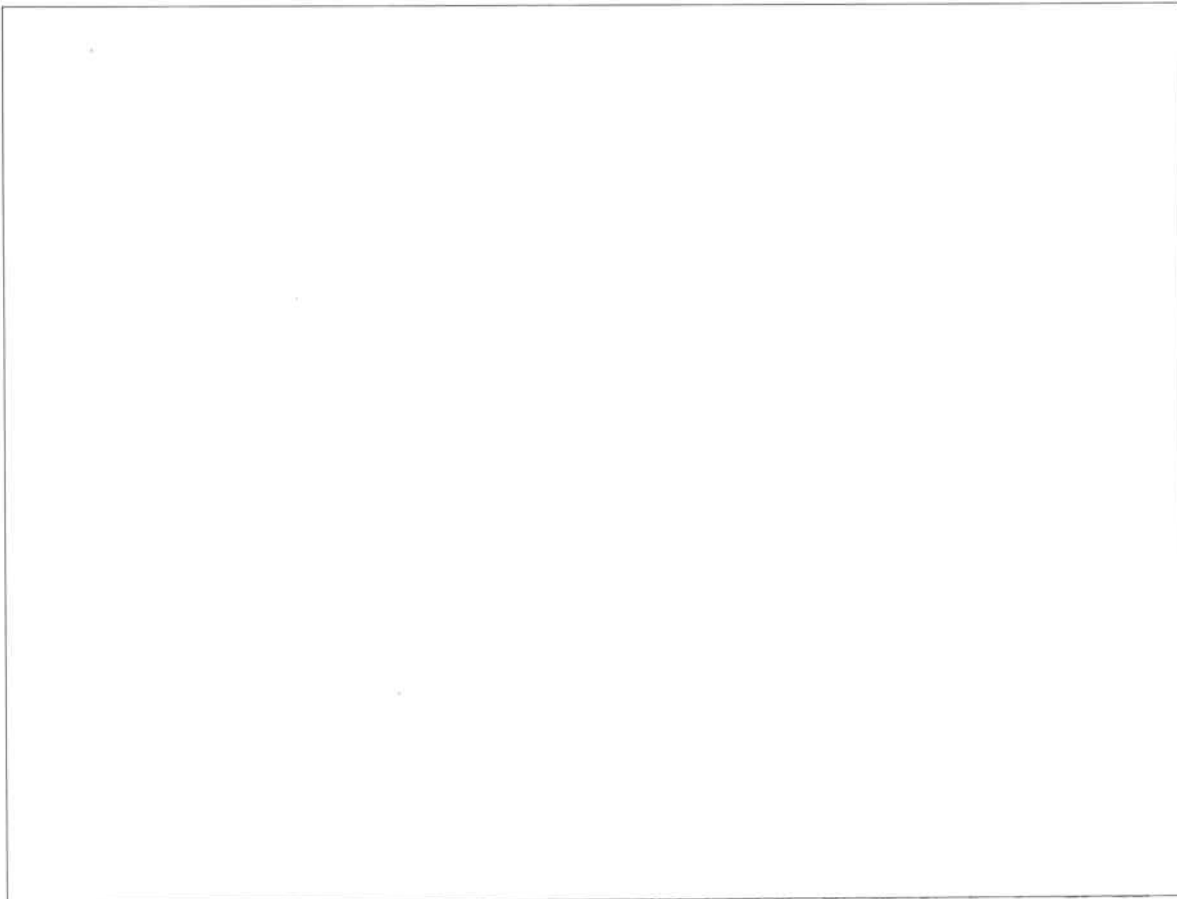
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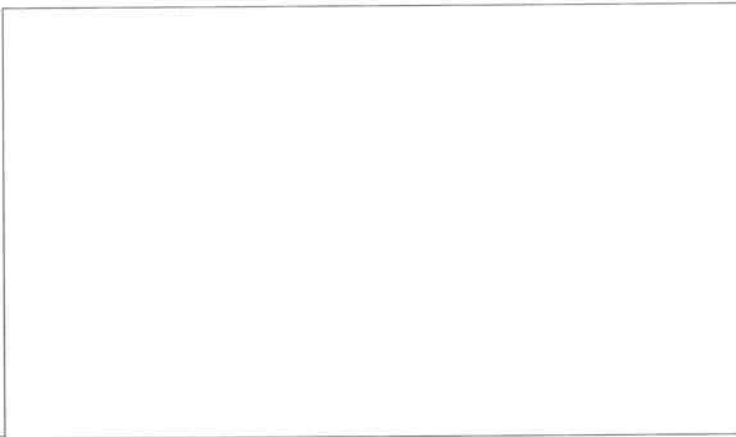
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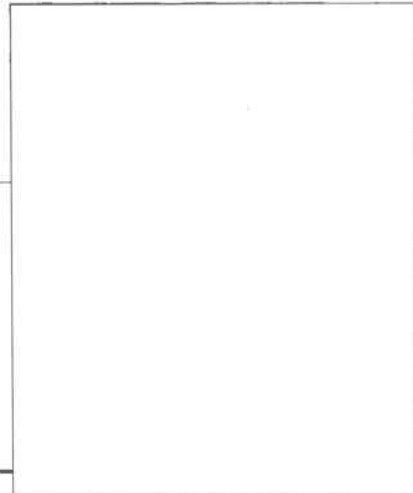
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Cyber Issues

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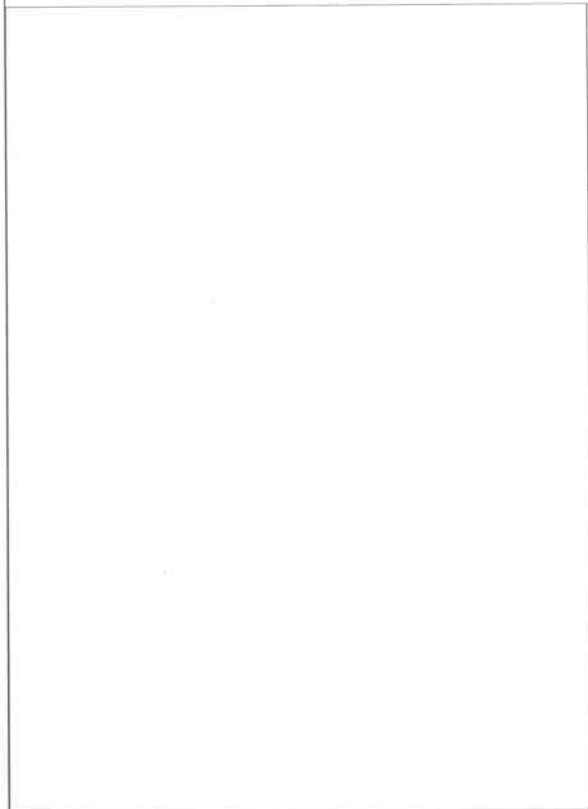
(SBU) Malicious actors target USG personnel with new vulnerability:

(S//REL TO FVEY) Key highlights:



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(SBU) Flow chart describing the spear-phishing e-mail message



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CIRT Cyber Security Brief September 12, 2012

(SBU) The CIRT maintains 24x7 security monitoring operations of DOS SBU and classified networks in the U.S. and abroad using a combination of tools and techniques that detect known potentially malicious indicators as well as abnormalities in normal network traffic patterns and protocols. The CIRT also functions as the Department's central point for reporting computer security events and coordinates event remediation with ISSOs, system owners/administrators, law enforcement within DS, and other internal/external organizations as appropriate. For additional information, please send requests to

(ClassNet). To view the full report of the information below, go to

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Current DOS cyber threat condition:



Executive summary:

CIRT:

- DOS users received multiple spear-phishing e-mails.

