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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 2:05 PM
To: DS-IP-NEA [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Urgent Benghazi waivers

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 2:02 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Urgent Benghazi waivers

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DS/C Special Assistant
Bureau of Diplomatic Security
Office: [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 1:52 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Urgent Benghazi waivers

[Redacted] PSD's contribution:

The attached .pdf file includes a summary of the compound. Diagrams are included. The text below provides an overview of the physical security upgrades made after our survey. DS/C/PSP is not aware of any outstanding physical security issues requested by post that have not been addressed. We are still assembling all pertinent documents but I think this is a good beginning.



Approved Future of Benghazi Op...
US Mission in Benghazi Comp...
Security Survey_Villa Co...
Temporary Fence Plan.pptx

The Special Mission in Benghazi was established with a limited life-span and was to close down in December 2011; however, in that same month, M approved a decision memo to keep the Post open until December 2012. Villas 'B' and 'C' needed some upgrades which the owner/property manager agreed to do, to include:

- putting window grillwork on the windows of the small office structure

- [Redacted]
- increasing outside lighting.

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The property manager for the owners also agreed to punch a hole in the wall between the two compounds for vehicle and pedestrian access and relocate some old factory machines on the property to block the unused vehicle gates. Up until this time, Post used available FAVs on the inside to block vehicle gates.

Following close coordination with post, OBO, and IP over the previous months, several DS offices (PSD, LGP, and Residential Security) provided funding in the amount of approximately \$80K for facility and structure upgrades that included:

- Concrete, jersey-type barriers installed curbside and on the villa grounds to block unused vehicle gates.
- Four steel, manual drop-arms (vehicle barriers) for access control and anti-ram protection.
- Compound lighting increased for LGP observation.
- Barbed wire installed on top of the existing perimeter wall to raise height.
- Installation of barbed wire on top of the interior chain link fence to create a secondary barrier.
- Installation of several LGP platforms for property and street surveillance.
- Construction of four guard booths.
- Installation of steel grillwork on all windows not already treated with this protection.
- [Redacted]
- Erecting sandbag emplacements for internal defense purposes.
- Hardening villas with safe rooms with a steel door.

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From: [Redacted]

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Cc: [Redacted]

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Importance: High

To all the PDAS has asked that Countermeasures provide any Physical Security Surveys for Benghazi ASAP. Additionally he has asked that we assemble all documents and related equipment that was provided for Benghazi to date. Please send all information and documents to [Redacted] and myself.

Regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 12:18 PM

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

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[Redacted] thank you for your quick reply to the FO.

Regards,

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 12:04 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
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Urgent!! Do we have any waivers for Benghazi! The PDAS is going on the hill in 30 min.