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Ms. Kate Bailey
Judicial Watch
425 Third St. SW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Ms. Bailey:

I refer to our letter dated November 30, 2015, regarding the release of certain Department of State records under the Freedom of Information Act ("the FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

The Department has completed a search of electronic records retired by the Office of the Executive Secretariat. We have completed our review of eleven responsive documents and determined that one may be released in full, and ten may be released with excisions.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. All released material is enclosed.

If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Assistant United States Attorney Robert Prince at (202) 305-3654 or robert.prince@usdoj.gov. Please be sure to refer to the case number, shown above, in all communications about this case.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Wooten for

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

Enclosures: As stated.

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Withholding specifically authorized under an Executive Order in the interest of national defense or foreign policy, and properly classified. E.O. 12958, as amended, includes the following classification categories:
- 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
 - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
 - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
 - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
 - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(h) Information on weapons of mass destruction
- (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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| ARMEX | Arms Export Control Act, 22 USC 2778(e) |
| CIA | Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g) |
| EXPORT | Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 App. USC 2411(c)(1) |
| FSA | Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4003 & 4004 |
| INA | Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f) |
| IRAN | Iran Claims Settlement Act, Sec 505, 50 USC 1701, note |
- (b)(4) Privileged/confidential trade secrets, commercial or financial information from a person
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Information that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (b)(7) Information compiled for law enforcement purposes that would:
- (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request, excised with the agreement of the requester

From: Randolph, Lawrence
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:34 PM
To: S_CallNotes
Subject: Call Notes: S-Libyan General National Congress President Magariaf

The Secretary's Call with Libyan General National Congress President Mohammed Magariaf

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Call UP: 09/11 @ 1849

Secretary Clinton: Mr. President.

Libyan General National Congress President Magariaf: Your Excellency.

S: I appreciate you taking my call at this late hour.

M: No problem. It's my duty.

S: As you know, our diplomatic mission in Benghazi was attacked earlier this evening. We need your immediate help, as one of our diplomats was killed and our Ambassador, who you know, is missing. We have asked for the Libyan government to provide additional security to the compound immediately as there is a gun battle ongoing, which I understand Ansar as-Sharia is claiming responsibility for. We also need you to provide additional capacity for firefighting as there are reports that the principle officer's residence has been bombed or set on fire. We believe that it is important for your government, as well as ours, to condemn this attack in the strongest possible terms and promise that these criminals will be brought to justice. I also need you to help us secure our mission in Tripoli. We have seen serious threats on social media sites, like Facebook, and it is important that your government take all possible measures, in an urgent manner, to secure our facilities. We need you to have people who you are confident in, who will follow your direction, and that your government trusts to secure our compounds.

M: Please accept my condolences for the death of the American at the compound and our sincere apologies for what has happened. We promise to find the criminals and bring them to justice. We will do our utmost to protect American buildings and every American citizen in Libya. We were just in the midst of an emergency meeting with the Prime Minister and all of his deputies to address this situation.

S: If there is anything that you need or that I can do please do not hesitate to call me at any time, day or night.

M: Thank you.

S: Thank you

M: Good night

Call DOWN: 1853

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From: Randolph, Lawrence
 Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 7:11 PM
 To: S_CallNotes
 Subject: Call Notes: S-Egyptian PM Kandil

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The Secretary's Call with Egyptian PM Kandil

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Call UP: 09/12 @ 1504

Secretary Clinton: Prime Minister, this is Hillary Clinton. Thank you for taking time to speak to me. I want to thank you for reaching out to offer condolences.

Prime Minister Kandil:

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S: Thank you for the condolences and your explanation. We care about our relationship with Egypt as you saw based on the successful visit by business leaders and investors. We need to work together to make sure there is a concrete action plan to prevent this from happening again.

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[redacted] government cannot be held responsible for the behavior of a small fringe group. In that vein, it would be very helpful if the President would make a statement in support of the safety and security of our personnel and condemn the attacks. We want to lower the temperature on everything that is going on and to make sure this does not happen again today, tomorrow, or after Friday prayer. I know you care about this and again I appreciate you reaching out.

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K:

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S: I consider myself a person of faith and it is important to speak out against violence and intolerance.

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S: [REDACTED] They really represent only a handful of people but in the internet age it only takes a handful of people to cause big problems. 1.4(B)
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K: [REDACTED]

S: We know that the attack in Libya had nothing to do with the film. It was a planned attack- not a protest.

K: [REDACTED]

S: Your not kidding. Based on the information we saw today we believe the group that claimed responsibility for this was affiliated with al Qaeda.