Classified Spillage:

- Two spillages reported.

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Suspicious Activities & Demonstrations

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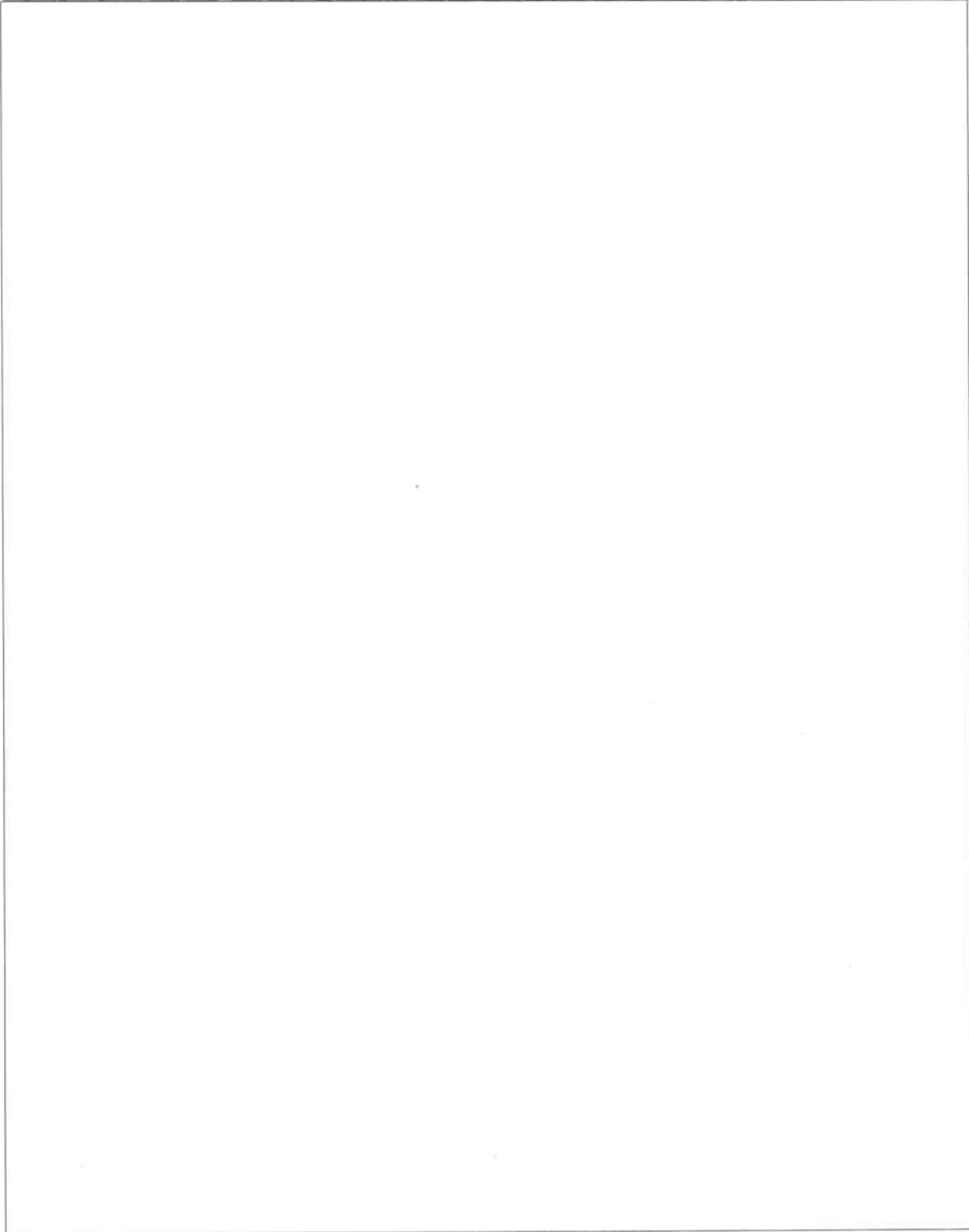
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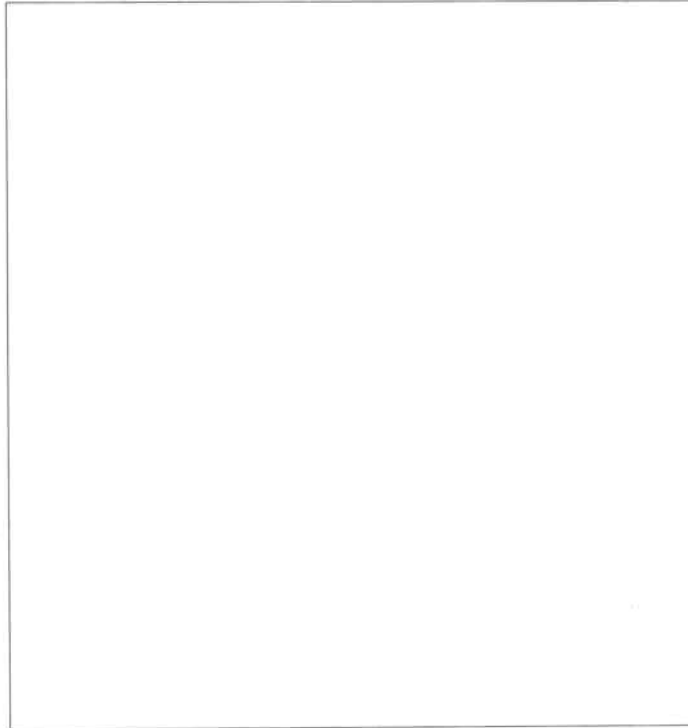
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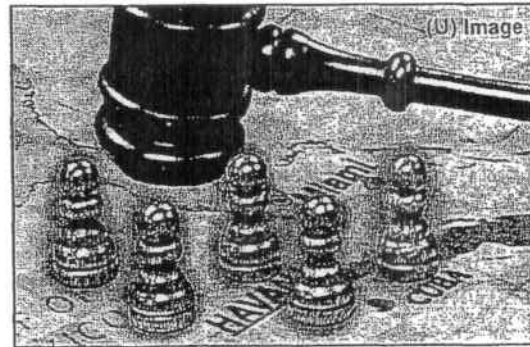
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Demonstrations

