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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Case No. F-2014-10167

Segment: DS-02, DS-03, DS-04,
DS-05, DS-06,
DS-07, & DS-08

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

Dear Mr. Dunagan:

I refer to our letter dated July 6, 2015, regarding the release of certain Department of State records under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

A number of documents were referred to other government offices for inter- or intra-agency coordination for further review to assist us in making a final determination regarding their release under FOIA. The inter- and intra-agency coordination for all 11 documents has been completed. We have determined that all 11 documents may be released in part.

Also, one document referred to another government agency for direct reply has been withdrawn from that agency and deemed non-responsive to your request.

We have identified 25 additional documents that are responsive to your request from the Bureau of Diplomatic Security. We have determined that 21 may be released in part and 4 must be withheld in full. This completes the review of the records of the Bureau of Diplomatic Security.

Upon further review, the Department has also determined that material in 1 document previously withheld in full may be released in part. Furthermore, additional material from a document previously released in part may also be released.¹

¹ One additional document containing material that Defendant intends to release unexpectedly required additional administrative processing. This document will be provided to you no later than September 15, 2015.

All released material is enclosed. Where we have made excisions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document. The 4 documents withheld in full have been withheld under FOIA Exemptions 1, 6, and 7, 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(b)(1), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), and (b)(7)(E). In some cases, two or more exemptions may apply to the same document. An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen M. Gunnegan" followed by a stylized flourish.

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

Enclosures: As stated.

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 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) 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:
- | | |
|----------------|---|
| ARMSEXP | Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c) |
| 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 |
- (b)(4) Trade secrets and confidential commercial or financial information
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure 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

RELEASE IN PART

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B7(C)

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

Tuesday, September 11, 2012 9:11 PM

DSCC_Management_Team; DSCC_Watch Team

(S//NF) Libya

Per Ambassador Mull after SVTS conference:

DOD is looking at various resources.

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S expected to make statements one of which may confirm KIA, notification of next of kin is pending confirmation. DCM The Hague was to call OPS when completed.

White House is reaching out to U-Tube to advise ramifications of the posting of the Pastor Jon video.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Steve Blodgett, Senior
Reviewer

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Silberberg, Susan

From: [redacted] on behalf of DS Command Center
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 3:13 PM
To: DSCC State Ops Notifications
Cc: [redacted] DS Command Center
Subject: (S/NF) State Ops - SPOT REPORT No. 5 - 09132012

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
Operations Center

SPOT REPORT No. 5

Reactions to Attacks on U.S. Missions and Controversial Film

Thursday, September 13, 2012
1430 EDT

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

- (C) The FAST team is on the ground in Tripoli and completing a security assessment of the Embassy's villas. The team will move individuals back to the villas beginning September 14. Pending Department concurrence, Post likely will resume limited operations from the CMR September 17. *(Ops/Operations Center Crisis Management Support telcon)*
- (U) The deputy interior minister announced Libyan authorities made four arrests in the investigation into the attack on the U.S. Diplomatic Mission in Benghazi. *(Reuters)*
- (S) The Embassy Sana'a [redacted]

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second FAST team is en route to Sana'a and is expected to land at 1430 EDT. *(Ops/Diplomatic Security Command Center telcon)*

- (SBU) The numbers of demonstrators increased in Cairo but they are located away from the Embassy's perimeter. Police used tear gas throughout the afternoon and there is a heavy deployment of security forces around the Embassy. *(Ops/Egypt desk e-mail)*
- (U) In Iraq, several hundred Shiite hardliners protested in Sadr City following threats of anti-U.S. attacks by Shiite militia. *(AP)*
- (SBU) The [redacted] reported the demonstration around the compound dispersed without incident. An estimated 500-1000 people congregated, and Iran provided sufficient law enforcement personnel. There are calls for additional protests throughout the country September 14. *(Ops/Iran desk e-mail)*
- (SBU) Approximately 75 peaceful protesters gathered in Khartoum September 12 to present a letter to the embassy and departed several hours later. Embassy Khartoum expects further demonstrations throughout the city September 14 and 15 and all COM personnel non-essential movements are restricted. *(Ops/Embassy Khartoum e-mail)*
- (SBU) Consulate General Jerusalem reports large protests are planned September 14 in Gaza City and Khan Yunis. *(Jerusalem 2292)*
- (SBU) Embassy Abuja confirmed Nigerian police are monitoring attempts to mobilize demonstrations in four cities. [redacted] confirmed there will be a "major" show of force around Abuja during prayer time on September 14. *(Ops/Embassy Abuja e-mail)*
- (SBU) In Muscat, a 100-person non-violent protest, outnumbered by some 150 riot police, broke up with the call to evening prayer. Under a new law any gathering of more than nine people is illegal. An additional protest is expected September 14. *(Ops/Embassy Muscat e-mail)*

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- (SBU) Around 1000 protestors in the Dhaka city center were dispersed by police. A larger protest is expected September 14 after Friday prayers at a mosque located in the city center. *(Ops/Embassy Dhaka e-mail, Reuters)*
- (SBU) About 30-40 demonstrators turned out September 12 in Kuwait City for less than an hour amid heavy police presence. Leading Islamist Members of Parliament and influential figures called for a second protest in front of the Embassy after evening prayers September 13. *(Kuwait 765)*

INTERNATIONAL REACTION

- (U) The French MFA released a statement condemning the attack against Embassy Sana'a. It re-affirmed French support for the continuation of the political transition process under way in Yemen. *(French Ministry of Foreign Affairs)*
- (U) Turkey's top Muslim cleric condemned the Benghazi attack and stated, "It is impossible to explain such acts of violence on any humanitarian or Islamic grounds." *(TodaysZaman)*
- (SBU) The Vatican released a statement expressing hope that, despite the Benghazi tragedy, "the international community may discover the most favourable ways to continue its commitment in favour of peace in Libya and the entire Middle East." *(Ops/Embassy to the Holy See e-mail)*
- (SBU) An editorial in Mali's *Le Republicain* proposed while the Benghazi attack was counter to Islamic tenets, the tragedy could have been expected given the United States helped overthrow and kill Col. Qadahfi in 2011. *(Ops/Embassy Bamako e-mail)*
- (U) Saudi Arabia denounced the "irresponsible" group which produced the film and condemned "the violent reactions that occurred in a number of countries against American interests." *(Reuters)*
- (SBU) Media outlets in Pakistan reported the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority confirmed a Ministry of Information mandate to block the controversial video, however Embassy Islamabad comments the video was still accessible as of mid-day September 13. *(Ops/Embassy Islamabad e-mail)*

Please see our classified website at <http://ses.state.sgov.gov/>

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U.S. Department of State - Bureau of Diplomatic Security

INTELLIGENCE AND THREAT ANALYSIS

(S//NF) *Libya: Attack on Consulate Benghazi*

September 12, 2012

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NATSECACT1947,1.4(D),B7(C),B6,1.4(C)

(U) Drafted by: [redacted], DS/TIA/ITA, [redacted]

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(U) ATTACK TIMELINE

(S//NF) The following chronology is based on a compilation of communications between the Diplomatic Security Command Center (DSCC) and U.S. personnel in Benghazi, Libya. DS/TIA/ITA notes that this is a preliminary overview of the sequence of events that occurred in Benghazi and that the timeline may change as additional information on the incident comes to light. All times are recorded in Eastern Daylight Time.

(S//NF) DS/TIA/ITA also notes that open source media has reported a number of inaccurate facts that have served to cloud the circumstances surrounding the death of the U.S. Ambassador. Most prominently, press reporting has indicated that the Ambassador was killed when a rocket-propelled grenade struck his vehicle; this is wholly inaccurate, as the Ambassador is believed to have died from smoke inhalation while attempting to exit a burning building on the U.S. Consulate compound.

Tuesday, September 11:

- At 1549 hrs, DSCC was notified that U.S. Mission Benghazi was under attack. At 1600 hrs, DSCC was notified by Regional Security Officer (RSO) Benghazi that armed individuals had entered the compound, and at 1614 hrs RSO Benghazi reported that an armed group had set fire to buildings inside the compound. The US Ambassador was visiting post from Tripoli, and as of 1614 hrs it was suspected that one of the buildings that had been set on fire was the building where the Ambassador was sheltering. [redacted] Quick Reaction Force (QRF) responded from their off-compound Annex, but was turned back due to heavy hostile fire.
- As of 1700 hrs, [redacted] QRF and host nation militia (17 February Brigade) have redeployed to the compound. One Assistant RSO (ARSO) suffered injuries from smoke inhalation. This agent was in the Principal Officer's Residence with U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens and Information Program Officer (IPO) Sean P. Smith. All three moved to the safe haven when the attack began, but had to relocate to the roof as the building caught on fire. The agent reached the rooftop but lost contact with the other two. The agent reentered the residence and found the IPO killed in action (KIA), and was unable to locate the Ambassador. The agent had given his cell phone to the Ambassador.
- At 1720 hrs, it is reported to DSCC that all five RSO staff are accounted for and en route to the [redacted] QRF and 17 February Brigade forces are in the compound looking for the Ambassador.

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Senior Reviewer

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- The [] QRF and friendly militia forces were unable to locate the Ambassador, and pull back to the off-compound Annex. All classified material on the compound is secured by RSO [] personnel. Embassy Tripoli receives a phone call from the injured ARSO's cell phone (which had been left with the Ambassador) from a male caller saying he is at the hospital with an unresponsive male who matches a physical description of the Ambassador. []
[] Tripoli charts an airplane and sends it to Benghazi with six personnel onboard as a response team. B1 1.4(D) B3
- At 2215 hrs, Benghazi ARSO [] called DSCC to report that the [] response team has been on the ground in Benghazi for approximately 60 minutes, but are waiting for the 17 February Brigade to escort them to [] DS Seniors ask ARSO [] about the identity of the reported white male in the hospital. []
[] hospital for about two hours. Henderson will call him after this call. B1 1.4(D) B3
- DSCC reports to ARSO [] that there are two American Citizen (AmCit) Defense Attache Office (DAO) contractors at the Al Nouran Hotel in Benghazi. [] was not aware of these personnel. It is decided that when the [] response team arrives at the Annex, non-essential employees and the remains of the IPO will depart. ARSO [] was given direction to have the 17 February Brigade go over to the hospital for verification. B6 B6 B7(C) 1.4(D) B1 B6 B7(C)
- At 2227 hrs, an image was broadcast on Twitter showing a Caucasian man being carried out of the Benghazi compound. At 2230 hrs, Tripoli was notified regarding the image broadcast on Twitter. B1 1.4(D) B3
- [] B1 1.4(D) B3
- At 2243 hrs, U.S. Embassy Tripoli reports that they are in contact with the contractors in the Al Nouran Hotel. B1
- At 2250 hrs, the 17 February Brigade departs the airport with the 6-member response team en route to [] At 2313 hrs, it is reported that the [] response team has arrived at the Annex. [] B1 1.4(D) B3 B6 B7(C)
- At 2332 hrs, ARSO [] reports that they are under mortar attack, with 3 to 4 rounds hitting the Annex. There are [] injured [] and the need for medical evacuation. The response team is on site and either inside or deployed to the roof. The agents are sheltering in place with 45 minutes to sunrise. B1 1.4(D) B3
- At 2349 hrs, DS Special Agent [] was reported hit during the mortar attack, which has since ceased. [] All other DS agents are accounted for. B6 B7(C)

Wednesday, September 12:

- At 0006 hrs, [] states that they are evacuating the entire compound with a convoy of friendly militia in one movement to the airport. [] does not know if the plane is still on the ground.

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- At 0010 hrs, Embassy Tripoli called. They have lost all communications. Called from personal cell phone [redacted] B6 B7(C)
- At 0034 hrs, ARSO [redacted] in Benghazi reports that all Chief of Mission (COM) [redacted] personnel have left the Annex in Benghazi en route to the airport with three wounded (two on stretchers). Currently there is only one plane available, and they are attempting to charter a second. B1 1.4(D) B3 1.4(C) 1.4(D) B1
- At 0055 hrs, [redacted]
- At 0107 hrs, it is reported that the three KIA will be put on a truck.
- At 0110 hrs, DSCC notifies Embassy Tripoli that the Benghazi group is at the Benghazi airport and will fly to Tripoli. B6 B7(C)
- At 0115 hrs, ARSO [redacted] reports that the [redacted] chartered evacuation plane is loaded with [redacted] evacuees. B1 1.4(D) B3
- ARSO [redacted] is holding with remaining personnel and gear to take the next flight. ARSO [redacted] is the only DOS staying behind. ARSO [redacted] reports that the aircraft is departing for Tripoli International Airport (TIA). RSO Tripoli reports that an ambulance is en route to TIA. B6 B7(C) 1.4(D) B1
- At 0131 hrs, ARSO [redacted] states that [redacted] personnel remain on the ground in Benghazi [redacted] with 3 KIA in a pickup truck and [redacted] personnel wheels up. At this time it seems that all are accounted for besides Ambassador Stevens. B6 B7(C) 1.4(D) B1
- At 0136 hrs, ARSO [redacted] confirms [redacted] personnel are on the ground with 3 KIA and 1 presumed dead in Benghazi. They are on the tarmac with the bodies and equipment. B1 1.4(D) B3 B6 B7(C)
- [redacted]
- At 0204 hrs, Under Secretary Patrick Kennedy notifies DSCC that the Provincial Head of Government is in the hospital and needs the phone number for ARSO [redacted] to coordinate getting the Ambassador Stevens' body to the airport.
- At 0206 hrs, ARSO [redacted] was advised by DSCC that the same plane that took the [redacted] will return for the [redacted] on the ground. Two DAO contractors are on the way and if they cannot get out of Benghazi, they are to link up with ARSO [redacted] Regarding medical care, the two [redacted] medics were KIA by indirect mortar fire. The DS agents are providing medical treatment per High Threat training. B1 1.4(D) B3
- At 0214 hrs, Embassy Tripoli advised DSCC that they are 5 minutes out from Tripoli International Airport. B6 B7(C)
- At 0215 hrs, DSCC SA [redacted] confirmed that a DoD C-17 is en route to Tripoli from Ramstein, Germany, and will have doctors and nurses on board to help the wounded.
- At 0216 hrs, RSO Tripoli reports that they have arrived at the TIA VIP lounge with the Embassy nurse.
- At 0225 hrs, ARSO [redacted] confirms the body of Ambassador Stevens has arrived at the Benghazi airport. B6 B7(C)
- At 0234 hrs, DSCC contacted the DAO contractors, who report they are unable to get a commercial flight out of Benghazi before mid-afternoon local time. DSCC connected the DAO contractors with ARSO [redacted] to get the contractors on the [redacted] DS evacuation flight. B1 1.4(D) B3

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- At 0238 hrs, it is reported that the first evacuation flight is wheels down in Tripoli.
- At 0241 hrs, DSCC confirms Libyan Air Force C-130 will land in 50 minutes to take the remaining COM personnel, 2 DAO contractors and 4 KIA to Tripoli.
- At 0244 hrs, Tripoli ARSO [] advised that a DoD C-17 aircraft will depart Ramstein in the next 50 minutes with 3.5 hour flight. The wounded are going to the hospital in Tripoli in the interim.
- At 0245 hrs, DSCC contacted RSO Tripoli regarding the above and asked for a list for the draw down.
- At 0259 hrs, ARSO [] reports to DSCC that SA [] is in the hospital.
- At 0332 hrs, RSO Tripoli reports that they are at the hospital with no bad news on any of the injured.
- At 0533 hrs, the Libyan C-130 evacuation flight is reported wheels down in Tripoli with the last COM [] personnel from Benghazi.
- At 0559 hrs, a six-vehicle motorcade departures TIA en route to hospital.

