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[redacted]
From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 7:27 PM
To: DSCC_Watch Team; DSCC_Management_Team
Subject: Benghazi Contractors

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Further regarding Contractors on the ground in Benghazi

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Al Nouran Hotel

From: Operations Center
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 7:26 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: SES-O
Subject: RE: proposed teleconference call - PM/WRA- Libya Thursday

Hello gentlemen,

The Operations Center spoke with [redacted] earlier this evening and has noted that he and [redacted] are in the hotel in Benghazi. Please let us know if there are any further updates, and do not hesitate to call the Operations Center if you need anything at all.

Take care,

Esther

Esther Pan Sloane
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State Department Operations Center
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 6:45 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: SES-O
Subject: RE: proposed teleconference call - PM/WRA- Libya Thursday

[redacted]
did not notify the consulate. This was a temporary lodging. Ops called me, I reported everything.

V/R,

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Steve Blodgett, Senior Reviewer

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]

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Subject: RE: proposed teleconference call - PM/WRA- Libya Thursday
Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2012 22:35:33 +0000

[redacted] did you notify the Consulate that you were staying there? I have copied our Ops Center on this mail. I just got off the phone with them. I think they should be informed.

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 6:34 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: proposed teleconference call - PM/WRA- Libya Thursday

[redacted]

Myself and [redacted] are in a small hotel on the otherside of Benghazi. One not frequented by internationals.

V/R,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: proposed teleconference call - PM/WRA- Libya Thursday
Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2012 22:04:41 +0000

ve you contacted the TOC in Libya about this situation at your villa? I assume [redacted] and [redacted] are sleeping.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 6:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: proposed teleconference call - PM/WRA- Libya Thursday

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[REDACTED]
1000 EST on Thursday. Understood.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: proposed teleconference call - PM/WRA- Libya Thursday
Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2012 20:35:06 +0000

Hello All,

PM/WRA, led by Jim Lawrence, would like to host a conference call to discuss our current and future work on the ground in East and West Libya, as well as other relevant issues regarding the coordination with our Libyan and UN partners.

I have scheduled the call for 1000 EST (Washington) on Thursday, September 13. I am waiting for details to pass on to the participants to call in. I should have those shortly.

I just wanted to give you a heads up and we hope you can participate. For participants in our office CC'd on this mail, this call will be held in WRA's Conference Room.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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At proximately 2215 EDT [] called DSCC. The response team has been on the ground for approximately 60 minutes. They are waiting for the 17th Martyr Brigade (Pro-American militia group) to escort them to the []

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MSGs have cleared out the protestors and "secured" the Diplomatic Mission.

[] did not know about the two American Citizen contractors in the Al Nouran Hotel. Numbers and info were given to him.

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Once the Response Team arrives they will have non-essential employees and the remains of [] depart.

[] was given direction to have the 17th February Brigade go over to the hospital for verification.

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2227 Twitter broadcast photo of Caucasian man

2230 Tripoli notified regarding the twitter

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2243 Tripoli in contact with the contractors in hotel

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2250 17th Martyr Brigade departs the airport with the [] member Response Team en route []

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2313 [] reports the Response Team has arrived at []

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2332 [] reports they are under mortar attack with 3-4 hitting the Annex. There are [] injured [] and the need to medevac. The Response Team is on site and either inside or deployed to the roof. The agents have not received more injuries. They are sheltering in place with 45 minutes to sunrise.

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2349 DS SA [] was hit during the mortar attack, which has since ceased. [] All other DS agents are accounted for.

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Tripoli is moving people from the Embassy to the Annex.

0006 [] states they are evacuating the entire compound with a convoy of friendlies in one run to the airport. [] does not know if the plane is still on the ground.

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0010 Tripoli called. They have lost all communications. Called from personal cell [REDACTED] B6
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0034 [REDACTED] reports they are all out of the Annex in Benghazi and en route the airport with three wounded (two of them on stretchers). Currently there is only one plane and they are attempting to charter a second.

0038 Tripoli advises now moving [REDACTED] persons to Tripoli Annex. B7(E)

0053 Africom notified of both moves.

0055 [REDACTED] 1.4(D)
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0107 Flight chartered to Tripoli, everyone on board except [REDACTED] equipment and the three KIA. The KIA will be put on a truck. B6
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0110 Tripoli [REDACTED] advised by DSCC that Benghazi at airport and will fly to them. Tripoli Embassy movement has arrived at the Tripoli Annex. B7(E)

0115 [REDACTED] bird loaded with [REDACTED] evacuees. [REDACTED] holding with remaining [REDACTED] gear to take the next flight—[REDACTED] total—which may be a new charter or the second run of this plane. [REDACTED] is only DOS staying behind. Tripoli International Airport. SSC still supporting them. Ambulance en route to TIA. B6
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0124 SA [REDACTED] Tripoli all on Annex Tripoli; he will contact the Med people there to get them B6
repaired to assist with the arrival. He get a list of the [REDACTED] passengers once they arrive. B7(C)

0131 [REDACTED] states [REDACTED] on the ground [REDACTED] with 3 KIA in the pickup truck and [REDACTED] wheels up [REDACTED] B6
[REDACTED] states all are accounted for other than Ambassador. B7(C)

0136 [REDACTED] confirms [REDACTED] on the ground with 3 KIA and 1 presumed dead. They are on the tarmac with bodies and equipment. B7(E)

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0157 C-17 in Tripoli on standby for some form of evacuation in Tripoli to Ramstein AFB.

0204 Patrick Kennedy called to advise that the Provincial Head of Government is in the hospital and needs the phone number for [REDACTED] to coordinate getting the Amb's body to the airport. B6
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0206 [REDACTED] was advised that the same plane that took the [REDACTED] will return for the [REDACTED] on the ground. Two TDYers are on the way and if they cannot get out of Benghazi, they are to link up with [REDACTED] Regarding medical care, the two medics were KIA by indirect mortar fire but two of the DS agents have been through High Threat medical training. B6
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0214 Tripoli advised they are 5 minutes out from Tripoli International Airport.

0215 [REDACTED] confirmed C-17 will have doctors and nurses on it to help the wounded. B6
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0216 Tripoli has arrived at the airport in VIP lounge with Embassy nurse.

0222 MSD called up.

0224 [] called at Tripoli International Airport. They are unable to get the entire convoy into the airport to search for the planes. They are being allowed 2 vehicles (vehicle 1 with 4 people and vehicle 2 with 2 people leaving a total of 6 empty slots) onto the airport tarmac. They have not made contact with the C-17 or evac plane.

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0225 [] confirms the body of Ambassador Stevens has arrived at the Benghazi airport.

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0234 TDYers called DSCC to state they are unable to get a flight out before mid-afternoon. DSCC connecting [] with the TDYers for evac.

0238 Wheels down Tripoli.

0241 DSCC confirms Libyan AF plane C130 will land in 50 minutes to take the remaining COM and two TDYers and KIA to Tripoli.

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0244 [] advised C-17 department Ramstein in the next 50 minutes with 3.5 hour flight. The wounded are going to the hospital.

0245 RSO Tripoli contacted regarding the above and asked for list for the draw down.

0251 DCM Tripoli has list for draw down to be sent to HQ for approval.

0259 [] advises that [] is in the hospital.

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0306 DCM still working on drawdown list.

0310 [] requests RMO and RMOP assistance. DSCC advises Ops.

0323 [] called with the list of 14 people who will be drawn down.

0332 RSO Tripoli at hospital and no bad news on any of the injured.

0533 Wheels down on second plane in Tripoli.

0559 Six-vehicle motorcade departs Tripoli International Airport en route hospital.