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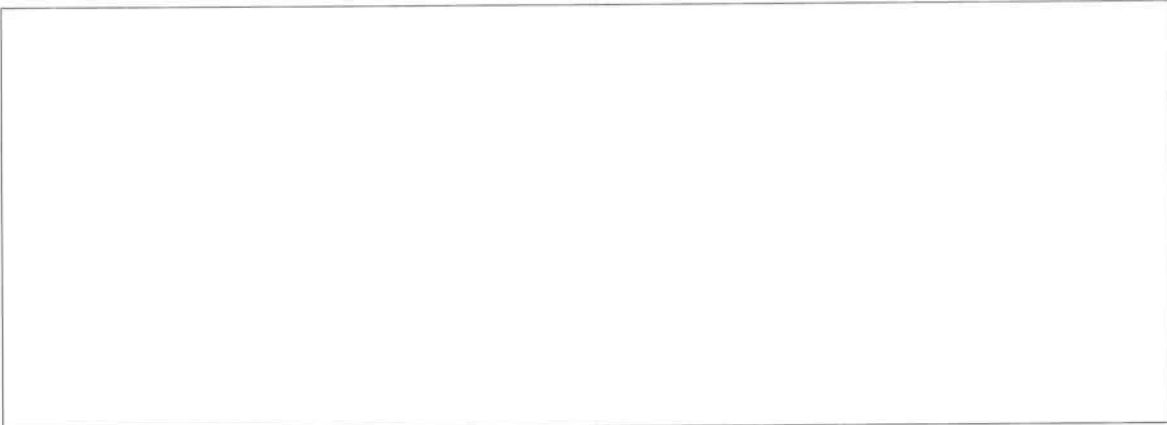
(SBU) **Dominican Republic** - A group of approximately 50 individuals arrived outside U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo on September 12 to protest against the incarceration of the "Cuban Five." The demonstration was peaceful in nature and concluded without incident. (Santo Domingo Spot Report, 9/12/2012)

(SBU) **El Salvador** - Approximately 100 people carried out a peaceful protest in front of U.S. Embassy San Salvador at 9 a.m. on September 12. Demonstrators held signs and flags, and used bull horns during the event. Members of the group delivered a letter to Post and read a press statement. Local police support was sufficient. The demonstration lasted 3 hours and is an annual event requesting the release of the "Cuban Five" currently imprisoned in the United States. (San Salvador Spot Report, 9/12/2012)



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(SBU) **Georgia** - Approximately 30 to 40 people from the opposition party Georgia Dream gathered across the street from U.S. Embassy Tbilisi September 11. They wanted to express their condolences to the USG regarding the anniversary of September 11. They eventually were joined by another 200 people. The event was peaceful and lasted 50 minutes. (SIMAS Event: Tbilisi-03391-2012)



(SBU) **Ireland** - At around noon on September 12, eight members of the Free the Cuban Five Campaign protested in front of U.S. Embassy Dublin. One individual attempted to hand a flyer supporting the group's cause to the Ambassador; however, a member of the Irish national police intervened and prevented the interaction. The protest was peaceful and ended after 45 minutes. (Dublin Spot Report, 9/12/2012)

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(SBU) Morocco - At approximately 3 p.m. on September 12, around 200 individuals arrived outside U.S. Consulate General Casablanca to protest against a recent film made in America depicting the Prophet Mohammed. The demonstration began peacefully, but soon individuals began throwing plastic water bottles and rocks. After two police officers were struck with rocks, they started to break up the protest. Police arrested approximately 10 people. Post was not damaged during the event, which lasted 3 hours, and host-nation police support was outstanding. (Casablanca Spot Report, 9/12/2012)



(SBU) Tunisia - After peacefully protesting in front of U.S. Embassy Tunis for most of the day on September 12, a largely Islamist/Salafist crowd rushed the outer perimeter near compound access control 1. Tunisian Ministry of Interior units utilized tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse the group. There were no injuries to Mission personnel, and the compound was not breached. Persistent rumors on social media sites claimed that various groups intended to come to Post in the evening to attempt to breach the perimeter. (Tunis Spot Report, 9/12/2012)

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(SBU) The Philippines - Approximately 20 people from the groups Bayan, Bayan Muna, May First Movement, and International League of People's Struggle marched to U.S. Embassy Manila September 10. They protested against the Visiting Forces Agreement and the port visit of the submarine *USS Hawaii* at Subic Bay. The police prevented the individuals from reaching the Mission. They were peaceful and departed after 20 minutes. (SIMAS Event: Manila-04041-2012)

(SBU) The Philippines - Approximately 45 members of the groups League of Filipino Students, Kabataang Makabayan, and Anakbayan marched to U.S. Embassy Manila September 11. They protested against the Visiting Forces Agreement and the U.S. military presence in-country. Some of the demonstrators threw red paint at the police officers who were preventing them from reaching the Mission. After the group leaders gave their speeches, the protesters peacefully departed the area. (SIMAS Event: Manila-04047-2012)



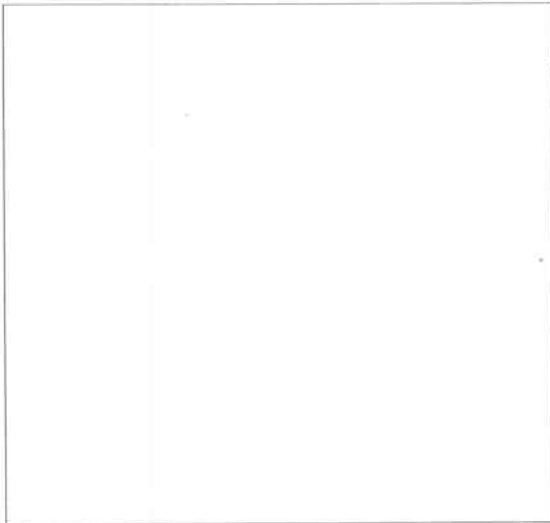
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Diplomatic Security Daily



(SBU) Taiwan - Six members of a pro-Palestinian group gathered across from the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT)-Taipei September 10. The group protested against the USG (NFI). The demonstration was peaceful and disbanded after 2 hours and 50 minutes. Local police provided additional support.

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Ms [redacted]

Below, please find a list of personnel on the flight manifest. Some spelling errors have been corrected.

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[redacted]

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Classification: SECRET//NOFORN

Derived From: Derived from: Derived from previous message in thread.

Declassify On: 50X1- HUM

From: [redacted]

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Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 11:55 AM

To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: FW: C17 Manifest ACTUAL list of personnel at the airport waiting. Update on Wounded and KIA release.

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[redacted]

Here is the actual list of personnel from [redacted] who are manifested for the flight out of Tripoli. And an update on the release of the bodies.

[Large redacted area containing the actual list of personnel]

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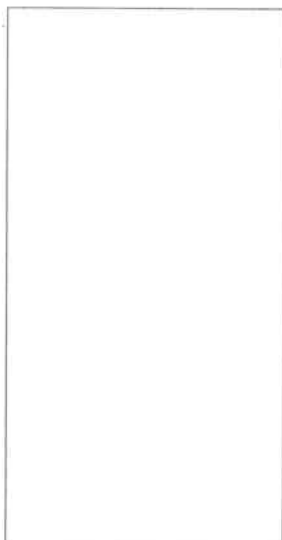
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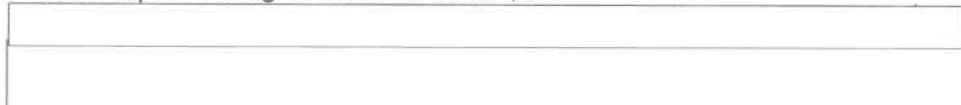
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WIA at hospital waiting for movement to Airport



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KIA – as of 1140 hours WDC time. DCM contacted State OPS Center. DS has removed the 4 KIA from the hospital and loaded for transport to airport. DS Command Center on phone right now with Tripoli, confirming last body loaded 10 minutes ago and being transported by a DS team. 