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(U) POTENTIAL CAUSES AND RESPONSIBILITY

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(S//NF) Benghazi has witnessed a marked increase in terrorist violence since early April 2012, much of which has been directed toward the official foreign presence in the city. Most recently, the car of an Egyptian diplomat exploded on August 20, causing no deaths or injuries. On June 12, the UK Ambassador's motorcade came under attack within 500 meters of the UK Mission compound in Benghazi, and less than 2 km from the U.S. Consulate. During the attack, the motorcade's lead vehicle was struck with one RPG, inflicting both occupants with non-life threatening injuries – no other injuries were reported. Small arms fire reportedly followed the RPG attack, indicating there may have been multiple attackers.

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

[REDACTED] but did not cause any injuries.⁶ [REDACTED]

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(S//NF) Other recent attacks in Benghazi include an improvised explosive device (IED) thrown at the UN Special Envoy's motorcade on April 10;⁹ and a grenade thrown over Consulate Benghazi's wall on April 6. [REDACTED]

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⁶ SPOT Report – "IED Explosion at U.S. Mission Benghazi" (via email), 20120606, UNCLASSIFIED.

⁷ GMP20120611405001, 20120611, UNCLASSIFIED.

⁸ GMP20120529950047, 20120529, UNCLASSIFIED.

⁹ "IED Attack on UN Special Envoy to Libya SPOT REPORT" (via email), 20120410, UNCLASSIFIED.

¹⁰ "Benghazi RSO SPOT Report" (via email), 20120406, UNCLASSIFIED; "Benghazi Situation Report" (via email), 20120410, UNCLASSIFIED.

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[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 4:47 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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Thanks.

We don't have a status on the WIA. We'll defer to medics for Sigonella or Ramstein.

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 4:44 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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They have informed the DATT. Callsign LION 435, Tail number 88607. They should contact Tripoli Air Traffic Control.

Arrival time may be adjusted earlier once they are enroute.

Refuel at Sigonella for 90 minutes both ways.

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 10:42 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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Does that flight need to stop to refuel en route Ramstein?

Do we have contact info for someone on the C130J for our personnel on the ground to establish comms?

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 4:29 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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How long will it take to get a medical condition on the WIA? That will influence where they get treatment.

Has the King Air Landed?

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 10:25 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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Just to clarify: C-130J from Ramstein, no longer a C17, correct?

Can you please let me know when that plane from Ramstein go wheels up?

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 4:23 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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WIA, KIA, plan for 30 additional passengers.

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 10:21 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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So C-130J vice C17? What's the max pax capacity on the C-130J?

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 4:17 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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C-130J Tail 88607

Arrive Tripoli 1505Z

Depart Tripoli 1720Z

WIA, KIA, plan for 30 additional passengers. Should be staged by 1500Z

Need to confirm diplomatic clearance.

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 9:55 AM

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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Confirmed: AMCIT wounded, AMCIT remains, and other AMCITS out of Tripoli.

Copy on the last sentence. Please let me know when you have the plan for the number of seats

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 3:42 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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Latest UPDATE

The C-17 is directed to transport AMCIT wounded, AMCIT remains, and other AMCITS out of Tripoli.

We will provide a planning number of seats. Carry on bags only, don't plan to move pets.

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 9:30 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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Copy. State would request Post Isolation Support for Tripoli personnel as well.

In re. BERLIN, the Under Secretary is working that angle.

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 3:25 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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The folks out of Tripoli are headed to Ramstein and Landstuhl Medical Center.

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Are you working with BERLIN to coordinate lodging for your personnel in Germany (safe haven?)

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

From: [REDACTED]

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Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 9:16 AM

To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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Confirm NEO AMCITS only out of Tripoli + Benghazi AMCITS.

Any word on where FAST team is coming from?

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 3:08 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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FYI

NEO of AMCITS only out of Tripoli. Working to get them on the C-17

FAST Team (USMC) is on a military mission. Being directed to wear uniforms under Geneva Conventions.

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 9:02 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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Confirmed. All WIAs/KIAs from Benghazi are AMCITS

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 3:02 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)
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Need to confirm all WIA are AMCITS.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 8:51 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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Working a manifest now and will pass soonest.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 2:48 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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Nothing other than Libyan C-130, working additional information.

Understand the DCM is directing departure for all but minimum manning.
And wants evac of personnel out of Tripoli

We need numbers of personnel that need to leave. AMCIT, Local Nationals.

Some may depart on the C-17.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 8:44 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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Thanks. Any contact info for the C-130?

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 2:40 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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C-17 hasn't left Ramstein, should be within the hour. It is 3+30 trip.

Tracking all accounted for at Benghazi.

C-130 is Libyan Air Force enroute Benghazi should arrive at 0730Z and return to Tripoli Intl.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 8:35 AM

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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Update: 0 MIA, 4 KIA now - all at Benghazi.

Do you know the status of the C-17? My understanding was it was at Tripoli Int'l Airport, but out people on the ground don't have a visual.

Apparently, the KingAir flight that was to make a second turn to Benghazi will not take remains. We are hearing that a C-130 may make the route from Benghazi to Tripoli. If so, any whereabouts?

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 2:29 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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Benghazi

Tracking ☐ PAX (☐ DOS, 2 Cont), 3 KIA and 1 MIA

Name of MIA? OGA says all are accounted for.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 8:21 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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[REDACTED]
Benghazi: ☐ DoS souls on ground, 3 KIA, 1 MIA presumed KIA, 2 USG contractors; all personnel at airport except the 1 MIA

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On plane: ☐ US souls

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Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Classification: SECRET

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Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 2:15 AM
To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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We need to confirm all the numbers on the ground

Hearing [] in Benghazi. Please confirm those on the plane and those on the ground B7(E)

C-17 hasn't left yet, they will have an Air Evac crew, Docs, nurses, medics, a flying ER; more to follow.

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

From: []
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 8:11 AM
To: []
Subject: RE: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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Can you please send me the wheels down time for the current craft en route Tripoli?

Thanks,

[]

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From: []
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 2:03 AM
To: []
Subject: CASEVAC-MEDEVAC.pptx (SECRET)

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This is what we are tracking right now based on our conversation.

Need to know the location of personnel in Tripoli.

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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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Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
SensitivityCode: Sensitive

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
Watch Officer
State Department Operations Center
(202) 647-1512

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.

V/R,

[REDACTED]
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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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B7(C)

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.

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Classified by DAS, A/GIS, DoS on 08/31/2015 ~ Class: CONFIDENTIAL ~ Reason: B1, 1.4(D) ~ Declassify on: 09/11/20137

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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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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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Steve Blodgett, Senior Reviewer

0010 Tripoli called. They have lost all communications. Called from personal cell [REDACTED] B6
B7(C)

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
B7(C)

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
B7(C)

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)

[REDACTED] 1.4(D)
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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
B7(C)

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
B7(C)

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
B7(C)

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.

9/11/12

15 to 2012/09/11

At 1549 DSCC was notified that US Mission Benghazi was under attack. At 1600 DSCC was notified by RSO Benghazi that armed individuals had entered the compound, and at 1614 RSO Benghazi reported that an armed group had set fire to buildings inside the compound. The US Ambassador was visiting post from Tripoli, and as of 1614 it was suspected that one of the buildings that had been set on fire was the building where the Ambassador was sheltering. An [] Quick Reaction Force (QRF) responded from their off-compound Annex, but were turned back due to heavy hostile fire.

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As of 1700, [] QRF and host nation militia (17th Martyr Brigade) have redeployed to the compound. One ARSO suffered injuries from smoke inhalation. This agent was in the Principal Officer's Residence with the Ambassador and the IPO. All three moved to the Safehaven when the attack began, but had to relocate to the roof as the building caught on fire. The agent reached the rooftop but lost contact with the other two. The agent reentered the residence and found the IPO KIA, and was unable to locate the Ambassador. The agent had given his cell phone to the Ambassador. At 1720, it is reported to DSCC that all 5 RSO staff are accounted for and ERT the [] Annex. [] QRF and 17th Martyr Brigade forces are in the compound looking for the Ambassador.

The [] QRF and friendly militia forces were unable to locate the Ambassador, and pull back to the off-compound Annex. All classified material on the compound is secured by RSO and [] personnel. Embassy Tripoli receives a phonecall from the injured ARSO's cell phone (which had been left with the Ambassador), from a male caller saying he is at the hospital with an unresponsive male who matches a physical description of the Ambassador. []

[] Tripoli charts an airplane and sends it to Benghazi with [] personnel onboard as a response team.

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1725. QRF COMB BACK B6. IS SA. UNDER THE PROTECTION

At 2215 EDT Benghazi ARSO [] B7(C) called DSCC to report that the [] response team has been on the ground in Benghazi for approximately 60 minutes, but are waiting for the 17th Martyr Brigade to escort them to the [] Annex. DS Seniors ask ARSO [] about the identity of the reported white male in the hospital. []

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DSCC reports to ARSO [] that there are two AmCit DAO contractors at the Al Nouran Hotel in Benghazi. Henderson was not aware of these personnel.

It is decided that when the [] response team arrives at the Annex, non-essential employees and the remains of [] (KIA IPO) will depart.

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

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At 2227, an image was broadcast on Twitter showing a Caucasian man being carried out of the Genghazi compound. At 2230, Tripoli was notified regarding the image broadcast on Twitter.

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[REDACTED]

At 2243 US Embassy reports that they are in contact with the contractors in the Al Nouran Hotel.

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At 2250, the 17th Martyr Brigade departs the airport with the [REDACTED] member response team en route [REDACTED] Annex. At 2313 it is reported that the [REDACTED] response team has arrived at the Annex. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

At 2332 ARSO [REDACTED] reports that they are under mortar attack, with 3-4 rounds hitting the Annex. There are [REDACTED] injured [REDACTED] 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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At 0038 Tripoli advises that they are moving [REDACTED] persons to Tripoli Annex.

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At 0053 AFRICOM is notified of both moves (Tripoli and Benghazi).

At 0055, [REDACTED]

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At 0107 it is reported that the three KIA will be put on a truck.

At 0110 Tripoli [REDACTED] advised by DSCC that the Benghazi group is at airport and will fly to them. Tripoli Embassy movement has arrived at the Tripoli Annex.

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At 0115 ARSO [REDACTED] reports that the [REDACTED] chartered evac plane is loaded with [REDACTED] evacuees. [REDACTED] is holding with remaining [REDACTED] gear to take the next flight, which may be a new charter or the second run of this plane. ARSO [REDACTED] is the only DOS staying behind. [REDACTED] reports that the aircraft is departing for Tripoli International Airport (TIA). RSO Tripoli reports that an ambulance is en route to TIA.

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At 0124 SA [] reports that all COM Tripoli personnel are on Annex Tripoli; he will contact the MED people there to get them prepared to assist with the arrival. He will get a list of the [] passengers once they arrive.

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At 0131 [] states that [] personnel are remaining on the ground in Benghazi [] with 3 KIA in a pickup truck and [] personnel wheels up. At this time it seems that all are accounted for other than Ambassador.

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At 0136 [] confirms [] personnel are on the ground with 3 KIA and 1 presumed dead in Benghazi. They are on the tarmac with bodies and equipment.

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

At 0234 DSCC contacted the DAO contractors, who report they are unable to get a commercial flight out of Benghazi before mid-afternoon local time. DSCC connected the DAO contractors with ARSO [] to get the contractors on the [] DS evac flight.

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At 0238 it is reported that the first evac flight is wheels down in Tripoli.

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[Redacted]
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 5:24 PM
To: DSCC_Watch Team
Cc: DSCC_Management_Team
Subject: Benghazi 1720

Categories: [Redacted]
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
SensitivityCode: Sensitive

Per M in Tripoli

5 RSO accounted for heading to the other compound

IMO KIA

Ambassador not accounted for, may have been in the PO residence which is currently in flames.

[Redacted] Staff and militia are still on compound looking for the Ambassador.

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Steve Blodgett, Senior Reviewer

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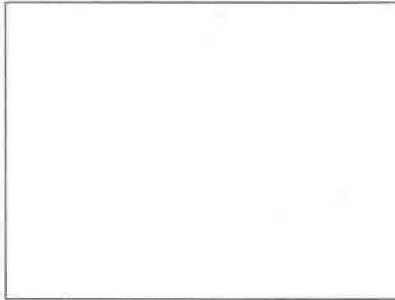
DSCC Watch Log

Wednesday, 12 September 2012

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DSCC Rotation for the day

- ▶ 6AM–2PM
- ▶ 2PM– 10 PM
- ▶ 10 PM–6AM
- ▶ On-Call

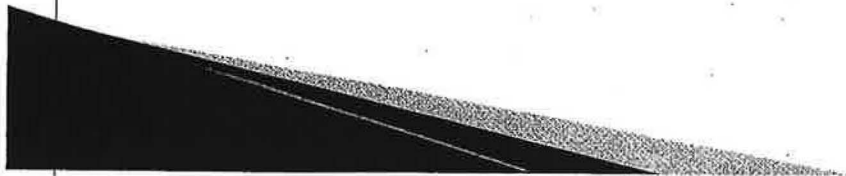


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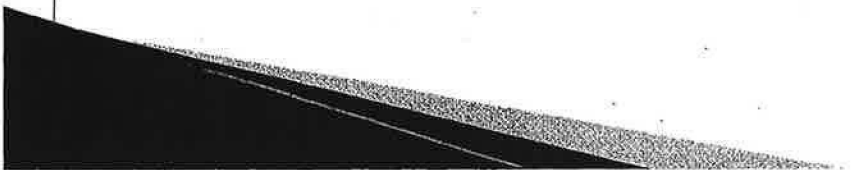
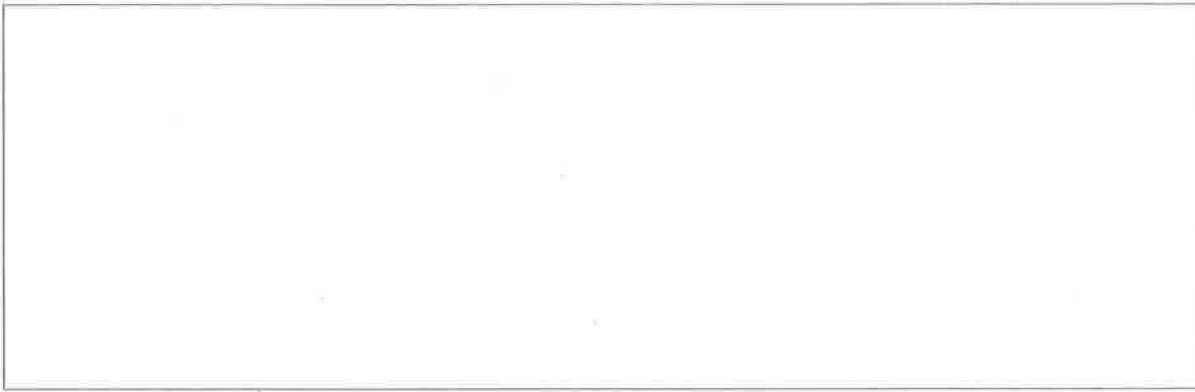
Important News



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Disturbing image on Fox News

The screenshot shows the Fox News website interface. At the top, the URL is www.foxnews.com. The date is September 12, 2012, and the time is 5:40 PM ET. The main navigation bar includes links for Home, Video, Politics, U.S., Opinion, Entertainment, SciTech, Health, Travel, Lifestyle, World, Sports, and On Air. The main content area features a large, dark, and grainy image of a person's face, which is the subject of the article. To the right of the main image, there are several smaller articles with headlines such as "1 SHOCKING Tip To KILL", "E-Cigarettes Exposed", and "Power Companies Fear This! 47-yr Man Discovers 'Unique' Trick To Cut Electricity Bill By 75%". Below the main image, the article title "TIMELINE OF MURDER: US Envoy's Death Marked by Chaos, Confusion" is displayed. The article text begins with "URGENT: After U.S. consulate in Benghazi began taking fire in attack, personnel effectively lost track of U.S. Ambassador to Libya Christopher Stevens — shown being dragged by Libyans — and did not recover his body until hours later. It was not known whether Stevens was alive when photo was taken." The article also includes a list of updates and a "WATCH NOW" section with video thumbnails. The bottom of the page shows a search bar and various social media links.