K: [REDACTED]

S: We are trying to draw distinctions and communicate that we value our relationship with Egypt and Libya and that these incidents are not representatives of the governments as the videos that were produced here are not representative of us.

K: [REDACTED]

S: Yes sir. Our Ambassador in Libya was so involved in the liberation of Libya and was loved by so many there. He really was committed to the freedom of the Libyan people. That's why the President and I decided to send him into Benghazi early on.

K: [REDACTED]

S: Thank you. I look forward to meeting with you and having further discussions.

K: [REDACTED]

S: Thank you sir.

K: Thank you.

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From: Randolph, Lawrence
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 8:50 PM
To: S_CallNotes
Subject: Call Notes: S-Afghan President Karzai

The Secretary's Call with Afghan President Hamid Karzai

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Call UP 9/12 @ 1311

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on: 09/12/2027

Secretary Clinton: Mr. President it's Hillary.

President Karzai: Hello. Good to talk to you Madam Secretary and we want to offer our condolences on the loss of life in Libya.

S: Thank you so much. As the President said we are dealing with a dynamic and serious security situation in Libya and protest in Cairo and there are those who are trying to stir up problems in the region. We appreciate your statement in response to the video. Especially, the point that the people that make these kind of videos are a fringe group. 1.4(B)
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I appreciate what you all are doing to manage the Afghan relationship in the days ahead. On those points we are very grateful. At some point, when we have a chance for a leisurely discussion, we need to talk about religious feelings and insults and defamation. This is going to be a vicious cycle. I will put that on my list of conversations to have with you when we have more time to reflect. I wanted to raise issue of the detention facilities in Parwan. 1.4(B)
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S: I said that in the beginning. We have tried to give you a good solid base for sovereignty and security. We are aiming to accomplish that.

K: Alright let's hope we get there.

S: Alright sir. We have been on this journey for a while and we will work this out.

K: Ok

S: Thank you

K: Thank you, bye.

Call DOWN: 1346

From: Randolph, Lawrence
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 6:28 PM
To: S_CallNotes
Subject: Call Notes: S-Tunisian PM Jebali

The Secretary's Call with Tunisian Prime Minister Jebali

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on: 09/14/2027

Call UP 9/14 @ 1705

Secretary Clinton: Hello Prime Minister. This is Hillary Clinton. Thank you very much for taking my call.

Prime Minister Jebali: You are welcome.

S: Thank you sir and thank you for speaking to me on this urgent matter that I discussed with President Marzouki.

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Our goal is to maintain the best relationship with you and your government and the people of Tunisia. We have to get past this incident without any other problems or attacks or incidents that would lead to death or injury and we want to work with you and not be deterred by the actions of a mob. Thank you very much Prime Minister for letting me explain this to you.

J: Thank you very much and I would like to extend my condolences for the unfortunate incidents in Benghazi. I also reiterate my condemnation of these terrorist actions. We are very sorry for what happened and we will find who was responsible. We are sorry for what happened at the school and the embassy and we will not allow anyone to be hurt. We understand your request and appreciated it. I am at the airport now, I have cut my airport vacation short, so I can go home and deal with this situation in Tunisia. Please allow me some hours to get home and to meet with my leadership team about your concerns.

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S: I appreciate that.

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J: Please be assured that you have our deepest friendship and concern and I will be back in touch with you or the Ambassador within hours. I would like to let you know that the embassy is fully secure now.

S: Thank you Prime Minister, it means a great deal to President Obama and myself for you to give your attention to this matter. Thank you.

J: Thank you and good bye.

Call DOWN: 1717

From: Sand, Maria W
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 3:54 PM
To: S_CallNotes
Subject: Call Notes: S-Turkish Foreign Minister Davutoglu

The Secretary's Call with Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu

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Call UP: 09/15 @ 1430

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 on: 09/15/2027

Secretary Clinton: Ahmet, it's Hillary.

Foreign Minister Davutoglu: Yes, it's Ahmet. Hello, how are you?

S: I'm alright, my friend. I just wanted to thank you for your support at this difficult time and express my gratitude to Under Secretary Sinirlioglu, the Turkish Ambassador to Libya, and the Consul General in Benghazi, Ali Said Akin, [REDACTED] 1.4(B)

[REDACTED] Thank you also for your strong public statement condemning the attacks. 1.4(D)
 Obviously your voice carries weight, and I appreciate the Prime Minister's comments. It's been B1ery difficult week, as you can imagine.