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- 36. KIA 1 Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens
- 37. KIA 2 IMO Sean Smith
- 38. KIA 3 GRS Glen Doherty
- 39. KIA 4 GRS Tyrone Woods



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Reason: 1.4(c)
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 7:46 AM
To: DS Command Center
Subject: C17 Manifest (UNCLASSIFIED)

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To whom it may concern;

We are looking for the names of personnel departing on the C-17. Please identify those personnel whom you expect will require post isolation support.

The EUCOM will conduct Post Isolation Support at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC)

V/R

[Redacted]
Personnel Recovery Specialist
AFRICOM FPOC
[Redacted]

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Thanks

I understand the sensitivity about releasing names. RSO staff here anxious about names of our Agents killed or wounded.

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Classification: SECRET//NOFORN
Derived From: RSO
Declassify On: 2037/09/12

From:
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 3:01 PM
To:
Cc: DS-IP-NEA
Subject: RE: Benghazi Killings of USGOV personnel

Additional information:

- US Embassy in Tripoli is drawing down to emergency personnel only.
- Emergency message is being sent to AMCITs announcing the drawdown and encouraging AMCITs to depart via commercial airlines.
- FAST Marines en route
- 4 personnel killed and three wounded.
- The attack was a complex attack, including

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I will keep you apprised as the information becomes clearer. Please let me know if there is anything specifically that you would like more information on and I will try to dig it up.

Be safe.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 6:22 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Benghazi Killings of USGOV personnel

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Thanks [redacted]

This what we have so far from the DSCC

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Classified by: [redacted] RSO
Reason: 1.4(d)
Declassify On: 2022/09/12

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** DS Command Center
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 12:39 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: DS Command Center
Subject: RE: Benghazi Killings of USGOV personnel

What we can confirm is that:

- 4 Chief of Mission Personnel have been killed in action in Benghazi.
- The Benghazi compound was overrun
- Benghazi has been completely evacuated to Tripoli.
- There are several wounded being treated in a Tripoli Hospital.
- 2 DS Agents are among the wounded, [redacted]
[redacted]
- Embassy Tripoli is drawing down immediately and they have moved operations from the Chancery and compound to an Annex location until further notice

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I cannot release the names and ranks of those injured and killed at this time. Notifications to family have not been made. Al Jazeera is running live right now. Al Jazeera and BBC are running live, and those outlets are showing "good" information.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 5:23 AM
To: DS Command Center
Subject: Benghazi Killings of USGOV personnel

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Has DOS released any information regarding the killings in Benghazi, public or classified, specifically to address rumors of the killing of the Ambassador (or other high-ranking USGOV official) there?

Post is getting lots of queries and the news is hitting the French press here.

[redacted]

[redacted]
Attaché - DRSO
U.S. Embassy Paris
[redacted]

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[Redacted]
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 9:13 PM
To: DSCC_Management_Team; DSCC_Watch Team
Subject: FW: FBI and Libya

Importance: High

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 9:01 PM
To: SES-O
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FBI and Libya
Importance: High

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Dear SWO,

FBI just called me indicating DOS ops center [Redacted] (sp?) had called FBI ops center to request FBI assistance, ala evidence response team, investigators, etc., on behalf of Secretary Clinton.

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To remind, the State (CT) led Foreign Emergency Support Team (FEST) would include those folks, along with experts from other agencies. We should avoid multiple requests for assistance and rely on the comprehensive FEST approach. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] The team would provide the whole of government advice, assessment and coordination for further efforts for the COM and decisions makers in WASHDC. It has done so on repeated real-world events (including hostage takings) over the past 20 years. [Redacted]

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Counterterrorism Bureau
Dept of State
W: 202 647 7856
Mobile: [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 2:03 PM
To: DSCC_Management_Team; DSCC_Watch Team
Subject: FW: highlights from the Libya Telecon

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Initial rough notes from 1200 interagency call...

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 1:59 PM
To: SES-O
Subject: highlights from the Libya Telecon

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Update from NEA/EX on situation on the ground (will be in the Spot Report):

- FAST Team on the ground and have secured and are staying at the villas; plan to secure/stay at the embassy tomorrow.
- Today's focus was to complete a security assessment at the villas in anticipation of moving individuals back to the villas in tranches starting tomorrow
- Pending M and NEA FO concurrence, plan is to restart limited Post operations from the CMR on Monday.

Ceremony Update:

- Wheels down at 1400 with the ceremony to start at 1415.
- S and AA/S Jones will meet privately with the families at AAFB prior to the start of the ceremony; D(B), D(N) and U/S Sherman will join on stage for the event.
- There is a 1400 meeting with officials at AAFB to work out the details.
- [redacted]
- OCA officials will meet with family members at 0830 tomorrow at the Ritz Carleton to review the ceremony and answer questions. They will accompany the family to AAFB.
- Libyan Ambassador to be invited and will likely attend.
- Ceremony will be open to press.

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[redacted]
Crisis Management Support
Operations Center
Department of State
202-647-7640

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 2:48 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Surge in the TOG (OT): FW: TOG scheduling adjustments for the next 24 hours

Okay – thanks.

[Redacted] – additional TOG hours are for Benghazi attack/Cairo protest situation monitoring.

[Redacted]
 Chief, Technical Analysis Branch
 Countermeasures Programs Division
 DS/ST/CMP/TAB
 SA-14, Room 6001
 703-312-3277, ext. 34277

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 5:48 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Surge in the TOG (OT): FW: TOG scheduling adjustments for the next 24 hours
Importance: High

[Redacted] – Per our conversation over the phone yesterday, the TOG will need to operate on surge levels (from 0200 tomorrow – 2130 tomorrow). Three analyst will cover down on duty to ensure we meet our mission and the mission of the DSCC.

[Redacted] – We are looking at 15.5 hours of overtime unless things continue to progress into the weekend.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

[Redacted]
TOG Program Manager
DS Command Center Technical Operations Group - DS/CC/TOG
Countermeasures Program - DS/ST/CMP
Olgoonik Global Security, LLC Support Contractor
Desk Phone: 571 345 7573
Fax: 571 345 3125

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From: [redacted]
 Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 5:42 PM
 To: DSCC_TOG Watch Team, [redacted]
 Cc: [redacted]
 Subject: TOG scheduling adjustments for the next 24 hours
 Importance: High

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All – Due to the ongoing situations around the world, I am adjusting the normal TOG monitoring posture to three analyst. The surge in personnel will start tomorrow morning at 0200 and last (pending any other issues) until 2130 tomorrow night.

Ensure you review the schedule below.

September 13, 2012

Mids

[redacted]

reports to duty @ 0200

September 14, 2012

Days

[redacted]

Eves

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

departs shift @ 1730

reports to duty @ 1730

Mids

[redacted]



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***Third TOGA if situation dictates

I appreciate the great work and professionalism that has been displayed over the past couple of days. Your skills are and will continue to be put to the test. Take time when you have it to refresh yourself with key SOPs and operational requirements. Your flexibility to the mission is what makes our team unique and demonstrates our ability to always accomplish any task set before us. I encourage you all to take notes throughout and when things wind down, we can have a well-informed discussion on lessons learned to assist us with refining our operations.