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Must See for Team Lead

▶ Nothing

Actions during First Watch

- ▶ Shift 1 updates did not save


Actions during Second Watch

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Actions during Third Watch

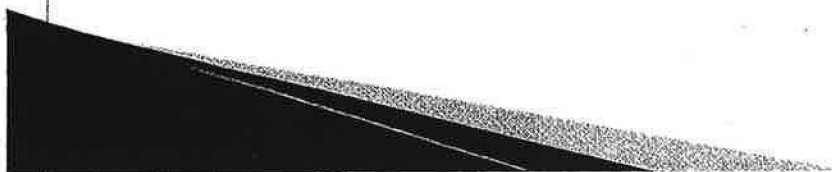
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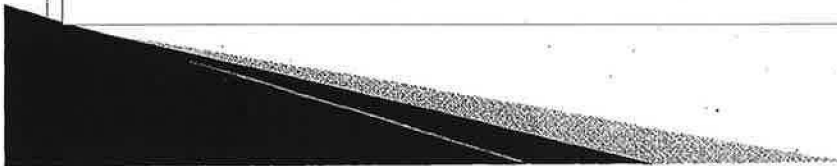


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- ▶ Problems or bugs with the system



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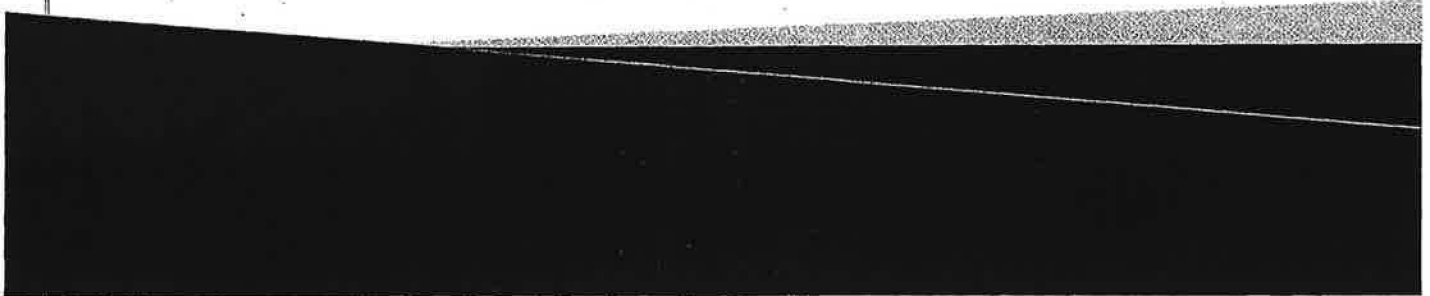


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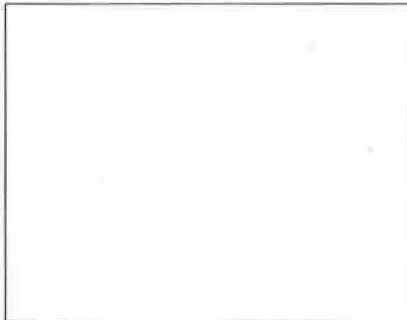
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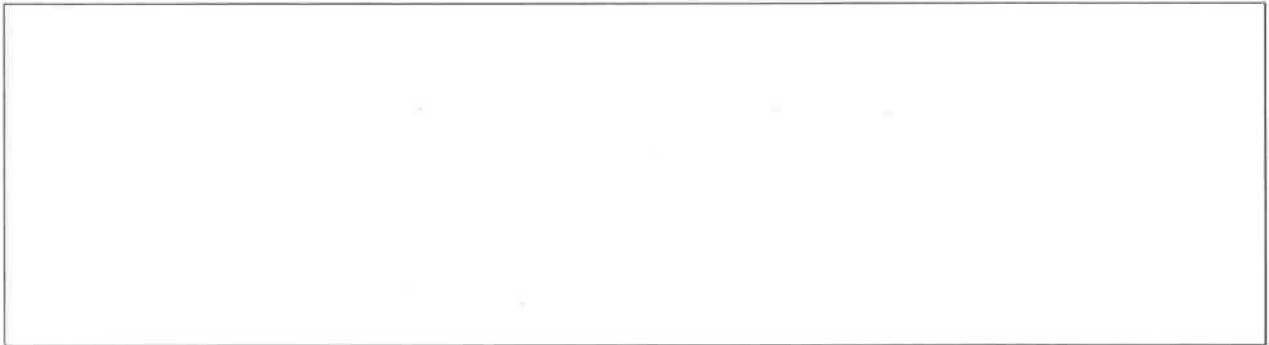
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- ▶ 2PM- 10 PM
- ▶ 10 PM-6AM
- ▶ On-Call



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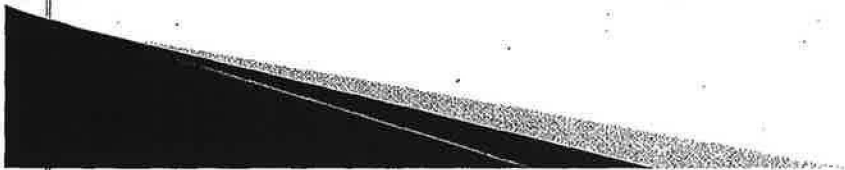
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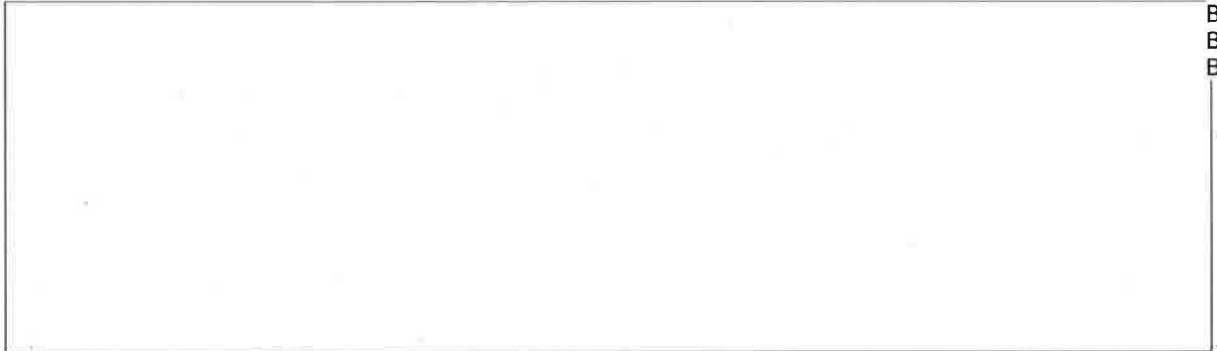
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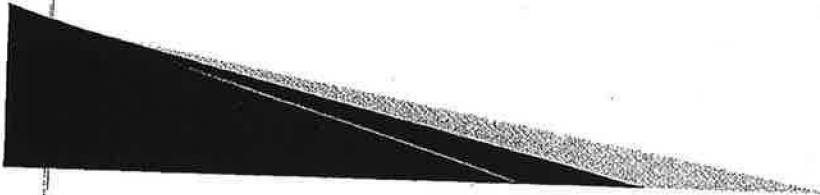
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Actions during First Watch

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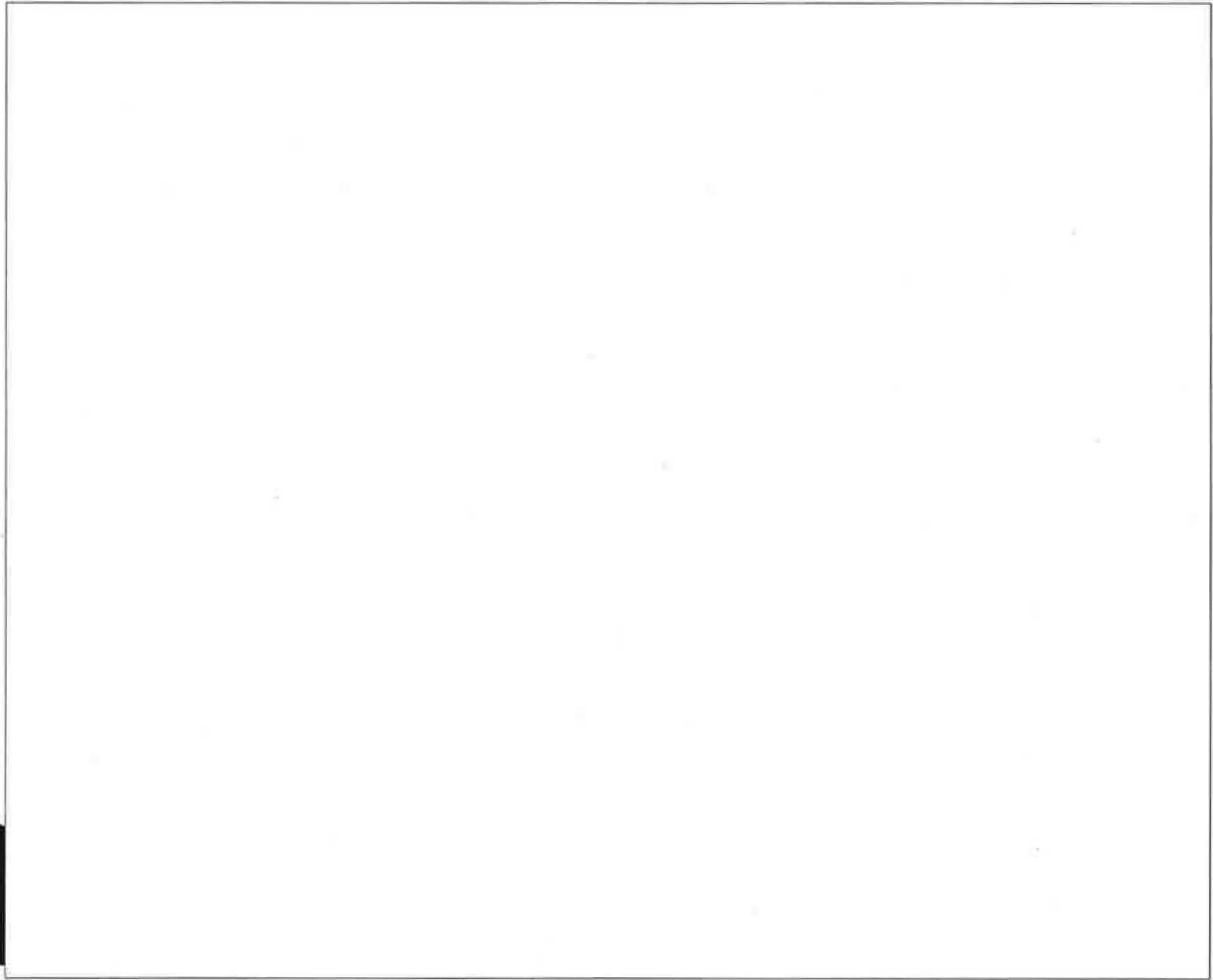
- ▶ Reviewed last night's log

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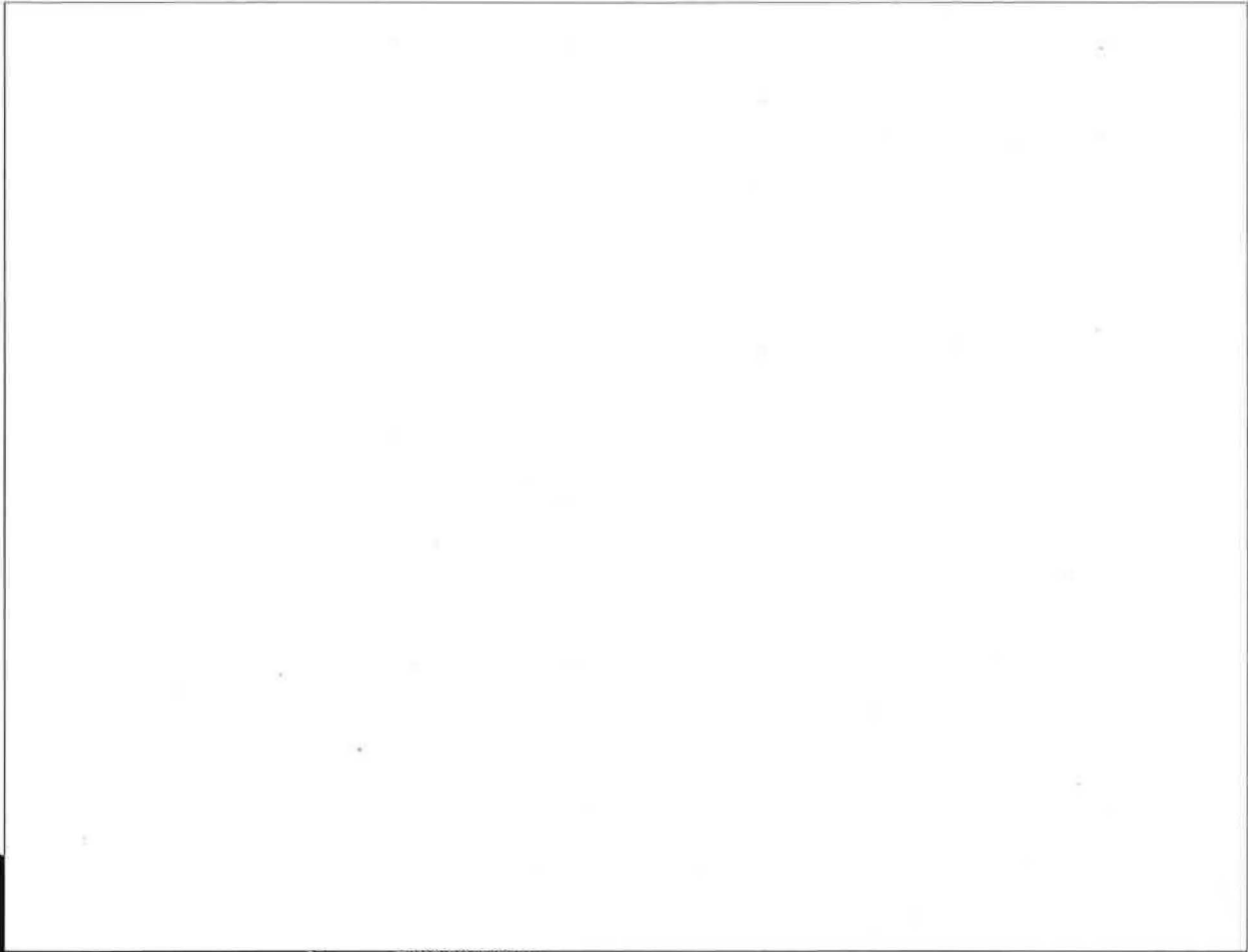
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Actions during Second Watch