Davutoglu: I'm calling to express our solidarity and condolences for this great loss. There is no excuse or justification for such violence. Our position is clear and we made several statements to show our solidarity. If there's anything I can do, please let me know [REDACTED] 1.4(B)

[REDACTED] We will continue to make the same 1.4(D)
 statements and underline our position that no situation could be made for such violent action. ThB1 is a clear provocation as you described but we should not be provoked by these types of movies and we will continue to make the necessary statements. Prime Minister Erdogan will speak with President Obama Tuesday. He also sends his best greetings and condolences to you as well, Hillary, and to your staff. We have full solidarity with you and the United States.

S: That means a great deal to me. Please thank the Prime Minister. I recall very well that Turkey has been by our side since March 2011, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The only other thing I wanted to mention is, I sent Deputy Secretary Bill Burns to Ankara to chair the second meeting of the Syria Working Group, but it was necessary for him to travel to Germany and meet with our staff evacuated from Libya and accompany the remains of the four Americans killed in Benghazi. I know Ambassador Robert Ford and Assistant Secretary Derek Chollet led the delegation [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Our close coordination is more important than ever in light of the attack in Benghazi. I'm looking forward to seeing you in New York so we can go into depth on where we are at with all the developments in the region.

Davutoglu: We understand well why Bill had to go back. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Meetings are important from this perspective. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Thank you very much.

S: Thank you, Ahmet. I look forward to seeing you in New York. I'm working on my schedule now. We'll have a lot to talk about.

Davutoglu: Thank you.

S: Thank you very much.

Davutoglu: My best to both the presidents.

S: I will tell them, my friend.

Davutoglu: Thank you very much.

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From: Sand, Maria W
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 4:46 PM
To: S_CallNotes
Subject: Call Notes: S-UK Foreign Secretary Hague

The Secretary's Call with UK Foreign Secretary William Hague

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Call UP: 09/15 @ 1205

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 on: 09/15/2027

Secretary Clinton: Hello, William.

Foreign Secretary Hague: Hello, Hillary. Thanks very much for taking the time for the call

S: Thank you for calling. I really appreciate it.

FS Hague: I'm principally calling about what happened in Benghazi and the trouble we've had with our embassies, and to express our condolences and sadness, particularly on the death of Ambassador Stevens, because he was a great friend to our embassy in Tripoli.

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I also wanted to ask if we can help in any way, if there are difficulties in other countries. We had difficulties at our embassy in Khartoum.

S: I heard it was attacked yesterday

FS Hague: Yes. There was a crowd held off by riot police for awhile.

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The crowd went into the German embassy and set fire to it and vehicles there. There hasn't been any casualties there.

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S: Yes. Thank you so much, William. I look forward to seeing you in New York.

FS Hague: Thank you.

Call DOWN: 1222

From: Randolph, Lawrence
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 5:05 PM
To: S_CallNotes
Subject: Call Notes: S-Israeli PM Netanyahu

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The Secretary's Call with Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu

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Call UP 9/15 @ 1244

Secretary Clinton: Bibi, it's Hillary.

PM Benjamin Netanyahu: Hi. How are you?

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S: Happy New Year!

N: Listen, again we offer our condolences. This is a terrible loss. This guy, your Ambassador, was a very impressive man. Sometimes you hear a word here or there or you see a video and you form an impression. From what we can see of him, he was really among the best.

S: That was absolutely the case Bibi and I appreciate your condolences. The people we lost were experienced and dedicated, to say the least.

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We are not about to be 1.4(D)

intimidated or sound a retreat as we respond and manage security around our mission. We are not going to stand by and see our embassies and consulates attacked or be intimidated. It's been a difficult week; you understand having had so many of your missions attacked over so many year.

N: I certainly do. Do you envision other attacks?

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N: You put out a great statement, very succinct. You said you don't want the tyranny of dictators replaced by the tyranny of the mob.

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S: No.

B: Isn't that interesting.

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N: Thank you.

S: Bye.

N: Bye.

Call DOWN: 1309

From: Sand, Maria W
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 5:20 PM
To: S_CallNotes
Subject: Call Notes: S-Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr

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The Secretary's Call with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Amr

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Call UP: 09/15 @ 1225

Secretary Clinton: Hello, this is Hillary Clinton. Mohamed?

Foreign Minister Amr: Yes, Hillary.

S: How are you?

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FM Amr: I'm fine, thank you.

S: Thank you for the opportunity to talk to you about recent events in Cairo. I know President Obama spoke with the President [Morsi]. I had the opportunity to talk to the Prime Minister. We obviously need to count on you and your security forces to control these demonstrations and prevent outbreaks of violence in order to ensure the integrity of our diplomatic facilities and the safety of the American and Egyptian citizens who work there.