Regards,



*TOG Program Manager
DS Command Center Technical Operations Group - DS/CC/TOG
Countermeasures Program - DS/ST/CMP
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[Redacted]
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 6:29 PM
To: SES-O
Subject: FW: US Mission Benghazi

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SensitivityCode: Sensitive
SMARTCategory: Working

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 6:28 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: US Mission Benghazi

Gentlemen,

My facilitator reports it was hit by a RPG. No casualties.

He is receiving two reports on the street:

- 1) A Egyptian Christian in the states showed a movie disrespecting Mohammed. So they are attacking our Mission here and in Cairo.
- 2) Anniversary of Sept.11th

Myself and [Redacted] are being told by our facilitators to not exit our hotels until things calm down. We will do so till they feel it is safe.

V/R,

[Redacted Signature]

From: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: US Mission Benghazi
Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2012 22:15:43 +0000

How's it look? Any change?

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 5:55 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: US Mission Benghazi

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Gentlemen,

I just received a call from my Benghazi facilitator. He reports that one of the villas was set on fire by a small group on individuals. He called me to recommend I do not exit my room. He is currently approaching the seen for a better assessment of the situation and will update me. I will notify [redacted] from [redacted] and urge caution till we know more.

V/R,

[redacted]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 6:33 PM
To: DSCC_Watch Team
Cc: DSCC_Management_Team
Attachments: FW: US Mission Benghazi; FW: US Mission Benghazi

Messages received by State Employee from Contractors. Taken with a grain of salt as the Employee may not be aware of the extent of the situation.



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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 7:17 PM
To: DS Command Center
Subject: Re: Benghazi

Categories: [Redacted]

OK, copy that!

From: DS Command Center
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 07:12 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: DS Command Center
Subject: Benghazi

There is a lot of sensitive information regarding Benghazi at this time, I have been asked to refer you to [Redacted], and your chain of command for any inquiries.

-DSCC

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 9:19 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Benghazi



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Intelligence Analyst I
DS Command Center Technical Operations Group - DS/CC/TOG
Countermeasures Program - DS/ST/CMP
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Fax: [Redacted]

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[Redacted]
From: [Redacted] on behalf of DS Command Center
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 9:59 PM
To: DSCC_E TIA/PII
Cc: DS Command Center
Subject: Information from PA's Rapid Response Unit
Attachments: image001.jpg; image002.png; image003.png; image004.png; image005.png; image006.png; image007.png; image008.jpg

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From: [Redacted] On Behalf Of DS Command Center
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 9:54 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: DS Command Center; Hartung, Robert A; DSCC_E TIA/ITA; DS-IP-NEA; DS-IP-EUR
Subject: FW: Information from PA's Rapid Response Unit

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From: Thompson, Rebecca B (PACE) [mailto:ThompsonRB2@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 9:39 PM
To: DS Command Center
Cc: Dressel, Abigail L.; Korman, Samuel I. (Shai)
Subject: Information from PA's Rapid Response Unit

Dear DS Command Center:

At the request of Dana Shell Smith, PDAS for Public Affairs Bureau, I am sending the following information -- two messages below -- in the aftermath of today's demonstrations at Embassy Cairo. It is from [Redacted] one of our Arabic-language media analysts.

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Best regards,

Rebecca Brown Thompson
Director, Rapid Response Unit
Public Affairs Bureau

These are from Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/maroc.insolite.pacifique/posts/10151161436677140>

First post says: Turkey's Erdogan called the United States Ambassador in Turkey and thousands of Turks came out to protest in front of the US Embassy

Second post: This is not Hollywood, this Libya the ground of rebels, confirmed news the US Consulate was burnt completely in Benghazi, God is Great, and hopefully the Consulate in Morocco.

امام لاحتجاج خرجو الاتراك الاف و تركيا في متحدة لولاياتنا سفير على ينادي اردوغان عاجل خبر
الله رسول الادعوه بما الامريكية سفارة
_____ Zak

From: Thompson, Rebecca B (PACE)

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 09:11 PM

To: Dressel, Abigail L.; Gliha, Ryan M; Caplan, Jared S; Ernst, Daniel J; Smith, Dana S (PA)

Cc: Esser, Victoria; Fowler, Valerie C; Korman, Samuel I. (Shai); Pierce, Daad H (PACE)

Subject: Re: Follow-up on Phone Call

from

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I have been searching Arabic websites including some forums that are sometimes used by extremists and what I see mostly is reporting on the breaking news and events. I did not notice anything on the forum I looked at (Ana al-Muslim) any comments on the event only reporting including a note calling for the meeting today (already happened) at 4:00 pm at the US Embassy in Cairo and giving exact directions to the Embassy.

Going through readers' comments to the stories posted on news websites, I see a variety of responses spanning from conspiracy theories (that is what the Americans and Israelis are doing on purpose to hurt Arabs and Muslims, they financed the offensive movie) to those who condemn the attacks as "UnIslamic and barbaric especially the killing of an innocent human being."

I found one specific post intriguing, it was a reader's comment on the story on

Al-Arabiya, follows is exact translation:

Jabbar Khalil

An important statement

Few days ago I offered very precise and important information to German authorities about personalities who were officials in the Qaddafi regime and now work with Al-Qaida affiliated organizations to execute terrorist operations and explosions in Libya and outside it and I have offered them all proofing documentation that shows the veracity of the information, but unfortunately the German authorities retained all my communication equipment and personal belongings and threatened me personally if I tried to get in touch with any media or any other office that I will face retaliation and penalties including imprisonment or deportation and said to me do not forget you are in Germany and not in Libya."

From: Dressel, Abigail L. [mailto:DresselAL@state.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 07:52 PM

To: Gliha, Ryan M; Thompson, Rebecca B (PACE); Caplan, Jared S; Ernst, Daniel J
Cc: Smith, Dana S (PA); Esser, Victoria; Fowler, Valerie C; Korman, Samuel I. (Shai)
Subject: Follow-up on Phone Call

Ryan, Rebecca, Jared, Dan:

Thank you so much for being available at any time. Please "reply to all" on this email, including any information that you may find on the topic we discussed by phone.

I am available at any time to talk. My cell phones are

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Abby

Abigail L. Dressel
Director
Office of International Media Engagement
Bureau of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of State
(202) 647-9636

Stay connected with State:



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From: DS Command Center
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 1:32 AM
To: SES-O
Cc: DS Command Center
Subject: (SBU) UPDATE: Benghazi Evac and Tripoli Movement

Categories: [Redacted]
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
SensitivityCode: Sensitive
SMARTCategory: Working

ALCON:

The DS Command Center is sharing the following event information for your situational awareness. Please contact the DS Command Center directly for any follow-up requests for information.

Per TelCall with RSO Benghazi: Benghazi staff has arrived at the Benghazi airport. First flight is WHEELS UP to Tripoli [Redacted] Personnel on the plane). 8 COM personnel are remaining sheltered at Benghazi airport due to space constraints on the aircraft. Arrangements are underway for a second flight to retrieve the remaining staff.

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Per TelCall with Tripoli: 1st Movement of staff to the Embassy annex has been completed without incident. RSO Tripoli elements are now en-route to Tripoli with ambulances and vehicles to receive the Benghazi wounded and staff.