- ▶ Reviewed the Daily Log

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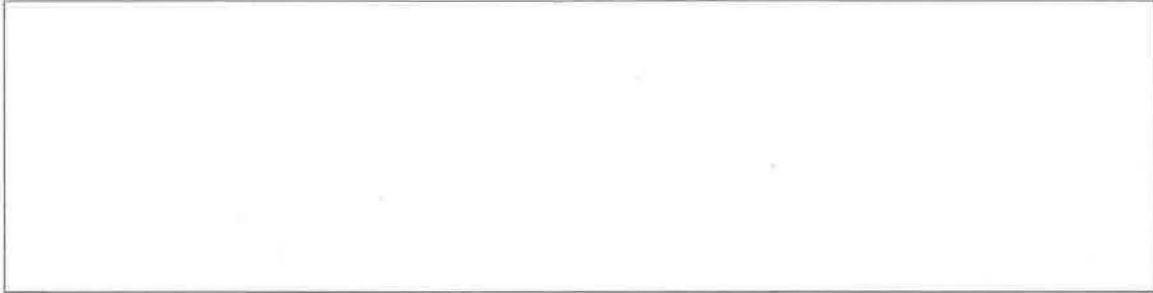
- ▶ Monitored Sana'a situation

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Actions during Third Watch

- ▶ Reviewed the today's Daily log.

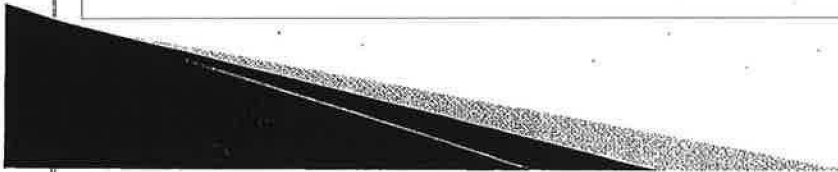
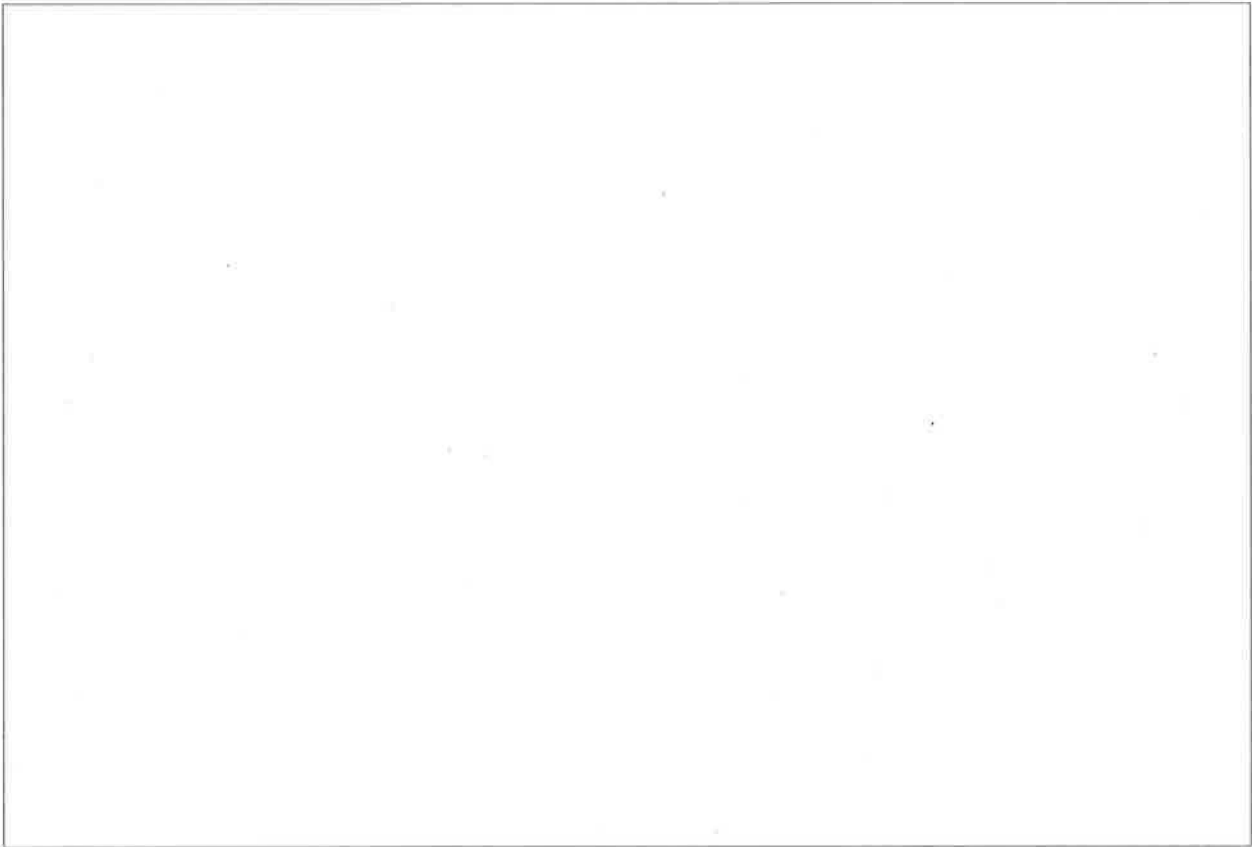
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- ▶ Problems or bugs with the system

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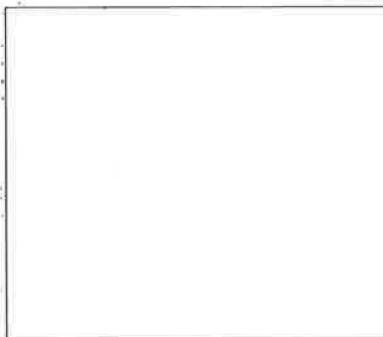
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DSCC Rotation for the day

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- ▶ 2PM– 10 PM
- ▶ 10 PM–6AM
- ▶ On-Call



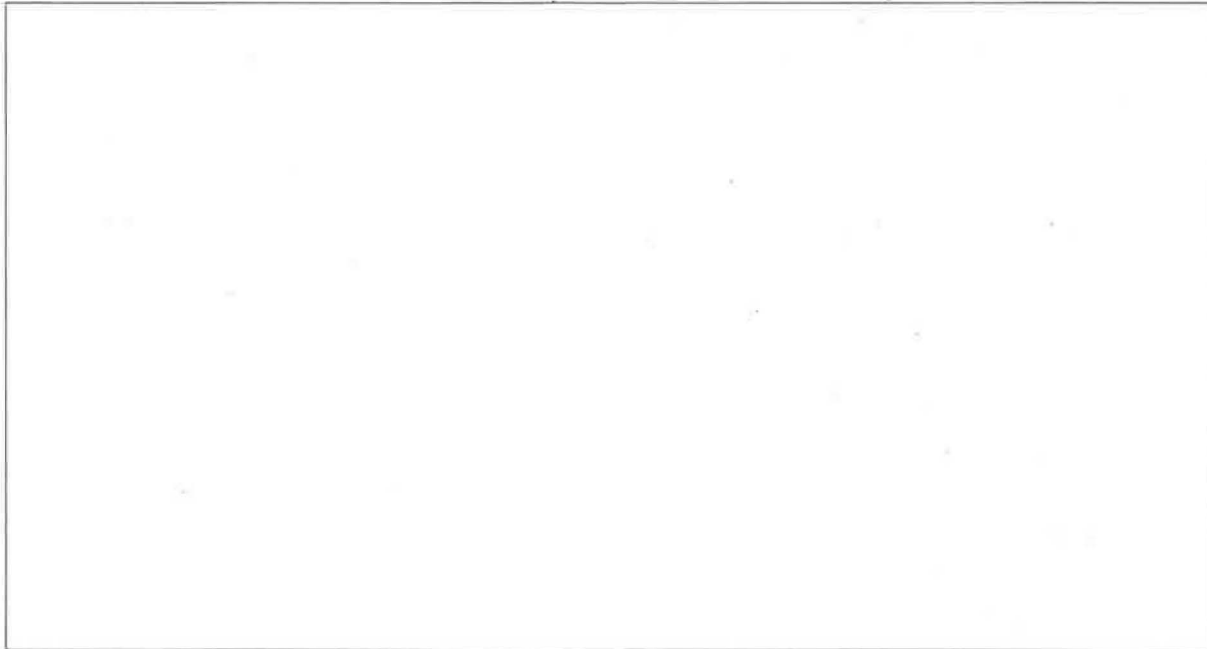
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Important News

- ▶ Pakistan - Threats
- ▶ Iraq - Explosions
- ▶ Kabul - BBIED/Protests
- ▶ Indonesia - VBIED Threat
- ▶ The RSO in Mexico is having a problem 

- ▶ Protest in Cairo - Intruders over the wall on compound

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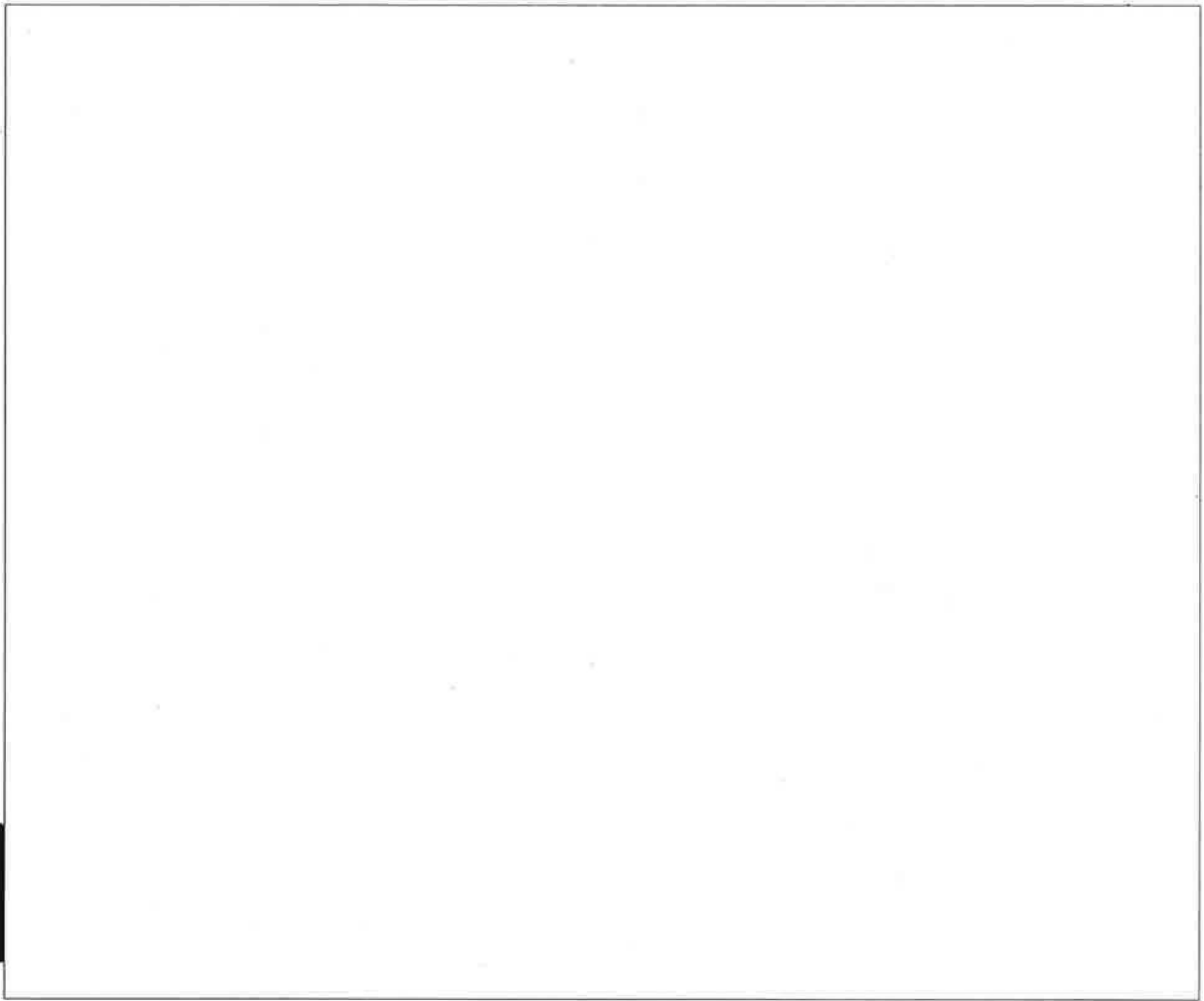
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Must See for Team Lead

▶ Nothing

Actions during First Watch

- ▶ Reviewed the weekend's Daily Log

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- ▶ Monitored situation in Egypt

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Actions during Second Watch

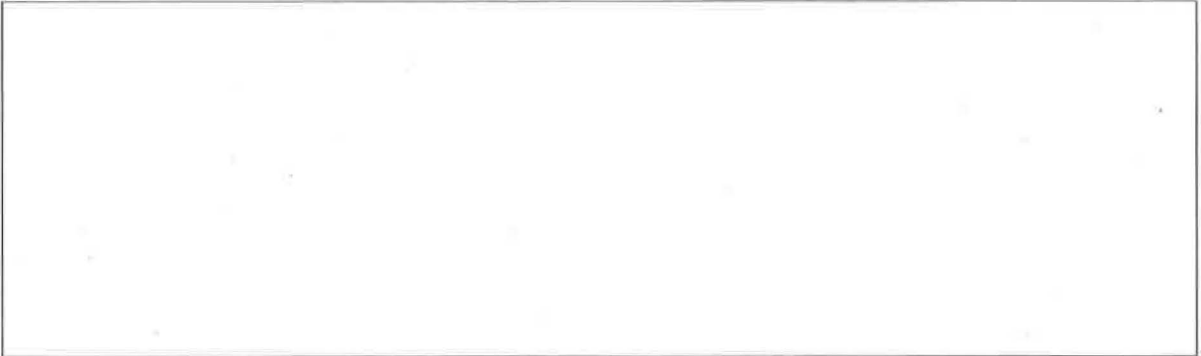
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- ▶ Reviewed weekend log
- ▶ Monitored crisis in Libya