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I am especially sad we had a very successful investment visit led by my deputy, Tom Nides, and on the very day they left this series of incidents began to unfold. President Morsi's statements condemning the attacks in Benghazi and elsewhere, and firmly telling Egyptians not to engage in unlawful violent criminal acts are important.

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FM Amr: You can be sure of that. I'm sorry I didn't come back to you earlier. I was traveling. But I arranged with the Prime Minister, but we were in Rome and Brussels. I wanted to express my condolences for the regrettable loss of life in Benghazi. I was delayed but please accept my condolences to the government, the people, the families. This was uncalled for and regrettable. We hope this will not be repeated anywhere. This is against all our principles and our values, you can be sure of that. Morsi said it more than once. He condemned it unequivocally and was very clear in his public statements. I assure you this message will continue to be sent and we will publicize it. I assure you of our utter commitment to the safety of all U.S. government and all foreign government personnel. As you said, we had a very successful meeting with businesspeople and it was regrettable

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this came on the heels of a very successful meeting. You can be assured of our intentions and our determination to prevent the appearance of any acts of violence. What happened in Benghazi was very regrettable.

S: Thank you for that on a personal level and on behalf of your government. That is very important for me. I also am aware it's been quite challenging for the government to reassert civil security after the revolution you have faced.

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FM Amr: Thank you very much for this, Hillary. We will work together and cooperate with you on this.

I know you had a clear statement about it a couple days ago. We appreciate that. Ordinary people in the United States, like ordinary people here, are against incitement. I don't know who benefits from this incitement. This is against all tenets of Islam which, you know, the religion does not call for this. But anyway, we need us to be united to condemn these acts on both sides. Incitement doesn't serve anyone. Freedom of speech, which we all want, when used for incitement works against all people.

S: As you said Mohamed, I have repeatedly, as has the President and other officials in our government, deplored not only the content of this stupid, very offensive film, but also intentional efforts to denigrate the religious beliefs of others. This runs counter to American history and the Constitution. But we've made clear that violent attacks are never justified in any religion.

. But we have to exercise more self-discipline and also governments must be clear in rejecting any kind of offensive speech and stand for our values. That has to be the clear line drawn, because otherwise we'll be in a vicious downward circle against everyone who has ever felt offended, particularly on the Internet, where you can find anything deeply offensive. I think the double message of us deploring the content of such an offensive film or any kind of statement or content is really appropriate. Equally, I think it's appropriate to say we can't return offensive speech with violence. That's the message that has to be communicated.

FM Amr: Of course, that is what we are doing. Those coincide. They are looking for this kind of reaction. It's playing into their hands.

S: I think that's right. Anytime this happens, there's someone who hopes to profit from it. Government and leaders have to point out we are bigger than this.

I hope we will clearly and consistently hear from the highest levels of the Egyptian government.

FM Amr: I agree with you. Calm is prevailing in Cairo and I hope this will continue in other countries also.

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S: Let us hope so. Or as you would say, inshallah

FM Amr: Yes, inshallah. A couple of months of that and you will be speaking Arabic fluently.

S: I look forward to seeing you in New York at the UN.

FM Amr: Yes, I look forward too. It will be a good chance, personally and professionally.

S: Thank you for your understanding and commitment to working through these issues with me.

FM Amr: Thank you, too. Take care.

Call DOWN: 1237

From: Sand, Maria W
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 5:40 PM
To: S_CallNotes
Subject: Call Notes: S-French Foreign Minister Fabius

The Secretary's Call with French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius

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Call UP: 09/15 @ 1320

Secretary Clinton: Hello Laurent, it's Hillary.

Foreign Minister Fabius: How are you?

S: It's been a tough week.

FM Fabius: Yes. I wanted to call you to tell you of our solidarity at this tough period of time.

S: I very much appreciate your statement of condolence and the statement by President Hollande. We felt the solidarity.

FM Fabius: It's quite normal because we're friends. It could've happened to us as well. I'm in touch with the new Prime Minister in Libya. I think from what he said the government was correct [inaudible].

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FM Fabius: I shall send this message. We shall meet in New York?

S: Yes.

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S: I'm looking forward to participating in the upcoming high-level meeting that President Hollande will be co-chairing.

FM Fabius: Hillary, I wish you the best and see you soon.

S: Thank you. See you in New York.

FM Fabius: Take care.

S: Bye.