This is an initial incident report from the DS Command Center. The information contained in this report is provided only for immediate situational awareness. Additional reports may follow, updating and correcting information, if necessary. Please protect accordingly.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 1:58 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: List of DSCC Personell as of 0200 for Benghazi Event

Sir,

I am not sure if you will need a list of staff that were on scene during today's events for Benghazi. This is current as of 0200 however I realize there were additional adjustments to the schedule in order to support the mission. I do not have the Editors on the list however I believe that they were all here at some point or another. Regards, [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 4:24 AM
To: DS Command Center
Subject: RE: (SBU) Update: Benghazi 2nd Flight Out

Categories: [Redacted]
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
SensitivityCode: Sensitive
SMARTCategory: Working

Let's send this out to our normal DS matrix.

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From: DS Command Center
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 3:54 AM
To: SES-O
Cc: DS Command Center; DSCC_Management_Team
Subject: (SBU) Update: Benghazi 2nd Flight Out

ALCON:

The DS Command Center is sharing the following event information for your situational awareness. Please contact the DS Command Center directly for any follow-up requests for information.

Per TelCall from RSO Benghazi: All remaining COM/American personnel, including the deceased are right now loaded into a Libyan Air Force flight and are en-route to Tripoli International.

This is an initial incident report from the DS Command Center. The information contained in this report is provided only for immediate situational awareness. Additional reports may follow, updating and correcting information, if necessary. Please protect accordingly.

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From: Command Center Team Site [MOss@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 6:01 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Shift Change Announcements - Benghazi Event Notification

[Command Center Team Site](#)

Benghazi Event Notification has been added

[Modify my alert settings](#) [View Benghazi Event Notification](#) [View Shift Change Announcements](#) [Mobile View](#)

Title: Benghazi Event Notification

Body: ALCON:

The DS Command Center is sharing the following terrorism event information for your situational awareness. Please contact the DS Command Center directly for any follow-up requests for information.

As of 0500 EST the U.S. Mission in Benghazi has been evacuated due to ongoing attacks that resulted in the death of 4 Chief of Mission personnel including the U.S. Ambassador to Libya and 3 additional COM wounded. At this time everyone has been evacuated to Tripoli and is receiving medical aid and awaiting further movement.

This is an initial terrorist incident report from the DS Command Center. The information contained in this report is provided only for immediate situational awareness. Additional reports may follow, updating and correcting information, if necessary. Please protect accordingly.

DS Command Center

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From: [redacted] on behalf of DS Command Center
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 6:04 AM
To: SES-O
Cc: DS-IP-NEA; DS Command Center
Subject: RE: UPDATE 3- RSO Tripoli Contact - Tripoli Drawdown List

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RSO Tripoli has added the below name to the drawdown list,

- 1. [redacted] - RSO

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From: [redacted] On Behalf Of DS Command Center
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 3:44 AM

To: SES-O
Cc: DS-IP-NEA; DS Command Center
Subject: UPDATE 1- RSO Tripoli Contact - Tripoli Drawdown List

RSO Tripoli has added the below names to the drawdown list,

- 1. [Redacted] RSO
- 2. [Redacted] RSO
- 3. [Redacted] RSO

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DSCC will provide updates as received.

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From: [Redacted] **On Behalf Of** DS Command Center
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 3:34 AM
To: SES-O
Cc: DS Command Center; DS-IP-NEA
Subject: RSO Tripoli Contact - Tripoli Drawdown List

DCM Tripoli notified the RSO that the following names are on the drawdown list. These names do not include personnel that were evacuated from Benghazi.

- 1. [Redacted]
- 2. [Redacted]
- 3. [Redacted]
- 4. [Redacted]
- 5. [Redacted]
- 6. [Redacted]
- 7. [Redacted]
- 8. [Redacted]
- 9. [Redacted]
- 10. [Redacted]
- 11. [Redacted]

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12. USAID

13. OBO

14. GSO

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 6:55 AM
To: DS Command Center; [Redacted]
Subject: Re: DSCC message

Categories: [Redacted]

You original email below directs to contact you, which I have done.

----- Original Message -----
From: DS Command Center
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 06:36 AM
To: [Redacted] DS Command Center
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: DSCC message

[Redacted]

DSCC is currently understaffed and the situation is changing rapidly on the ground. Please contact your IP desk officer for the latest.

Thanks,

DSCC

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-----Original Message-----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 6:24 AM
To: DS Command Center
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Fw: DSCC message

Good morning,

It is a tragic day for us.

I expect to speak with Ambassador Susan Rice and the rest of the senior staff about this here at USUN New York in a couple of hours. I would appreciate whatever details we know and can share as soon as possible, either here or on my SIPR account.

It so happens that the UNSC will discuss Libya this morning. While the meeting had been previously scheduled, the situation will certainly change the tone and timbre of those deliberations - not to mention the substance.

I will call in around 0800 for the latest as well.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

RSO USUN

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

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 05:36 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: DSCC message

DSCC is reporting 4 COM dead, 3 wounded (2 DS)

From: DS Command Center
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 05:05 AM
To: DSCC_C DS Seniors; DSCC_E TIA/PII; DSCC_E TIA/ITA; DS-IP
Cc: DS Command Center; DSCC_Management_Team
Subject: (SBU) Terrorism Event Notification - Libya

ALCON:

The DS Command Center is sharing the following terrorism event information for your situational awareness. Please contact the DS Command Center directly for any follow-up requests for information.

As of 0500 EST the U.S. Mission in Benghazi has been evacuated due to ongoing attacks that resulted in the death of 4 Chief of Mission personnel and 3 wounded. At this time everyone has been evacuated to Tripoli and is awaiting further movement.

This is an initial terrorist incident report from the DS Command Center. The information contained in this report is provided only for immediate situational awareness. Additional reports may follow, updating and correcting information, if necessary. Please protect accordingly.

DS Command Center

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 8:51 AM
To: DS Command Center
Subject: RE: Updates

Categories: [Redacted]
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
SMARTCategory: Working

Thanks. Appreciate it. This is the first time I saw the message...

[Redacted]

*Regional Security Officer
U.S. Embassy Ottawa*

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] **On Behalf Of** DS Command Center
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 8:49 AM
To: [Redacted] DS Command Center
Subject: RE: Updates

Good Morning [Redacted]

We understand the position you are in. At this time we are asking everyone to contact their IP desk officers for updates. The below was the last update disseminated by the DSCC.

The DS Command Center is sharing the following terrorism event information for your situational awareness. Please contact the DS Command Center directly for any follow-up requests for information.

As of 0500 EST the U.S. Mission in Benghazi has been evacuated due to ongoing attacks that resulted in the death of 4 Chief of Mission personnel including the U.S. Ambassador to Libya and 3 additional COM wounded.

At this time everyone has been evacuated to Tripoli and is receiving medical aid and awaiting further movement.

This is an initial terrorist incident report from the DS Command Center. The information contained in this report is provided only for immediate situational awareness. Additional reports may follow, updating and correcting information, if necessary. Please protect accordingly.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 8:44 AM
To: DS Command Center
Subject: Updates

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Hey folks – I realize ya'll are up to your in alligators, but the rumor mill is running full speed. The sooner you can put something substantive out, the better.....