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Actions during Third Watch

- ▶ Reviewed today's log

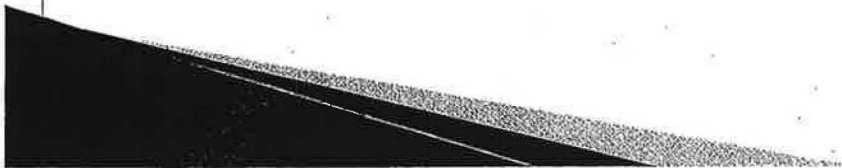
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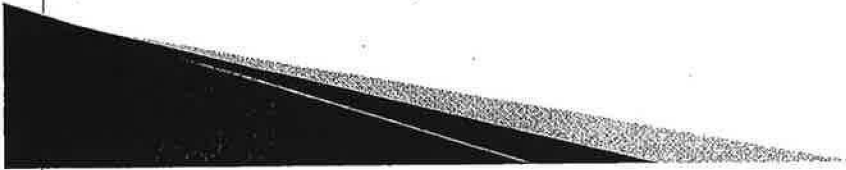
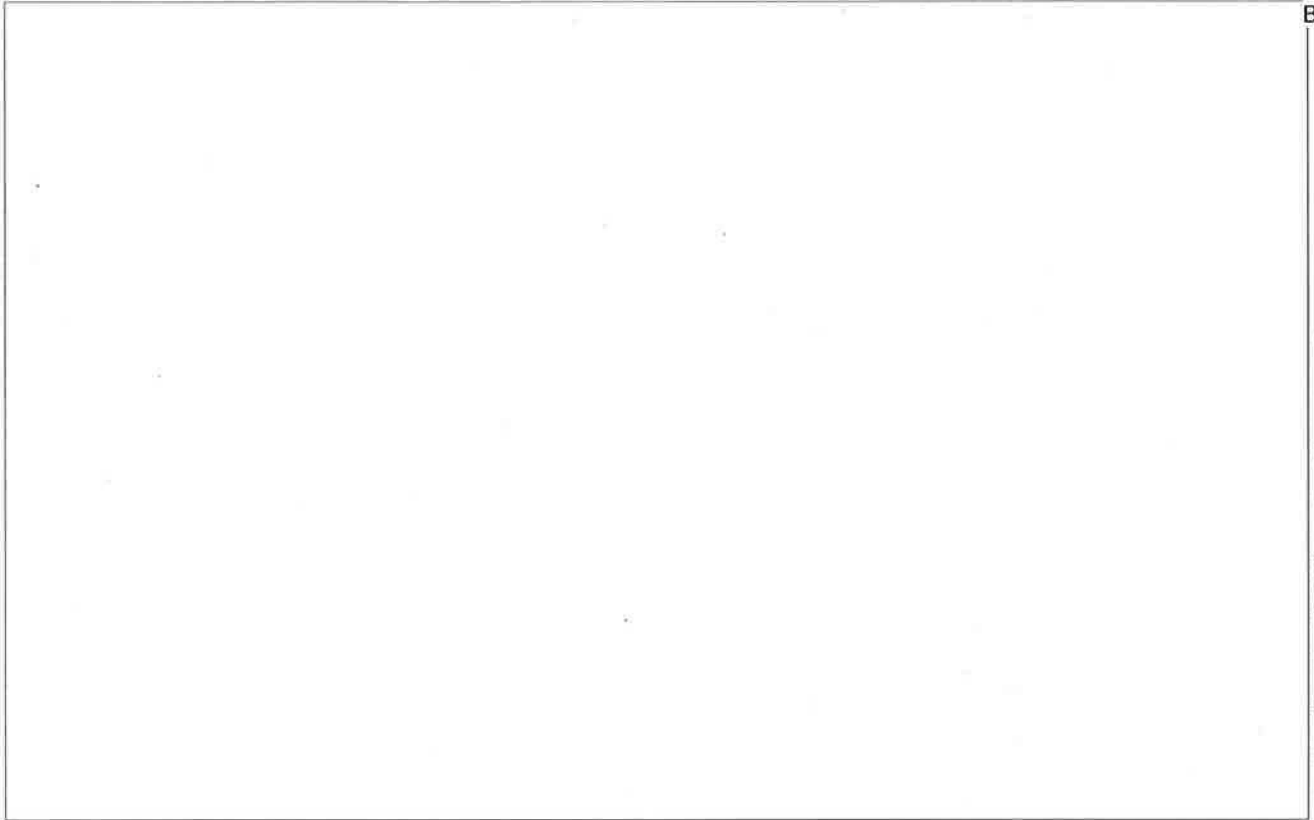
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- Problems or bugs with the system



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From: [redacted] on behalf of DS Command Center
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 11:05 AM
To: DSCC_Watch Team
Subject: (SBU) Libya update - 09132012

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
SensitivityCode: Sensitive
SMARTCategory: Working

ALCON:

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

Tripoli RSO [redacted] called DSCC and gave a sitrep to DSCC and DS IP Regional Director [redacted] RSO [redacted] reports that 55 Marines arrived last night at the Annex compound. RSO [redacted] reports that they have B6 conducted surveys of other compounds, including the villa compound, and will begin movements back to these B7(C) compounds tomorrow. The current plan is to split the Marines and protect both compounds (a force at the annex and a larger force at the villa compound). MSD is gearing up to deploy. FAST Marines will provide physical security, and MSG will conduct route security and physical security. [redacted]

[redacted] RSO [redacted] will discuss the issue of a WRF when MSD arrives, and follow up with DSCC and IP when that discussion has taken place. RSO asked how long MSD will be in country, and IP replied that the deployment is currently open-ended but the guess is until the situation stabilizes. Once MSD arrives, they will run security for B6 movements and establish the QRF for movements. RSO reports that the streets are open and normal. DS IP has B7(C) requested a DOS IMO [redacted] camera tech work with DSCC/TOG on the camera system. RSO will meet with the Minister of Interior to discuss continued support, and Charge will accompany RSO. There are no signs of entry into the Villa at this time.

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This is an initial 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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REVIEW AUTHORITY:
Archie Bolster, Senior
Reviewer

Obtained by Judicial Watch, Inc. via FOIA (September 2, 2015)

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From:

Sent:

Friday, September 14, 2012 10:43 AM

To:

Subject:

FW: Special Agent	Recovery
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Follow Up Flag:

Follow up

Flag Status:

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Archie Bolster,
Senior Reviewer

From:

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 3:41 PM

To: MFO Users

Subject: Special Agent [REDACTED] Recovery

Colleagues,

As some of you are aware, a very close friend of mine (as well as [REDACTED]), Special Agent [REDACTED] was injured during the attacks on Consulate Benghazi. From the last I have heard, [REDACTED] repeatedly entered the burning Consulate to recover injured personnel, was involved in a heavy firefight, and at some point was struck by mortar shrapnel. He was successfully evacuated to Tripoli, was stabilized, and is currently in Germany for more medical treatment. [REDACTED] has suffered [REDACTED] As of our last communication, [REDACTED]

All information we have been initially getting has been through word-of-mouth passed along by associates and colleagues in Libya and the [] family. Please take all this information as unofficial and only through the lens that as a fellow law enforcement officer, we want to give [] family the immediate assistance they need. [] is an exemplary Agent and a phenomenal person; those who know him know that he is a very devoted family man, and we want to be able to help [] as quickly as possible. []

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Thank you for all of your help,

[Redacted]

Special Agent / Miami Field Office

U.S. Department of State / Bureau of Diplomatic Security

Office: (305) 810-5724

Cell: [Redacted]

Fax: (305) 810-5816

[Redacted]

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[redacted]
From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 7:32 PM
To: [redacted] DSCC_Watch Team; DSCC_Management_Team
Subject: RE: Benghazi Contractors

[redacted] can you clarify what this is about? How many contractors are we talking? What are their locations? Contact info? They are USG contractors? Was anyone aware of their presence?

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Archie Bolster, Senior Reviewer

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This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

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

Further regarding Contractors on the ground in Benghazi

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This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

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
Watch Officer
State Department Operations Center
(202) 647-1512

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 6:45 PM

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: SES-O
Subject: RE: proposed teleconference call - PM/WRA- Libya Thursday

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

V/R,

[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
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]
SBU
This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

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,

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

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

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This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

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

[redacted]
1000 EST on Thursday. Understood.

V/R,

[redacted]

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



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[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 8:04 PM
To: [REDACTED] DSCC_Management_Team
Cc: DSCC_Watch Team
Subject: RE: proposed teleconference call - PM/WRA- Libya Thursday

I spoke with [REDACTED] and advised him to contact Tripoli TOC to let them know of his and [REDACTED] location for any possible local arrangements. He had the number and was going to do so. He has the DSCC number as well. The hotel is a fair distance from our facilities.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 7:45 PM
To: DSCC_Management_Team
Cc: DSCC_Watch Team
Subject: FW: proposed teleconference call - PM/WRA- Libya Thursday

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REVIEW AUTHORITY: Archie Bolster, Senior Reviewer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 7:33 PM
To: Operations Center; [REDACTED]
Cc: SES-O
Subject: RE: proposed teleconference call - PM/WRA- Libya Thursday

My Benghazi/Canadian facilitator just reported he has seen two bodies and is recording video.

Myself and [REDACTED] will remain sequestered in the hotel and maintain a low profile.

V/R,

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: proposed teleconference call - PM/WRA- Libya Thursday

Date: Tue, 11 Sep 2012 19:25:43 -0400

From: OperationsCenter@state.gov

To: [REDACTED]

CC: SES-O@state.gov

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Watch Officer

State Department Operations Center

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To: [REDACTED]

Cc: SES-O

Subject: RE: proposed teleconference call - PM/WRA- Libya Thursday

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Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 4:29 PM
To: [redacted]

Subject: Re: SA [redacted]

It's [redacted] from SFFO. We spoke to him from Germany yesterday, and he is in decent shape all things considered. He should be back in DC soon.

From the weekly FLD notes:

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NATSECACT1947,B7(C),B6

SBU - Not for Distribution outside of DS agent community.

Benghazi attacks – The two agents are stable and in Germany, one is TDY from [redacted] and one from [redacted]. Their families have been notified. Besides the Amb and the IMO, the two remaining US fatalities were USG employees. Here are the basic events: the consulate building was attacked and caught fire, the Amb and the IMO died on that compound and one of the DS TDY agent sustained his injuries, the entire party evacuated to the other compound. Once onsite in that compound, they came under sustained attack, it is here that the other two USG fatalities occurred as well as the injuries to the second DS TDY. This attack was eventually broken up by the Libyan armed forces.

DS/CC Sitrep - Tripoli RSO [redacted] called DSCC and gave a sitrep to DSCC and DS IP Regional Director [redacted]. [redacted] RSO [redacted] reports that 55 Marines arrived last night at the Annex compound. RSO [redacted] reports that they have conducted surveys of other compounds, including the villa compound, and will begin movements back to these compounds tomorrow. The current plan is to split the Marines and protect both compounds (a force at the annex and a larger force at the villa compound). MSD is gearing up to deploy. FAST Marines will provide physical security, and MSG will conduct route security and physical security. [redacted] RSO [redacted] will discuss the issue of a WRF when MSD arrives, and follow up with DSCC and IP when that discussion has taken place. RSO asked how long MSD will be in country, and IP replied that the deployment is currently open-ended but the guess is until the situation stabilizes. Once MSD arrives, they will run security for movements and establish the QRF for movements. RSO reports that the streets are open and normal. DS IP has requested a DOS IMO [redacted] camera tech work with DSCC/TOG on the camera system. RSO will meet with the Minister of Interior to discuss continued support, and Charge will accompany RSO. There are no signs of entry into the Villa at this time.

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A/S and PDAS stated that the White House has singled DS out for the great work that the organization has done on this crisis. The bosses complimented the efforts of personnel at post, from CC, IP, PII, and ITA.

DS/ITA threat briefs for not only Libya but all over the place are getting a lot of attention.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Archie Bolster, Senior Reviewer

IP reports that 98% of all post have reported in sit reps and precautions that they have in place.

FBI is the lead investigative agency but PII is working with them jointly on the ground and back in CONUS. PII reports that the cooperation between both FBI and DS/PII has been outstanding.

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DOS has named DS as the Department lead on this matter.

DS and DOS is concerned about follow on demonstrations – attacks following the Friday prayers in a variety of key regional countries.

PSP is exploring new types of gas masks that will work for Chem-Bio-and smoke.

A/S stated that any and all media or congressional inquiries into this incident, the precautions in place, actions that were taken, etc... will be directed to DS Front Office for response, routed through the normal DSS chain of command.

From: [REDACTED] B6
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 04:21 PM B7(C)
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: [REDACTED]

Hi all,

One of the agents injured in Benghazi is [REDACTED]. Here's an email from one of his BSAC classmates. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] If anyone knows the name of the other DS agent injured, it'd be good to know.

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Stay safe all over,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 01:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Mobile: [REDACTED]

This message sent via Blackberry.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 03:42 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: SA [REDACTED]

BFO Agents,

SA [REDACTED] was wounded during the attacks in Benghazi on 9/11/2012. [REDACTED] repeatedly entered the burning Consulate to recover injured personnel, was involved in a heavy firefight, and at some point was struck by mortar shrapnel. [REDACTED] has been successfully evacuated to Tripoli, was stabilized and is currently in Germany for more medical treatment. [REDACTED] has suffered [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was in my BSAC class and anyone that knows him can attest that he is an outstanding agent and family man. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Thanks.

[REDACTED]
Special Agent
U.S. Department of State
Diplomatic Security Service
10 Causeway Street, Suite 1001
Boston, MA 02222
Main Office: (617) 565-8200
Mobile: [REDACTED]
Fax: (617) 565-8222

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From:
Sent:
To:

Thursday, September 13, 2012 4:31 AM

Subject:

NIGHTWATCH SEP 12

Follow Up Flag:
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NightWatch

For the night of 12 September 2012

Russia: Russia and the United States should cooperate in the fight against terrorism, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on 12 September. The death of US Ambassador to Libya Christopher Stevens highlights the need for joint efforts between the two countries, along with the entire international community, in combating terrorism in all its manifestations, Lavrov said.

Comment: The Russians believe that the threat of Muslim terrorism is genuine, persistent and global. They judge that lapses in vigilance, as reflected in declarations that the war on terrorism is ended, lead to the death of almost irreplaceable American diplomats and their staff.

Russian tactics are not the same as US tactics, but Russian tactics against terrorists also work. The Russians tend to focus on behavior as much as on religion and ethnicity. They are equal opportunity anti-terrorists-they kill them all. Their approach is based on ancient wisdom.

Egypt-US: The day after the storming of the US Embassy, all day and night on 12 and 13 September, mainstream media aired footage of obviously unemployed Egyptian young men gathering and milling near the US Embassy in Cairo. A single security vehicle was imaged making an occasional and completely feckless

foray through the gathering area, during the early morning of 13 September in Cairo. No Egyptian police or military or other security personnel were present.

Comment: The normal time for organized, violent Muslim protests is Friday afternoon, after prayers. Muslim Brotherhood leaders already have called for "non-violent", anti-US protests on Friday after prayers. Readers should expect more anti-US protests and no Egyptian security forces.