Call DOWN: 1325

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From: Randolph, Lawrence
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 5:45 PM
To: S_CallNotes
Subject: Call Notes: S-Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal

The Secretary's Call with Saudi FM Saud al-Faisal

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Call UP 9/15 @ 1338

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Secretary Clinton: Hello your highness.

FM al-Faisal: Hello. How are you?

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S: [REDACTED] I hope I have a chance to see you in person whenever you are up to travelling.

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F: I will do everything I can to make that happen.

S: I want to thank you for the strong statements coming from your government and for everything you have done to help secure our diplomatic compounds in Saudi Arabia

S: It is our duty and what we are seeing in the media all over the world is just horrendous. Governments must understand that they must provide for the security of diplomats and other foreigners in their country. When they don't there are consequences for them as well.

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F: If you allow violence in your country it will eventually return to you.

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S: I was pleased and grateful to see the announcement by the Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia strongly condemning these attacks.

F: It is kind of you to mention this but it's our duty- the duty of everyone. If diplomats are not safe how can international relations be worked out.

S: That's right. Without security, they can't attract investment, tourism, or any of the other benefits of their revolution, if they don't fulfill that responsibility.

F: Indeed.

S: I hope we see more responsibility and better coordination going forward

F: We are talking to them now and we know they are under various pressures, external and internal but there are no excuses for what has happened.

S: It was so wonderful to hear your voice and I do hope to see you soon, either here or somewhere else.

F: I will do my best to make that happen.

S: Take care now.

F: Take care,

S: Bye

Call DOWN: 1342

Lawrence Randolph
Special Assistant
Office of the Secretary of State
202.647.9573

From: Randolph, Lawrence
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 7:03 PM
To: S_CallNotes
Subject: Call Notes: S- Libyan PM-elect Abu Shagur

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The Secretary's Call with Libyan PM-elect Abu Shagur

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Call UP 9/15 @ 1416

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 B1 ~ Declassify on: 09/15/2027

Secretary Clinton: Hi. It's Hillary Clinton.

Prime Minister-elect Abu Shagur: Hello. How are you?

S: I'm fine. Let me thank you for the strong condemnation of the attack and all of the support that we received. It was very important to us and represents the strength of our relationship.

AS: I wanted to thank you so much for that and reiterate that we want to continue to strengthening our relationship. We can't allow this killing to stop our relationship. I offer my condolences to you but at the same time to the Libyan people. Chris was a friend of ours and you can't imagine the sadness felt all over the country following his death; he was friend of ours and of all of the Libyan people. I personally lost a friend in the death of Chris Stevens and we are so sorry for him and his other colleagues. This was a criminal act and is not reflective of our values and we will do everything to bring these people to justice. We value your support for our revolution and everything that you have done afterwards. This is very important for us. We are partners and we don't want this to weaken our relationship.

S: That is how we see it and want to move forward as well.

AS: Chris is a hero for us. Throughout the revolution he was in Benghazi and the Libyan people feel like they lost one of their own. He did so much for us. Chris and his colleagues.

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S: I appreciate that and your attention to this. We want to work with you on all that you are confronting. The Libyan people have high expectations of your government and on the drafting of the constitution and improvements in security. We want to work with you on establishing institutions that are responsive and forming a cabinet so there is a clear sense of responsibility and you can establish order.

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AS: [REDACTED]

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S: I want to reinforce that. We stand ready to help your government. After 42 years of tyranny, we really want you to succeed, as you know. I know you lived in our country for many years and that you fought long and hard and went through some terrible times to help bring about better opportunities for the Libyan people and we want to be able to help with that.

AS: I spent 32 years enjoying the freedom in the United States and I value that time very much. There is so much good will in the world towards the Libyan people and our revolution and I don't want to squander that. I always say the Libyan revolution is the first time that you have seen so many countries come to support the oppressed. Genuine relationships were strengthened based on the support of our cause. Really, we had so much help in getting rid of him and that hasn't happened before in history.

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AS: Yes. We look forward to working with you to make this transition a success.

S: I hope you will take me up on my offer to call and reach out on any matter, at any time, when you think we can be of assistance.

AS: I promise to do that. I consider you a friend and a partner.

S: Will I be able to see you in New York at UNGA?

AS: [REDACTED] but we will find another opportunity to see one another and hopefully you will come and visit us also. Please thank the President for us. We were very pleased with your public statement and his showing of continued support for our new government and the Libyan people.

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S: We want to continue to be helpful and I too look forward to seeing you soon.

AS: Thank you.

S: Thank you. Good bye.

AS: Good bye.

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