[redacted]

*Regional Security Officer
U.S. Embassy Ottawa*

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 10:32 AM
To: DS-IP-NEA; DSCC_C DS Seniors
Cc: DSCC_Management_Team; DSCC_Watch Team
Subject: FW: Tripoli Embassy Emergency Staff

Categories: [Redacted]
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
SensitivityCode: Sensitive
SMARTCategory: Working

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 10:24 AM
To: DSCC_Watch Team; DSCC_Management_Team
Subject: FW: Tripoli Embassy Emergency Staff

FYI on staffing in Tripoli...

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 10:23 AM
To: SES-O
Subject: Tripoli Embassy Emergency Staff

Staff who will remain in Tripoli. Fifteen + [Redacted]

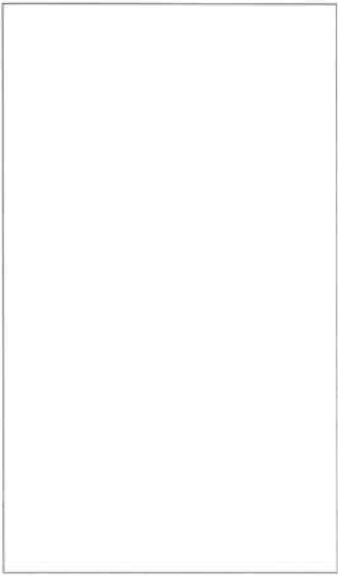
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 10:07 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Embassy Staff Staying

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 10:03 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Urgent info request

Here's amore accurate list of the Embassy people staying. I cannot give you names because they are not sharing info,



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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 11:51 AM
To: DSCC_Management_Team; DSCC_Watch Team
Subject: FW: Further to this morning's briefing

Under Secretary Burns may attempt to meet up with plane to accompany the bodies to the US...
FYI

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-----Original Message-----
From: Logsdon, Kent D
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 11:48 AM
To: SES-O
Subject: FW: Further to this morning's briefing

For your situational awareness

-----Original Message-----
From: Mull, Stephen D
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 11:48 AM
To: Mushingi, Tulinabo S; Brandt, Mark R
Cc: SES_DutyDeputies
Subject: RE: Further to this morning's briefing

OK thanks

-----Original Message-----
From: Mushingi, Tulinabo S
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 10:00 AM
To: Mull, Stephen D; Brandt, Mark R
Cc: SES_DutyDeputies
Subject: RE: Further to this morning's briefing

Cliff is working with D(B)'s staff on schedule changes as needed.

Per Cliff, they will probably be getting a special embassy air flight back to Amman tonight to meet our C-37 to continue to Ramstein. Pilot is working waivers for crew rest because they may need him to fly with 9 hours notice. They would meet C-17 and accompany remains home.

-----Original Message-----
From: Mull, Stephen D
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 9:52 AM
To: Mushingi, Tulinabo S; Brandt, Mark R
Cc: SES_DutyDeputies
Subject: FW: Further to this morning's briefing

Assume you all know based on item 3 that the Deputy would like to be in Germany to greet the planes from Tripoli.

-----Original Message-----
From: [Redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 09:49 AM
To: SES_DutyDeputies
Cc: SES-O_SWO; SES_Assistants
Subject: Further to this morning's briefing

Colleagues,

Further to this morning's briefing:

1. Regarding the number of personnel remaining in Tripoli, NEA/EX reports 23 Department staff will remain. However, this number has fluctuated over the course of the evening and could change. Also, they do not know the number of other U.S. government personnel who will remain, and they are seeking further information on that figure.
2. Regarding the NIACT ALDAC that went out yesterday, please find the cable attached. It says posts should consider holding an EAC, but does not require it.
3. Regarding Deputy Secretary Burns's travel: His staff reports they have not yet determined his new itinerary, but there are two options:
 - An early departure 9/13 from Baghdad, 0700-0900 local. That would allow him to make his Baghdad meetings today, 9/12, but he would miss his Erbil and Turkey meetings.
 - A later departure 9/13 from Erbil, 1800-1900 local. That would allow him to make all of his Baghdad and Erbil meetings, but he would miss the Turkey schedule.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Senior Watch Officer

U.S. Department of State Operations Center [Redacted]

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From: [redacted] on behalf of DS Command Center
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 12:24 PM
To: [redacted] DSCC_Management_Team; DS-IP-NEA
Cc: DS Command Center
Subject: RE: DSCC request for medical resources in Tripoli

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RSO reports there is a Medic as well as a Nurse who will remain at post and have been taking care of the injured.

[redacted]
DS Command Center - SWO
Comm [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 11:23 AM

To: [redacted] DSCC_Management_Team; DSCC_Watch Team; DS-IP-NEA
Subject: RE: DSCC request for medical resources in Tripoli

When I spoke to the Tripoli TOC recently, they said there was a nurse at post. Not sure if he/she is part of the outgoing evac or not or is local staff. SWO, please confirm. Thanks.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 11:18 AM
To: DSCC_Management_Team; DSCC_Watch Team
Subject: FW: DSCC request for medical resources in Tripoli

Do we have further information on the MED situation in Tripoli?

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Miller, Anastasia J
Cc: SES-O_CMS
Subject: FW: DSCC request for medical resources in Tripoli

Annastasia [redacted]—do we know the answer to this?

From: Schneider, Caroline M
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 5:28 AM
To: SES-O
Subject: FW: DSCC request for medical resources in Tripoli

From: Mirza, Sumreen K
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 3:57 AM
To: Sidereas, Evyenia; Schneider, Caroline M; Miller, Anastasia J; Hanson, Kathleen D
Cc: [redacted] NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; NEA-LIBYADESK; MacCallum, Margaret R
Subject: RE: DSCC request for medical resources in Tripoli

E - I have raised this with M and he decided he would reach out to MED in the morning to inquire and request deployment. Can you speculate (or confirm to the extent possible under the difficult circumstances) that there is already an RN at Post? This would help us answer whether both an RMO and a RMO/P are needed immediately. Many thanks, skm

From: Sidereas, Evyenia
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 3:20 AM
To: Mirza, Sumreen K; Schneider, Caroline M; Miller, Anastasia J; Hanson, Kathleen D
Cc: [redacted] NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; NEA-LIBYADESK
Subject: DSCC request for medical resources in Tripoli

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Sumreen, Carrie,

DS [] just passed along a request from DSCC – they wonder whether NEA can deploy an RMO and a RMO/P to Tripoli asap. I believe this falls in M and NEA/EX's lane so I defer to you on this.

Thanks,
Evyenia

Evyenia M. Sidereas
Deputy Director, Office of Maghreb Affairs
Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs
U.S. Department of State
(O) 202-647-4675 (F) 202-736-4460

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[Redacted]
From: [Redacted] on behalf of DS Command Center
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 12:27 PM
To: DSCC_E TIA/ITA; DS-IP-NEA
Cc: DS Command Center
Subject: FW: Information from PA's Rapid Response Unit

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For your situational awareness.

[Redacted]
DS Command Center - SWO
Comm [Redacted]

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From: Thompson, Rebecca B (PACE) [mailto:ThompsonRB2@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 12:25 PM
To: DS Command Center

Cc: Barnes, Jennifer L (PACE); Qader, Nahla S (PACE); Korman, Samuel I. (Shai); Dressel, Abigail L.

Subject: Information from PA's Rapid Response Unit

Dear DS,

Nahla Qader, one of our media analysts, found this tweet:

Mohamed Fadel Fahmy @Repent11 in Egypt says "Threat to kill Americans in Gaza, after Libya/Egypt due to film insulting prophet Mohamed, forces UN staff to bunker in and placed on curfew!"