The unemployed and the underemployed in Cairo are amusing themselves by protesting in the name of Islam over just about anything they think is offensive. Much larger and dangerous protests are likely after the miscreants are infused with Islamic fervor after Friday prayers.

Had the Mursi government begun to deliver on its promises of more jobs, theoretically, the unemployed and under-employed youth would have been asleep in anticipation of going to work. The unemployment rate for men under 35 is about 50%.

It is a negative commentary about the job creation accomplishments of the Mursi government to date that so many men have nothing to do in Cairo but vent their frustrations. In Egypt there is no penalty for destroying a foreign embassy, but criticism of President Mursi is a criminal offence. That explains why Egyptian men would judge they could attack the US embassy, when their real target should have been the Mursi government.

The protestors said, in paraphrase, that they understand the US has freedom of speech; the US needs to understand that they have freedom of action. Theirs is a claim to justify lawlessness granted by the Mursi government as long as the violence is not turned against Mursi.

What is important is that the Mursi government has not denounced the violence. The US and the US president are vowing to bring justice to the killers in Libya, but the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood government has made no comment or apology. Instead, Mursi's reaction is to urge the US to punish the US filmmaker.

Comment: There is only a trailer of the film, no film yet, Mursi has not seen it nor have most of the protestors in Egypt and Libya. The riots are flash mobs, arranged and manipulated by others.

NightWatch Special Comment: Ambassador Anne Patterson's April Glaspie moment.

Ambassador Anne Patterson, the US Ambassador to Egypt, experienced her 'April Glaspie' moment yesterday when she blamed Americans instead of Egyptians for attacking, storming and desecrating the US Embassy in Cairo and the US Flag.

Old hands will remember, April Glaspie, who was a rising star in the State Department's constellation of diplomats. Her notorious conversation with Saddam Hussein in early 1990 led Saddam to believe that the US encouraged and condoned an Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Having worked closely with US officials for a decade in the struggle and war against Iran, Saddam understood that everything after the Glaspie talk was plausible deniability by US President Bush, 41.

Glaspie misunderstood and misjudged the Iraqi leadership and the situation in Iraq. Patterson's operations at the US Embassy in Cairo bespeak a comparable misjudgment of the Egyptian Arab situation, its volatility and the depth of anti-American sentiment.

She did not permit US Marine guards to carry live ammunition, according to USMC blogs. Thus she neutralized any US military capability that was dedicated to preserve her life and protect the US Embassy.

In this respect, she did not defend US sovereign territory and betrayed her oath of office. She neutered the Marines posted to defend the embassy, trusting the Egyptians over the Marines.

She apparently judges that Egyptian President Mursi spearheads a democracy and a new civil order, despite the mounting evidence that Mursi disregards US interests, cavorts with US enemies, is a budding authoritarian ruler who disdains parliament and does not honor the basic obligations of diplomatic agreements and the Geneva conventions.

Readers, by definition, whenever an embassy of any country is overrun by locals in any country, everyone knows that the ambassador and senior staff must be replaced.

Timing

Readers also should remember that by definition the time for an official government protest for an attack on a US embassy is always when rioters attack or deface the embassy compound itself, long before they violate or penetrate the US sovereign territory or deface the US Flag. Not nine hours later and not when the details become clear. Then it is too late to take action to keep an embassy from burning or to protect American diplomats. The objective is safety, more than knowledge.

When foreign TV videos showed rioters on the walls of the US Embassy and tearing apart the US Flag on the early evening of 11 September, the time for a strong US official protest and angry telephone calls to Mursi had already passed.

Every student of international affairs and international diplomacy knows this. Every experienced foreign policy staff and every competent journalist knows this. But not this State Department and not this US administration and not mainstream US news services. The US simply failed to defend itself.

It bears repeating: apologies never mollify criminals. Only law abiding citizens believe such baloney. Criminals consider apologies to be acts of submission, especially in foreign cultures.

O'Reilly at Fox needs to wise up!

The NightWatch Chronology

When *NightWatch* wrote last night, every news channel carried video footage of the violation of the US Embassy; the destruction of the Embassy's US flag; the raising of the Islamic flag - not the al Qaida flag, mind you - and the burning of the US flag.

AFTER those events, the news services carried Ambassador Patterson's denunciation of Americans at fault. Ambassador Patterson at no time denounced in public the Islamists who violated her Embassy.

When the *NightWatch* ended, details about the Benghazi atrocity had not yet been reported by any major news services.

Subsequently, *Twitter* and *Facebook* postings by the Cairo embassy, after the Libyan catastrophe was reported in the press, insisted that the Americans were wrong for hurting the feelings of the Muslims, despite the loss of life in Benghazi. Patterson's embassy astonishingly continued to try to minimize the loss of American life and to justify the acts of the Egyptian and Libyan crazies by blaming Americans.

In an earlier era, less politically correct, old time professionals would have called this *clientitis* - falling in love with one's client. It is similar to Stockholm syndrome and is an occupational hazard of US diplomats. The US Embassy staff in Cairo has it, based on public, twitter and facebook postings.

The bottom line is that some deferential, weak US diplomats have done more to encourage anti-American outbursts and to promote the perception of US weakness and subservience to Muslims than US citizens exercising free speech. They need to be vetted and replaced because they do not speak for us.

Final note, in most less-developed countries of the world, from Morocco to Indonesia, no one believes the press is free of government control. There is no free press in any of those countries. Thus their leaders, analysts and others disbelieve the US press is free of government control. They mirror-image their own conditions and project them onto the US.

NightWatch has talked with senior foreign officials who simply refuse to believe the American press is free of US government control and manipulation. US official apologies for the actions of private citizens reinforce this astonishing misperception, around the world.

Libya: Multiple sources have reported more details on the events that led to the death of Ambassador Stephens. The details suggest this was another case of well-intentioned but misguided hubris by Americans, as to their own safety, and well-aimed and well-targeted attacks by the Muslim attackers. This appears, in fact, to have been a deliberate assassination of an effective diplomat, within the cover of an anti-US demonstration in Benghazi.

The reporting indicates that the number of fundamental US security and intelligence lapses, blunders and examples of ineptitude make the efforts of Libyan security and of a local, loyal militia force to protect the US Consulate look heroic by comparison.

Comment: The State Department admitted that the Ambassador and an information management officer - an ex-US Air Force veteran - were killed. Foreign media reported two US Marines also were killed.

The website for *gateway pundit* carries video images of US Ambassador Stevens' body being dragged through the streets of Benghazi by his Muslims miscreant murderers. All mainstream US media failed to report that the Muslim miscreants not only killed the US ambassador, they defiled his body.

Note to analysts: It is important for intelligence analysts to never forget that the fundamental purpose of US intelligence, as stated in the legislative history of the US National Security Act of 1947, is to keep the US, its persons, property and its interests safe. Yesterday, US intelligence apparently did none of them.

End of NightWatch for 12 September.

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[Redacted]

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[redacted]
From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 7:39 AM
To: [redacted]

Subject: Re: SA [redacted]

I havent seen anything official, and i tend to see most HQ traffic right now.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 07:36 AM
To: [redacted]

Subject: RE: SA [redacted]

Did DS put anything out to everyone about any of this? I don't get any of the DS Broadcasts anymore.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 4:29 PM
To: [redacted]

Subject: Re: SA [redacted]

It's [redacted] from SFFO. We spoke to him from Germany yesterday, and he is in decent shape all things considered. He should be back in DC soon.

From the weekly FLD notes:

SBU - Not for Distribution outside of DS agent community:

Benghazi attacks – The two agents are stable and in Germany, one is TDY from [redacted] and one from [redacted]. Their families have been notified. Besides the Amb and the IMO, the two remaining US fatalities were USG employees. Here are the basic events: the consulate building was attacked and caught fire, the Amb and the IMO died on that compound and one of the DS TDY agent sustained his injuries, the entire party evacuated to the other compound. Once onsite in that compound, they came under sustained attack, it is here that the other two USG fatalities occurred as well as the injuries to the second DS TDY. This attack was eventually broken up by the Libyan armed forces.

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DS/CC Sitrep - Tripoli RSO [redacted] called DSCC and gave a sitrep to DSCC and DS IP Regional Director [redacted]. RSO [redacted] reports that 55 Marines arrived last night at the Annex compound. RSO [redacted] reports that they have conducted surveys of other compounds, including the villa compound, and will begin movements back to these compounds tomorrow. The current plan is to split the Marines and protect both compounds (a force at the annex and a larger force at the villa compound). MSD is gearing up to deploy. FAST Marines will provide physical security, and MSG will conduct route security and physical security. [redacted] RSO [redacted] will discuss the issue of a WRF when MSD arrives, and follow up with DSCC and IP when that discussion has taken place. RSO asked how long MSD will be in country, and IP replied that the deployment is currently open-ended but the guess is until the situation stabilizes. Once MSD arrives, they will run security for movements and establish the QRF for movements. RSO reports that the streets are open and normal. DS IP has requested a DOS IMO [redacted] camera tech work with DSCC/TOG on the camera system. RSO will meet with the Minister of Interior to discuss continued support, and Charge will accompany RSO. There are no signs of entry into the Villa at this time.

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A/S and PDAS stated that the White House has singled DS out for the great work that the organization has done on this crisis. The bosses complimented the efforts of personnel at post, from CC, IP, PII, and ITA.

DS/ITA threat briefs for not only Libya but all over the place are getting a lot of attention.

IP reports that 98% of all post have reported in sit reps and precautions that they have in place.

FBI is the lead investigative agency but PII is working with them jointly on the ground and back in CONUS. PII reports that the cooperation between both FBI and DS/PII has been outstanding.

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DOS has named DS as the Department lead on this matter.

DS and DOS is concerned about follow on demonstrations – attacks following the Friday prayers in a variety of key regional countries.

PSP is exploring new types of gas masks that will work for Chem-Bio-and smoke.

A/S stated that any and all media or congressional inquiries into this incident, the precautions in place, actions that were taken, etc... will be directed to DS Front Office for response, routed through the normal DSS chain of command.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 04:21 PM
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Subject: Fw: SA [REDACTED]

Hi all,

One of the agents injured in Benghazi is [REDACTED]. Here's an email from one of his BSAC classmates. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] If anyone knows the name of the other DS agent injured, it'd be good to know.

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Stay safe all over,
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 01:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Mobile: [REDACTED]
This message sent via Blackberry.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 03:42 PM
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: SA [REDACTED]

BFO Agents,

SA [REDACTED] was wounded during the attacks in Benghazi on 9/11/2012. [REDACTED] repeatedly entered the burning Consulate to recover injured personnel, was involved in a heavy firefight, and at some point was struck by mortar shrapnel. [REDACTED] has been successfully evacuated to Tripoli, was stabilized and is currently in Germany for more medical treatment. [REDACTED] has suffered [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was in my BSAC class and anyone that knows him can attest that he is an outstanding agent and family man. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Thanks.

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The following is a preliminary timeline of events at they took place in both Benghazi and Tripoli as reported to and from the Diplomatic Security Command Center on September 11 and 12, 2012. All times are approximate.

Tuesday, Eastern Daylight Time

1550 The Diplomatic Security Command Center (DSCC) receives word that US Mission Benghazi is under attack by 15-20 armed hostiles.

1615 RSO Benghazi advises that hostile individuals are setting fire to buildings on the compound, including the one housing Ambassador Stevens, IPO Sean Smith, and ARSO [redacted]

[redacted] The [redacted] located in close proximity responds with a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) from its Annex and takes fire from hostiles. QRF returns to the Annex to regroup with host militia and redeploys.

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1720 The QRF returns to the Benghazi [redacted] Annex with all five RSO agents and the body of IPO Smith. Ambassador Stevens exact location remains unknown.

1834 The State Operations Center is informed of the presence of two contractors in a Benghazi hotel holding their position.

1858 Embassy Tripoli has confirmed the whereabouts of all COM employees in Tripoli.

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2313 A [redacted] member Response Team from Tripoli arrives at the Benghazi [redacted] Annex to help evacuate.

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2332 Annex Benghazi receives indirect fire on two separate volleys, killing two [redacted] personnel (Medics) and wounding two others (one DS agent and one [redacted] security).

Wednesday, Eastern Daylight Time

0034 All COM employees and the Response Team depart [redacted] Annex Benghazi traveling to the Benghazi Airport.

0110 Embassy Tripoli reports all COM personnel have been consolidated and are located at the [redacted] Annex.

0131 [redacted] COM employees depart wheels up, for Tripoli International Airport. [redacted] wait for a second plane with three killed in action and the Ambassador presumed dead.

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0225 Ambassador Stevens' body arrives at Benghazi Airport.

0238 The first flight from Benghazi touches down at Tripoli International Airport, met by staff from Embassy Tripoli. Wounded personnel are sent to a local hospital.

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0241 The two USG contractors meet up with the [] COM employees and Response Team waiting at Benghazi Airport, now totaling [] employees in Benghazi.

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0354 The [] remaining Mission employees depart Benghazi with the remains of the four killed in action and the rest of the equipment.

0533 The second plane containing the remaining personnel from Benghazi arrive at Tripoli International Airport. US official presence in Benghazi is suspended.

KIA: (Next of kin have not been notified so this information is Close Hold): 1.) Ambassador Christopher Stevens 2.) Sean P. Smith, Information Management Officer 3.) [] Employee Glenn A. Dhoerty and 4.) [] Employee Tyrone Woods.

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Smith. Ambassador Stevens is missing.

1834 State Ops. is informed of the presence of two contractors in a Benghazi hotel holding
their position.

1858 Tripoli has confirmed the whereabouts of all COM employees. Embassy Tripoli
consolidates its personnel to the [REDACTED] Annex. B7(E)

2313 A [REDACTED] member Response Team arrives at Benghazi [REDACTED] Annex to help evacuate. 1.4(D)

2332 Annex Benghazi hit by mortars, killing two and wounding others. B1
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Wednesday, Eastern Daylight Time

0034 All COM employees and the Response Team depart [REDACTED] Annex Benghazi traveling to
the Benghazi Airport.

0038 All Tripoli COM personnel begin move from the Residential Compound in the Tripoli
[REDACTED] Annex.

0110 Embassy Tripoli reports all COM personnel are located at the [REDACTED] Annex.

0131 [REDACTED] COM employees depart for Tripoli International Airport. [REDACTED] wait for a B7(E)
second plane with three killed and the Ambassador presumed dead.

0225 Ambassador Stevens' body arrives at Benghazi Airport.

0238 The first flight from Benghazi touches down at Tripoli International Airport, met by staff
from Embassy Tripoli. Wounded go to the hospital. DCM starts work on a draw down list.

