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**From:** Nuland, Victoria J  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 12:15 AM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D; Sullivan, Jacob J; Kennedy, Patrick F; Reines, Philippe I  
**Subject:** Re: Off the Record

Yes. Fyi, my msg was that S statement was authoritative.

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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 12:11 AM  
**To:** Nuland, Victoria J; Sullivan, Jacob J; Kennedy, Patrick F; Reines, Philippe I  
**Subject:** RE: Off the Record

Can we stop answering emails for the night Toria b/c now the first one is hanging out there.

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**From:** Nuland, Victoria J  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 12:06 AM  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J; Mills, Cheryl D; Kennedy, Patrick F; Reines, Philippe I  
**Subject:** Re: Off the Record

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**From:** Nuland, Victoria J  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 12:05 AM  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J; Mills, Cheryl D; Kennedy, Patrick F  
**Subject:** Fw: Off the Record

Fysa - first press q abt Chris' whereabouts.

I ignored it and just dealt w the second ...

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**From:** Brennan, Margaret [<mailto:BrennanM@cbsnews.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:45 PM  
**To:** Nuland, Victoria J; Ventrell, Patrick H  
**Subject:** RE: Off the Record

Two questions:

- 1) Is the US ambassador in Libya secure and does State know his whereabouts?
- 2) Does the State Dept standby the earlier statements made by the US Embassy in Cairo? The Secretary's statement on Libya suggests that State is uncomfortable with the characterization used in that earlier statement but doesn't explicitly 'disavow' some of the tweets/release from the embassy.

Some have sought to justify this vicious behavior as a response to inflammatory material posted on the Internet. The United States deplores any intentional effort to denigrate the religious beliefs of others. Our commitment to religious tolerance goes back to the very beginning of our nation. But let me be clear: There is never any justification for violent acts of this kind.