Nahla also reports that some Twitter users in Libya and Egypt are spreading reports that the attacks in Libya may not be related to the infamous film but to the killing of Al-Qaeda's second-in-command, who is Libyan.

Best regards,

Rebecca Brown Thompson
Director, Rapid Response Unit
Bureau of Public Affairs

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From: [Redacted] on behalf of DS Command Center
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 2:41 PM
To: DS Command Center; DSCC_C DS Seniors; DSCC_E TIA/ITA; DSCC_E TIA/PII
Cc: DSCC_Management_Team
Subject: (SBU) Tripoli - Running timeline of Events between 1000 hours (EDT) - 09122012

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

ALCON,

Note: Times are in Eastern Daylight time beginning with the most recent event at the top of the list.

Events as of 1438 hours

~~1438 hours - RSO [Redacted] - FAST TEAM Wheels Down~~

Events as of 1320 hours EDT

1318 hours - ARSO [Redacted] - Wheels UP - C-17 with total of 40 including the injured and deceased in route to Germany. RSO and ARSO standing by at Tripoli Airport for FAST team arrival - Due to land at Tripoli airport between 1345-1355 hours.

1314 hours - ARSO [Redacted] - Charge and ARSO arrival at [Redacted]
1245 hours - ARSO [Redacted] - Charge and ARSO in route to [Redacted]
1240 hours - ARSO [Redacted] - Permission granted by Libyan PM for FAST Team landing at Tripoli Airport - ETA - 1350 hours

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Event as of 1215 hours EDT

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1215 hours - Passengers are being loaded onto the airplane.
1206 hours - Bodies and injured being loaded onto the airplane.
1203 hours - RSO reports arrival at Tripoli Airport.
1110 hours - ARSO [Redacted] - Departing Hospital in route to Libyan PM's office to get permission for FAST Team Landing. Injured (in Ambulance) and Deceased (caskets in box trucks and are in route to Tripoli Airport).
1011 hours - ARSO [Redacted] Arrival at hospital with Charge (Greg Hicks)

Additional information to follow.

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From: [Redacted] on behalf of DS Command Center
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 2:48 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: DS Command Center
Subject: Tripoli Evacuation Plane SPE inquiry

Categories: [Redacted]
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
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[Redacted]

RSO Benghazi reported NO SPE was carried by the evacuees onto the plane. It is reported that the Military may have been carrying on the plane.

-DSCC

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[Redacted]
From: [Redacted] (Frankfurt)
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 3:38 AM
To: DS Command Center
Subject: RE: (SBU) - Benghazi safe combinations - 09132012

Categories: [Redacted]
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
SMARTCategory: Working

Sent as requested.

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] **On Behalf Of** DS Command Center
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 9:28 AM
To: [Redacted] (Frankfurt); [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: (SBU) - Benghazi safe combinations - 09132012

Yes, please utilize DSC_CommandCTR@state.sgov.gov

Regards,

-DSCC

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From: [Redacted] (Frankfurt)
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 3:22 AM
To: DS Command Center; [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: (SBU) - Benghazi safe combinations - 09132012

Do you want me to email them to you on Classnet?

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From: [Redacted]
 Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 3:51 AM
 To: DS Command Center: [Redacted]
 Cc: [Redacted] (Frankfurt); [Redacted]
 Subject: Tripoli IMO Update 13 Sep 2012

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories: [Redacted]

Greetings from Tripoli

1. **IMS Manning:** The DCM ordered departure of non-essential personnel . They departed yesterday evening to Ramsteine with 9 State employee remaining. Two Tripoli IMS staff are on leave; one due back on 17 Sep and the other is unknown due to a family emergency last Sunday. The question is if the IMS staff will be allowed to return to post. IMO will discuss with the charge shortly. Should the post permanent IM staff not allowed to come in, I request Warsaw consider allowing Mark to remain in Tripoli until up to Oct 3, with an option of returning earlier if ordered departure is lifted.

2. **Benghazi Safe:** Regarding Benghazi, charge told us that we are not going back to Benghazi. [Redacted] DCM's primary concern is the safety of Americans. [Redacted]

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3. **Reentry into Embassy:** We are told that IMers and the MGT team will go back to Villa compound and establish communications capabilities today. About 55 marines arrived last night. They are going to provide some security protection at the Villa compound.

[Redacted]

I will let you know more later.

[Redacted]

IMO, Tripoli

[Redacted]

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IMS, TDY Tripoli

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From: [Redacted] (Frankfurt) [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 8:32 AM
To: [Redacted] DS Command Center
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Benghazi safe combinations

In case anyone needs the combinations to the two safes in Benghazi, the IMO COMSEC Safe and the RSO safe in the TOC, [Redacted] I have the combinations. DS Command Center may have the combos already, but just in case, thought I should mention this as when we pulled the safes out of the Tripoli Embassy last year, we didn't have any of the combos. So I have those combinations and can forward them to whoever would need to maintain those on ClassNet.

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From: [Redacted] on behalf of DS Command Center
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 12:04 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: DS Command Center; DSCC_Watch Team
Subject: Protest Tracker Light (Minimal Details)
Attachments: DSCC Protest Tracker.xlsx

Attached.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 1:56 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: HEADLINE ONLY: LIBYA

Let's get this one out ASAP.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 1:53 PM
To: DSCC_Management_Team; DSCC_Watch Team
Subject: FW: HEADLINE ONLY: LIBYA

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 1:49 PM
To: SES-O
Subject: HEADLINE ONLY: LIBYA

LIBYAN AUTHORITIES HAVE MADE ARRESTS IN INVESTIGATION OF DEADLY ATTACK ON U.S. CONSULATE IN BENGHAZI -
DEPUTY INTERIOR MINISTER

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 3:22 PM
To: [Redacted] DSCC_Management_Team; DSCC_Watch Team
Subject: RE: Request for Information - Protests
Attachments: DSCC Protest Tracker.xlsx

please see the attached. The information may be share on a need to know basis, preferably verbally. If the matrix is to be share please delete the "demeanor" category.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 1:45 PM
To: DSCC_Management_Team; DSCC_Watch Team
Subject: FW: Request for Information - Protests

Do we have any movement on this product... ?
Call me if there are questions or concerns...

Thanks tons!

SBU
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 11:51 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Request for Information - Protests

Ok standby, we'll try and get something that is okay to pass.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 11:45 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Request for Information - Protests

INR Watch and NCTC...

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 11:43 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Request for Information - Protests

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What larger dist?

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 11:40 AM
To: DS Command Center; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Request for Information - Protests

Be advised that this will be for a larger distribution so Law Enforcement Sensitive may not want to be included.

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This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** DS Command Center
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 11:32 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: DS Command Center
Subject: RE: Request for Information - Protests

[redacted] is working on putting one together now. We'll send it your way asap.

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 11:16 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: DSCC_Watch Team; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Request for Information - Protests

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is about to go home. He has today off. We can start one if we are not doing so.

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From:
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 11:11 AM
To:
Cc: DSCC_Watch Team
Subject: Request for Information - Protests

INR here is looking to see if we've developed a matrix, spreadsheet, etc. listing all of the Protests at our Embassies worldwide. Do we have such a document... and if so can we pass?

Thanks,

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