0241 The two contractors meet up with the [REDACTED] COM employees and Response Team waiting at B7(E)
Benghazi Airport.

0354 The [REDACTED] remaining Mission employees, Response Team, and contractors depart Benghazi B7(E)
with four killed in action and the rest of the equipment.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 7:52 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: FBI CTD UPDATES:DWOC Event Update 09/11
Categories: [REDACTED]
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
SensitivityCode: Sensitive
SMARTCategory: Working

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 7:18 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: DS_TIA_PII Analyst; [REDACTED] DS ITA-Supervisors
Subject: FBI CTD UPDATES:DWOC Event Update 09/11

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Current Situation as of 09/11/2012 6:45PM

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From: Dressel, Abigail L.
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:00 PM
To: DS Command Center
Cc: Smith, Dana S (PA); [redacted] M; Caplan, Jared S; Ernst, Daniel J; Thompson, Rebecca B (PACE); Esser, Victoria; Korman, Samuel I. (Shai); Fowler, Valerie C
Subject: Potential Security Threat Information
Categories: [redacted]

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Dear DS Command Center:

At the request of Dana Shell Smith, PDAS for PA, I am sending the following information -from our London and Dubai media hubs-- in the aftermath of today's demonstrations at Embassy Cairo and the tragic incident at Consulate Benghazi.

Best regards,

Abigail Dressel
Director, Office of International Media Engagement Bureau of Public Affairs

From the London Media Hub (POC [redacted]):

1. Now seeing some activity about protests tomorrow in Tunisia:
Follow

الأحوازي مجيد محمد
@MohamadAhwaze

بمظاهرات ويقوم الامريكي العلم لخرق غد يوم يخرج التونسي الشعب: عاجل محمد رسولنا ! لا
#لا pic.twitter.com/l4t1G0rI The Tunisian people will go out tomorrow to burn the American flag and protest in condemnation of the evil film about our beloved prophet.

2. I'm seeing a lot of discussion on Twitter between Egyptians on the attack in Cairo, with many condemning the protestors. I did find the following disturbing tweet calling for an attack in Kuwait:
@q8soony2012

نصره ليبيا واسود مصر ابطال فعل تفعلون ياترا هل !.. ويتالك اهل يا ،،، عليكم السلام
Salam Alaykum, oh people of الكويت امريكا سفارة في.. وسلم عليه الله صل محمد لنبينا
Kuwait. Oh I wish that you make a great victory like what the heroes of Egypt and the lions of Libya for the Prophet, peach be upon him, at the American Embassy in Kuwait?

From Dubai Media Hub (POC Dan Ernst and Jared Caplan):

3. On facebook, there's a group called Taliba Revolution calling for protests outside Embassy tmrw from 0800-6pm. There is a google maps image of the Embassy in Tunis with directions.

4. To watch: there is a hash tag on twitter (search for it in Arabic) Burn_US_Embassy... Haraq_alsifara_alamrikiya

It doesn't note any particular Embassy or threats.

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DSCC's Timeline for Benghazi and Tripoli Events

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Tuesday, September 11, 2012 (all times in Eastern Daylight Time)

1549 DSCC receives word that US Mission Benghazi is under attack by 15-20 armed hostiles.

1600 Benghazi reports to DSCC armed individuals have entered the compound.

1604 Embassy Tripoli reports approximately 20 armed people fired shots; explosions have been heard as well. Ambassador Stevens, who is currently in Benghazi, and for COM personnel are in the compound safe haven. The Martyrs Brigade is providing security support.

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1614 RSO Benghazi advises hostile individuals setting fire to buildings on compound, including the one housing Ambassador Stevens, Sean Smith, and ARSO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
1650 Per Tripoli via contact with RSO Benghazi: firing stopped, compound clear, they've entered the compound to look for staff.

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1700 QRF and host nation militia, the Martyrs of February 17th Revolution Brigade, redeploy to the compound.

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1720 QRF returns to the Benghazi [REDACTED] Annex with all five RSO agents and the body of Smith, KIA. Ambassador Stevens is missing. QRF and the Martyrs Brigade are in the compound looking for the Ambassador.

1727 DCM Hicks confirms with State Ops all RSO accounted for, confirmed death of Smith, the Principle Officer residence is on fire with toxic smoke in the building. Ambassador unaccounted for.

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1834 State Ops finds out about [REDACTED] (TDYers), two American Citizen contractors in the Al Nouran Hotel holding their position based on an email from [REDACTED]

Information from [REDACTED] email is as follows: My facilitator reports [Mission Benghazi] was hit by a RPG. No casualties. He is receiving two reports on the street that the cause of the attack is from the Egyptian Christian movie disrespecting Mohammad and/or the anniversary of September 11.

1843 12 STATE 092809 goes out to all posts advising of the controversial film and Pastor Terry Jones' internet event and requests, where appropriate, posts convene EACs to review their security postures.

1858 Tripoli confirms the whereabouts of all COM employees. Embassy Tripoli is empty.

1940 State Ops reports DCM Hicks in Tripoli states the following: Sean Smith is confirmed dead, person wounded in hospital MAY be the Ambassador. The Libyan government claims the Ambassador is alive and in a safe place with no confirmation from Tripoli. The phone call Tripoli TOC received from the hospital was from the last phone used by Ambassador Stevens (later to be noted ARSO [REDACTED] phone). Tripoli TOC warns this could be a ruse by hostile forces.

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1954 State Ops sends email with twitter post "Locals in #Benghazi walking off with papers, desks, chairs, washing machines from US consulate #Libya. Security forces withdrawn."

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2103 [] FBI sends word they are opening an investigation.

2215 [] called DSCC with the following information:

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The Response Team has been on the ground for approximately 60 minutes. They are waiting for to escort them to the [] Annex.

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

Up to this point, [] was unaware of [] and [] the two American Citizen contractors in the Al Nouran Hotel. Numbers and info were given to him.

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

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[] was given direction to have the Martyrs Brigade go over to the hospital for verification of the body.

2227 Twitter broadcast of photo of man later confirmed to be Ambassador Stevens.

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2230 Tripoli notified regarding the twitter photo.

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2243 Tripoli TOC in contact with the TDYers in Benghazi hotel.

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2250 The Martyr Brigade departs the airport with the Response Team en route [] Annex.

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2313 Response Team has arrived []

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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.

Tripoli RSO is moving people from the Embassy to the Annex.

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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.

0010 Tripoli TOC called. They have lost all communications. SA [] called his from personal cell []

0034 [] 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 [] persons to Tripoli Annex.

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0053 Africom notified of both moves.

0055 Benghazi group at the airport according to NGA.

0107 Flight chartered to Tripoli, everyone on board except [] equipment and the three KIA. The KIA will be put on a truck.

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0110 Tripoli [] advised by DSCC that Benghazi at airport and will fly to them. Tripoli Embassy movement has arrived at the Tripoli Annex.

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0115 Bird loaded with [] evacuees en route Tripoli International Airport (TIA). [] holding with remaining [] gear to take the next flight—[] total—which may be a new charter or the second run of this plane. [] is only DOS staying behind. SSC still supporting them. Ambulance en route to TIA.

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0124 SA [] Tripoli all on Annex Tripoli; he will contact the Med people there to get them prepared to assist with the arrival. He will get a list of the [] passengers once they arrive.

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0131 Alec states [] on the ground [] with 3 KIA in the pickup truck and [] wheels up. [] states all are accounted for other than Ambassador.

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

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

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DSCC's Timeline for Benghazi and Tripoli Events

0204 Patrick Kennedy called to advise that the Provincial Head of Government is in the hospital and needs the phone number for [] to coordinate getting the Ambassador's body to the airport.

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0206 [] was advised that the same plane that took the [] will return for the [] on the ground. Two TDYers are on the way to Benghazi airport to catch a commercial flight and if they cannot get out of Benghazi, they are to link up with []. 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.

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0214 Tripoli advised they are 5 minutes out from Tripoli International Airport.

0215 [] confirmed C-17 will have doctors and nurses on it to help the wounded.

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.

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

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.

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.

0306 DCM still working on drawdown list.

0309 Ops forwards DSCC NEA's list of current staffing in Embassy Tripoli.

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

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

DSCC's Timeline for Benghazi and Tripoli Events

- 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 departure Tripoli International Airport en route hospital.
- 1034 State Ops provides names of those Embassy staff staying in Tripoli. There are 15 names.
- 1032 [REDACTED] /Ex provides the manifest for the initial evacuation out of Tripoli
- 2127 Repatriation plan sent to DSCC.

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- 0951 DSCC receives update on the injured in Landshuhl.
- 1) SA [REDACTED] is in critical condition.
 - 2) SA [REDACTED] was discharged today.
 - 3) The other injured is stable and ready for transport.

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0335 Phone call from [REDACTED] /MSD to Tripoli TOC reports MSD Team unable to depart Frankfurt due to Lufthansa denial of non-pro pouches. Next flight out is same time tomorrow, Saturday, September 15, 2012. RSO Frankfurt working issues.

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From: OpsAlert@state.gov
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 5:43 AM
To: [REDACTED] SES_DutyDeputies; S_SpecialAssistants; D(B); D(N); P; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_R_DL; PA FO Group; Operations Center; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_S_ES-O DL; SES-Line Only; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL; [REDACTED] Benghazi Update; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CA_DL; C; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CSO_DL; CT_FrontOffice; D(B)/MET; MDGHR Front Office; DRL-FO-DL; [REDACTED] H_SeniorStaff; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_INL_DL; INR-STAFFER; INR-Watch; Legal-Ops-Alert-DL; M_Staff; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_NEA_DL; OBO-Special Assistants-DL; PM-Alerts-DL; NEA-SEMEP-DL; A Front Office
Cc: Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL; [REDACTED]
Subject: Update 8: Second Evacuee Flight Is Wheels-Down In Tripoli (SBU)

(SBU) Embassy Tripoli reports the second group of evacuees arrived in Tripoli from Benghazi. No COM personnel remain in Benghazi.

From: OpsAlert@state.gov
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 4:04 AM
To: [REDACTED]; SES_DutyDeputies@State.gov; S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov; D-B@State.gov; D-N@State.gov; Poffice@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_R_DL@state.gov; PAFOGroup@State.gov; OperationsCenter@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_S_ES-O_DL@state.gov; SES-Line_Only@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL@State.gov; [REDACTED] BenghaziUpdate@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CA_DL@state.gov; COffice@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CSO_DL@State.gov; CT_FrontOffice@State.gov; DB_MET@state.gov; MDGHRFrontOffice@State.gov; [REDACTED] DRL-FO-DL@State.gov; [REDACTED] H_SeniorStaff@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_INL_DL@state.gov; INR-STAFFER@State.gov; INR-Watch@State.gov; Legal-Ops-Alert-DL@State.gov; M_Staff@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_NEA_DL@state.gov; OBO-SpecialAssistants-DL@State.gov; PM-Alerts@State.gov; NEA-SEMEP-DL@State.gov; Afront@State.gov
CC: Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL@State.gov; [REDACTED]
Subject: Update 7: All Remaining Evacuees Departing Benghazi ERT Tripoli (SBU)

(SBU) DS Command reports all remaining COM personnel, including the deceased, have been loaded into a Libyan Air Force flight in Benghazi and are en route to the airport in Tripoli.

From: OpsAlert@state.gov
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 3:33 AM
To: [REDACTED] SES_DutyDeputies@State.gov; S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov; D-B@State.gov; D-N@State.gov; Poffice@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_R_DL@state.gov; PAFOGroup@State.gov; OperationsCenter@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_S_ES-O_DL@state.gov; SES-Line_Only@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL@State.gov; [REDACTED] BenghaziUpdate@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CA_DL@state.gov; COffice@State.gov;

Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CSO_DL@State.gov; CT_FrontOffice@State.gov; DB_MET@state.gov;
MDGHRFrontOffice@State.gov; [REDACTED]
DRL-FO-DL@State.gov; [REDACTED] H_SeniorStaff@state.gov;
Ops_Targeted_Alerts_INL_DL@state.gov; INR-STAFFER@State.gov; INR-Watch@State.gov; Legal-Ops-Alert-DL@State.gov; M_Staff@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_NEA_DL@state.gov; OBO-SpecialAssistants-DL@State.gov; PM-Alerts@State.gov; NEA-SEMEP-DL@State.gov; Afront@State.gov
CC: Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL@State.gov; [REDACTED]
Subject: Update 6: First group of evacuees is wheels-down in Tripoli (SBU)

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(SBU) Embassy Tripoli reports the first group of evacuees ([REDACTED] passengers) is wheels-down in Tripoli from Benghazi. The wounded are being taken to the hospital for treatment.

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From: OpsAlert@state.gov
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 1:39 AM
To: [REDACTED] SES_DutyDeputies@State.gov; S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov; D-B@State.gov; B6
N@State.gov; Poffice@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_R_DL@state.gov; PAFOGroup@State.gov; B7(C)
OperationsCenter@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_S ES-O DL@state.gov; SES-Line_Only@state.gov;
Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL@State.gov; [REDACTED]
BenghaziUpdate@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CA_DL@state.gov; COffice@State.gov;
Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CSO_DL@State.gov; CT_FrontOffice@State.gov; DB_MET@state.gov;
MDGHRFrontOffice@State.gov; [REDACTED]
DRL-FO-DL@State.gov; [REDACTED] H_SeniorStaff@state.gov;
Ops_Targeted_Alerts_INL_DL@state.gov; INR-STAFFER@State.gov; INR-Watch@State.gov; Legal-Ops-Alert-DL@State.gov; M_Staff@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_NEA_DL@state.gov; OBO-SpecialAssistants-DL@State.gov; PM-Alerts@State.gov; NEA-SEMEP-DL@State.gov; Afront@State.gov
CC: Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL@State.gov; [REDACTED]
Subject: Update 5: First group of evacuees is wheels-up from Benghazi (SBU)

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(SBU) DS Command reports the first group of evacuees ([REDACTED] passengers) is wheels-up from Benghazi ert Tripoli. The remaining 11 evacuees are sheltering at the airport in Benghazi.

From: OpsAlert@state.gov
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 1:33 AM
To: [REDACTED] SES_DutyDeputies@State.gov; S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov; D-B@State.gov; D-
N@State.gov; Poffice@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_R_DL@state.gov; PAFOGroup@State.gov;
OperationsCenter@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_S ES-O DL@state.gov; SES-Line_Only@state.gov;
Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL@State.gov; [REDACTED]
BenghaziUpdate@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CA_DL@state.gov; COffice@State.gov;
Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CSO_DL@State.gov; CT_FrontOffice@State.gov; DB_MET@state.gov;
MDGHRFrontOffice@State.gov; [REDACTED]
DRL-FO-DL@State.gov; [REDACTED] H_SeniorStaff@state.gov;
Ops_Targeted_Alerts_INL_DL@state.gov; INR-STAFFER@State.gov; INR-Watch@State.gov; Legal-Ops-Alert-DL@State.gov; M_Staff@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_NEA_DL@state.gov; OBO-SpecialAssistants-DL@State.gov; PM-Alerts@State.gov; NEA-SEMEP-DL@State.gov; Afront@State.gov
CC: Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL@State.gov; [REDACTED]

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Subject: Update 4: Benghazi COM Personnel ERT Airport (SBU)

(SBU) Embassy Tripoli reports 28 remaining COM personnel, including three wounded, are en route to the airport in Benghazi.

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From: OpsAlert@state.gov

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:57 PM

To: [REDACTED] SES_DutyDeputies@State.gov; S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov; D-B@State.gov; D-N@State.gov; Poffice@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_R_DL@state.gov; PAFOGroup@State.gov; OperationsCenter@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_S_ES-O_DL@state.gov; SES-Line_Only@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL@State.gov; [REDACTED]
BenghaziUpdate@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CA_DL@state.gov; COffice@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CSO_DL@State.gov; CT_FrontOffice@State.gov; DB_MET@state.gov; MDGHRFrontOffice@State.gov; [REDACTED]
DRL-FO-DL@State.gov; [REDACTED] H_SeniorStaff@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_INL_DL@state.gov; INR-STAFFER@State.gov; INR-Watch@State.gov; Legal-Ops-Alert-DL@State.gov; M_Staff@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_NEA_DL@state.gov; OBO-SpecialAssistants-DL@State.gov; PM-Alerts@State.gov; NEA-SEMEP-DL@State.gov; Afront@State.gov
CC: Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL@State.gov; [REDACTED]

Subject: Update 3: Benghazi Shelter Location Also Under Attack (SBU)

(SBU) DS Command reports the current shelter location for COM personnel in Benghazi is under attack by mortar fire. There are reports of injuries to COM staff.

From: OpsAlert@state.gov

Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 6:06 PM

To: [REDACTED] SES_DutyDeputies@State.gov; S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov; D-B@State.gov; D-N@State.gov; Poffice@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_R_DL@state.gov; PAFOGroup@State.gov; OperationsCenter@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_S_ES-O_DL@state.gov; SES-Line_Only@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL@State.gov; [REDACTED]
BenghaziUpdate@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CA_DL@state.gov; COffice@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CSO_DL@State.gov; CT_FrontOffice@State.gov; DB_MET@state.gov; MDGHRFrontOffice@State.gov; [REDACTED]
DRL-FO-DL@State.gov; [REDACTED] H_SeniorStaff@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_INL_DL@state.gov; INR-STAFFER@State.gov; INR-Watch@State.gov; Legal-Ops-Alert-DL@State.gov; M_Staff@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_NEA_DL@state.gov; OBO-SpecialAssistants-DL@State.gov; PM-Alerts@State.gov; NEA-SEMEP-DL@State.gov; Afront@State.gov
CC: Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL@State.gov; [REDACTED]
Subject: Update 2: Ansar al-Sharia Claims Responsibility for Benghazi Attack (SBU)

(SBU) Embassy Tripoli reports the group claimed responsibility on Facebook and Twitter and has called for an attack on Embassy Tripoli.

From: OpsAlert@state.gov
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 4:54 PM
To: [REDACTED] SES_DutyDeputies@State.gov; S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov; D-B@State.gov; D-N@State.gov; Poffice@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_R_DL@state.gov; PAFOGroup@State.gov; OperationsCenter@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_S_ES-O_DL@state.gov; SES-Line_Only@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL@State.gov; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BenghaziUpdate@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CA_DL@state.gov; COffice@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CSO_DL@State.gov; CT_FrontOffice@State.gov; DB_MET@state.gov; MDGHRFrontOffice@State.gov; [REDACTED] DRL-FO-DL@State.gov; [REDACTED] H_SeniorStaff@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_INL_DL@state.gov; INR-STAFFER@State.gov; INR-Watch@State.gov; Legal-Ops-Alert-DL@State.gov; M_Staff@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_NEA_DL@state.gov; OBO-SpecialAssistants-DL@State.gov; PM-Alerts@State.gov; NEA-SEMEP-DL@State.gov; Afront@State.gov
CC: Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL@State.gov; [REDACTED]
Subject: Update 1: U.S. Diplomatic Mission in Benghazi (SBU)

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(SBU) Embassy Tripoli reports the firing at the U.S. Diplomatic Mission in Benghazi has stopped and the compound has been cleared. A response team is on site attempting to locate COM personnel.

From: OpsAlert@state.gov
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 4:05 PM
To: [REDACTED] SES_DutyDeputies@State.gov; S_SpecialAssistants@state.gov; D-B@State.gov; D-N@State.gov; Poffice@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_R_DL@state.gov; PAFOGroup@State.gov; OperationsCenter@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_S_ES-O_DL@state.gov; SES-Line_Only@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL@State.gov; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BenghaziUpdate@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CA_DL@state.gov; COffice@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_CSO_DL@State.gov; CT_FrontOffice@State.gov; DB_MET@state.gov; MDGHRFrontOffice@State.gov; [REDACTED] DRL-FO-DL@State.gov; [REDACTED] H_SeniorStaff@state.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_INL_DL@state.gov; INR-STAFFER@State.gov; INR-Watch@State.gov; Legal-Ops-Alert-DL@State.gov; M_Staff@State.gov; Ops_Targeted_Alerts_NEA_DL@state.gov; OBO-SpecialAssistants-DL@State.gov; PM-Alerts@State.gov; NEA-SEMEP-DL@State.gov; Afront@State.gov
CC: Ops_Targeted_Alerts_DS_DL@State.gov; [REDACTED]
Subject: U.S. Diplomatic Mission in Benghazi Under Attack (SBU)

(SBU) The Regional Security Officer reports the diplomatic mission is under attack. Embassy Tripoli reports approximately 20 armed people fired shots; explosions have been heard as well. Ambassador Stevens, who is currently in Benghazi, and four COM personnel are in the compound safe haven. The 17th of February militia is providing security support.

The Operations Center will provide updates as available.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 1:28 PM
To: DSCC_Management_Team; DSCC_Watch Team
Subject: FW: Update from Tripoli

Categories: [REDACTED]
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
SensitivityCode: Sensitive

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 1:27 PM
To: SES-O
Subject: Update from Tripoli

Ops monitored a call between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Short report follows:

- Evac Plane was wheels up at 1718 for the
- Expected wheels down at 1738 for marines
- [REDACTED] will remain in country

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[REDACTED]
Program Officer
Crisis Management Support
State Department Operations Center
[REDACTED]@state.gov
202 647 7640

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[REDACTED]

From: CMS Duty 2
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 7:41 PM
To: DS Command Center
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Libya Injured Medical Update

DS – here is an update on your injured DS Colleagues which we just received from MED.

Best,

Dan

Dan King
Program Officer
Office of Crisis Management Support
Operations Center
SES-O/CMS
202 647 7640
kingdb2@state.gov

From: CMS Duty 2
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 7:28 PM
To: SES-O
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Libya Injured Medical Update

CLOSE HOLD – Contains PII information.

Gary Penner, Medical Director in DC called at aprox 7 p.m. to provide an update on the Libyan injured who are being treated at the military hospital in Landstuhl.

[REDACTED] Nurse Practitioner at from Post Berlin has gone to Landstuhl. Contact: [REDACTED]
She can be contacted for more information on the condition of the Injured.

Status of injured:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Injured #3 - wound (arm fracture). Surgery done in Libya. (Compartment Syndrome) Procedure done to reduce swelling.

According to [REDACTED], the RSO will be in touch with [REDACTED] to report on his condition. Unclear who will be in touch with other family members.

Regional Psychiatrist [REDACTED] going to post to provide medical support to evacuees and injured.

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[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 4:52 PM
To: Hartung, Robert A
Subject: RE: Benghazi Mission Fence and Wall

Thanks Rob, understood.

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From: Hartung, Robert A
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 4:20 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Benghazi Mission Fence and Wall

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From: Hartung, Robert A
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 4:17 PM
To: Litschewski, Jennafer M.
Cc: Moore, Barry M; Gleeson, Kevin M; Mansfield, Kenneth J; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Benghazi Mission Fence and Wall

Jenna

Thank you for letting me know that you've provided the information. I haven't heard from John yet.

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Thanks

Rob

From: Litschewski, Jennafer M.
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 4:04 PM
To: Hartung, Robert A
Cc: Moore, Barry M; Gleeson, Kevin M; Mansfield, Kenneth J
Subject: FW: Benghazi Mission Fence and Wall

Rob,

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Best,
Jenna

Jenna M. Litschewski
Attorney Adviser
L/M/DS
U.S. Department of State
571-345-2955

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 2:11 PM
To: Litschewski, Jennafer M.
Subject: FW: Benghazi Mission Fence and Wall

[REDACTED]
DS/C Special Assistant
Bureau of Diplomatic Security
Office: 571-345-3834

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 7:55 AM
To: Ashbery, Wayne B
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Benghazi Mission Fence and Wall

Wayne: Benghazi background info

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 7:46 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Benghazi Mission Fence and Wall

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2012 8:47 AM
To: [REDACTED] Nordstrom, Eric A
Cc: [REDACTED] Ruiz, Leonel A; [REDACTED] White, Frank E; Rosler, Aaron S
Subject: Benghazi Mission Fence and Wall

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Good Afternoon,

Attached is photographs of the completed fence project here at the Benghazi Mission. Issues that still remain pertaining to the site security include a need for a gate to close the opening between the two sections of fence at C-3 gate, and additional concrete barriers for perimeter standoff for both C-3 and B-1 gates. Please let us know if you have additional questions, or need additional photos; as it is our understanding that the project is complete.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
Assistant Regional Security Officer
U.S. Mission Benghazi, Libya
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Libya: +218 092-459-3320

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

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

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From: Miller, Anastasia J
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 10:07 AM
To: Lorenzen, Amy L; Gisvold, Lisa C; Hanson, Kathleen D; Kowalski, John M
Subject: Embassy Staff Staying

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From: Alan Greenfield [mailto:[Redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 10:03 AM
To: Miller, Anastasia J
Subject: Re: Urgent info request

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

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 9:36 AM
To: Hartung, Robert A
Subject: Medical Sensitive//Two Injured DS Agents

Both agents will hopefully depart Tripoli on a outbound C130 MilAir flight enroute Landstuhl USAFB, Germany, sometime today. This information was verified by Tripoli TOC at 0915hrs.

RECOMMENDATION (from [REDACTED]): Given the amount of time that has passed, PDAS makes the call informs of the condition and makes the SACs available to visit in person.

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From: Avallone, Paul P
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 6:24 AM
To: DS Command Center
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: DSCC message

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Categories: [REDACTED]

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,

Paul Avallone
RSO USUN

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 05:36 AM
To: Avallone, Paul P
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 5:59 AM
To: DS Command Center
Subject: RE: (SBU) RE: Do you guys have information you can share inhouse about Libya??

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Categories: [REDACTED]

Thx a million..

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From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of DS Command Center
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 11:56 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: DSCC Management Team
Subject: (SBU) RE: Do you guys have information you can share inhouse about 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 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]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 5:39 AM
To: DS Command Center
Subject: Do you guys have information you can share inhouse about Libya??

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 6:54 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Benghazi - Update 1 - Attack on Compound - 09112012

He's still over there, but coming home soon. Thanks for the heads up.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 06:50 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Benghazi - Update 1 - Attack on Compound - 09112012

I was wondering if [REDACTED] was still there. Here's the latest - looks like things have calmed down. Feel free to pass verbally to SFFO mgmt if they haven't already heard.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of DS Command Center
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 5:03 PM
To: DSCC E TIA/PII; DSCC E TIA/ITA; DS-IP-NEA
Cc: DS Command Center; DSCC Management Team
Subject: Benghazi - Update 1 - Attack on Compound - 09112012

From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of DS Command Center
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 5:01 PM
To: DSCC C DS Seniors; [REDACTED]
Cc: DS Command Center
Subject: Benghazi - Update 1 - Attack on Compound - 09112012

ALCON,

The following information is preliminary and a compilation of information that has been gathered by the DSCC as reported by RSO Tripoli, State Ops, and other agencies.

At this time host nation militia forces have responded to the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi. During their response they were engaged with the attackers however the situation has since been resolved. An assessment of any injuries or damage is still forth coming.

The DSCC will update as more information is available.

Regards,

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From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of DS Command Center
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 4:22 PM
To: DSCC, C.DS Seniors
Subject: Attack on Benghazi 09112012

The following is preliminary information.

DSCC received a phone call from ARSO [REDACTED] in Benghazi, Libya initially stating the 15 armed individuals were attacking the compound and trying to gain entrance. The Ambassador is present in Benghazi and currently is barricaded within the compound. There are no injuries at this time and it is unknown what the intent of the attackers is. At approximately 1600 DSCC received word from Benghazi that individuals had entered the compound. At 1614 RSO advised that the Libyans had set fire to various buildings in the area, possibly the building that houses the Ambassador. [REDACTED] QRF is responding and taking fire.

-DSCC

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From: [redacted] on behalf of DS Command Center
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 5:57 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: DS Command Center
Subject: FW: Benghazi Killings of USGOV personnel
Categories: Red Category: [redacted]

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, one with burns and smoke, the other with direct blast injuries (mortar).
- Embassy Tripoli is drawing down immediately and they have moved operations from the Chancery and compound to an Annex location until further notice.

We 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, CNN 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

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.

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From: [redacted] on behalf of DS Command Center
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 5:02 PM
To: [redacted] DSCC_Management_Team; DSCC_Watch Team
Subject: RE: DoS Contingency AE Mission
Categories: Yellow Category

We just spoke to RSO. The three injured personnel are enroute to Landstuhl for evaluation. No current plans to evac to states at this time.

Regards,

DSCC

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

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 4:53 PM
To: DSCC_Management_Team; DSCC_Watch Team
Subject: FW: DoS Contingency AE Mission

Possible change of medical plans for DOS injured personnel...

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From: Peitz, Lynn "Woody" P
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 4:51 PM
To: SES-O_CMS; Miller, Annastasia J; Canahuate, Alfred T
Subject: FW: DoS Contingency AE Mission

FYI...looks like MED has a plan to transport the wounded back to the US and use civilian care facilities unless any of the medical condition dictates otherwise.

Woody

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From: [redacted] OASD(HA)/TMA [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 4:04 PM
To: [redacted] OASD(HA); [redacted] OASD(HA); [redacted] OASD(HA); [redacted] OASD(HA)/TMA;
[redacted] OASD(HA)/TMA; [redacted] OASD(HA)/TMA; [redacted] OASD(HA)/TMA;
[redacted] OASD(HA)/TMA;
Subject: DoS Contingency AE Mission

All,

I received a call from Dr. Ed Miron, the DoS physician responsible for coordinating AE for DoS personnel. He advised that unless otherwise clinically indicated, DoS will move the patients from Landstuhl to NCR via commercial air ambulance (ISOS) with admission to George Washington University Hospital upon arrival in the NCR.

Therefore, unless a patient has sustained an injury which the DoD is uniquely capable of treating, we should not anticipate a DoS

Executive Secretary request for SECDES status for these patients. A more clear picture of the clinical requirements will emerge following the patients' arrival at LRMC.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 9:09 PM
To: DSCC_Management_Team; DSCC_Watch Team
Subject: FW: Consulate Attack in Libya - Casualty Assistance

FBI involvement...

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 9:03 PM
To: SES-O
Subject: Consulate Attack in Libya - Casualty Assistance

Hello,

This message is for [REDACTED] at the Office of Casualty Assistance or one of his representatives.

I wanted to contact you to let you know that the FBI is opening an investigation into the attacks that occurred today. I was informed that there is one State Department employee that was killed during this incident. I believe your Casualty Assistance office would coordinate notification and outreach to the next-of-kin, as well as facilitate the repatriation of the victim to Dover AFB for autopsy by the Armed Forces Medical Examiner.

The FBI Office for Victim Assistance is available to assist you, as necessary. Please feel free to contact me at this email address and/or the contact information listed below.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Forensic Operations Manager
FBI Office for Victim Assistance

[REDACTED]