

Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

From: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 4:58 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: FW: Boal/Bergen
Signed By: douglas.weinstein@osd.mil

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Bob,

FYSA from the WH.

Doug

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

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 4:14 PM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Subject:

You should be hearing from Mark Boal, screenwriter for the UBL movie being directed by Katherine Bigallo, to request time with Dr Vickers for an interview/backgrounder. I'm getting a copy of the request from our WH press, and am not exactly sure how it was conveyed to us.

Peter Bergen is also interested in contacting your office for the book he's writing on UBL.

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From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 10:27 AM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Cc: Marrs, James R BrigGen OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI; Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie
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Thanks Doug.
R/Bob

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From: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 10:12 AM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
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USD(I) will meet with Mark Boal at 1245-1330. Thanks.

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Doug, Need 30-45 minures Thursday as per the Boss.

I will be back in the office Thursday morning. Please let me know what is available so I can coordinate. Will be on BB.

R/Bob

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From: mark(b)(6) [mailto:mark(b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:13 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; 'mark(b)(6)' <'mark(b)(6)'
Cc: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI

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Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Bob,
Thank you. Thursday is good for me, I'm in D.C, and available at your convenience.
Mark

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From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
To: 'mark(b)(6)'
Cc: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Cc: Weinstein, Douglas EMr OSD OUSDI
Cc: Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
Subject: Bin Laden Movie
Sent: Jun 6, 2011 10:06 PM

Mark, Hello, I am Dr Vickers Public Affairs Officer. He will be in on Thursday if you are still going to be in town. If not we could look at doing something the next time you are in DC. He has agreed to meet with you, but you just caught him at a time when he has travel scheduled.

Resp,
Bob

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

From: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 04:57 AM
To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Cc: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin laden movie

They've already talked to DD/CIA Morell.

Happy to meet with them.

Sent from my wireless handheld

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

From: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 11:30 PM
To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Cc: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Fw: Bin laden movie

What do you all think? These guys are the Oscar winning team behind the Hurt Locker.

Geoff Morrell
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
Pentagon Press Secretary
703-614-2935 (O)
571-309-4978 (C)

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From: mark(b)(6) [mailto:mark(b)(6)]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 11:27 PM
To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Subject: Bin laden movie

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Hi Geoff,

Regarding our upcoming film about the hunt for OBL -- which Kathryn Bigelow is directing and I am writing and producing, as our follow-up to The Hurt Locker -- am thinking that it would be wise for me to touch base with Under Secretary Mike Vickers.... Naturally, I understand the sensitivities, and more than anything, am simply hoping for an opportunity to briefly tell him about the project's scope....

Please let me know if you would you be up for facilitating an introduction. I'll be in D.C. for at least a few more days.

Thanks,
Mark Boal

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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 5:29 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

Correct. Senior Pentagon official.

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 05:25 PM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Subject: RE: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

Doug, Is this the article he is referring to?? Or is it a different Yemen article?

New York Times
June 9, 2011

U.S. Is Intensifying A Secret Campaign Of Yemen Airstrikes

By Mark Mazzetti

WASHINGTON – The Obama administration has intensified the American covert war in Yemen, exploiting a growing power vacuum in the country to strike at militant suspects with armed drones and fighter jets, according to American officials.

The acceleration of the American campaign in recent weeks comes amid a violent conflict in Yemen that has left the government in Sana, a United States ally, struggling to cling to power. Yemeni troops that had been battling militants linked to Al Qaeda in the south have been pulled back to the capital, and American officials see the strikes as one of the few options to keep the militants from consolidating power.

On Friday, American jets killed Abu Ali al-Harithi, a midlevel Qaeda operative, and several other militant suspects in a strike in southern Yemen. According to witnesses, four civilians were also killed in the airstrike. Weeks earlier, drone aircraft fired missiles aimed at Anwar al-Awlaki, the radical American-born cleric who the United States government has tried to kill for more than a year. Mr. Awlaki survived.

The recent operations come after a nearly year-long pause in American airstrikes, which were halted amid concerns that poor intelligence had led to bungled missions and civilian deaths that were undercutting the goals of the secret campaign.

Officials in Washington said that the American and Saudi spy services had been receiving more information – from electronic eavesdropping and informants – about the possible locations of militants. But, they added, the outbreak of the wider conflict in Yemen created a new risk: that one faction might feed information to the Americans that could trigger air strikes against a rival group.

A senior Pentagon official, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said on Wednesday that using force against militants in Yemen was further complicated by the fact that Qaeda operatives have mingled with other rebels and antigovernment militants, making it harder for the United States to attack without the appearance of picking sides.

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The American campaign in Yemen is led by the Pentagon's Joint Special Operations Command, and is closely coordinated with the Central Intelligence Agency. Teams of American military and intelligence operatives have a command post in Sana, the Yemeni capital, to track intelligence about militants in Yemen and plot future strikes.

Concerned that support for the campaign could wane if the government of Yemen's authoritarian president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, were to fall, the United States ambassador in Yemen has met recently with leaders of the opposition, partly to make the case for continuing American operations. Officials in Washington said that opposition leaders have told the ambassador, Gerald M. Feierstein, that operations against Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula should continue regardless of who wins the power struggle in Sana.

The extent of America's war in Yemen has been among the Obama administration's most closely guarded secrets, as officials worried that news of unilateral American operations could undermine Mr. Saleh's tenuous grip on power. Mr. Saleh authorized American missions in Yemen in 2009, but placed limits on their scope and has said publicly that all military operations had been conducted by his own troops.

Mr. Saleh fled the country last week to seek medical treatment in Saudi Arabia after rebel shelling of the presidential compound, and more government troops have been brought back to Sana to bolster the government's defense.

"We've seen the regime move its assets away from counterterrorism and toward its own survival," said Christopher Boucek, a Yemen expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "But as things get more and more chaotic in Yemen, the space for the Americans to operate in gets bigger," he said.

But Mr. Boucek and others warned of a backlash from the American airstrikes, which over the past two years have killed civilians and Yemeni government officials. The benefits of killing one or two Qaeda-linked militants, he said, could be entirely eroded if airstrikes kill civilians and lead dozens of others to jihad.

Edmund J. Hull, ambassador to Yemen from 2001 to 2004 and the author of "High-Value Target: Countering Al Qaeda in Yemen," called airstrikes a "necessary tool" but said that the United States had to "avoid collateral casualties or we will turn the tribes against us."

Al Qaeda's affiliate in Yemen is believed by the C.I.A. to pose the greatest immediate threat to the United States, more so than even Qaeda's senior leadership believed to be hiding in Pakistan. The Yemen group has been linked to the attempt to blow up a transatlantic jetliner on Christmas Day 2009 and last year's plot to blow up cargo planes with bombs hidden inside printer cartridges.

Mr. Harithi, the militant killed on Friday, was an important operational figure in Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula and was believed to be one of those responsible for the group's ascendance in recent years. According to people in Yemen close to the militant group, Mr. Harithi travelled to Iraq in 2003 and fought alongside Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the Jordanian operative who led the Qaeda affiliate in Iraq until he was killed in an American strike in 2006. Mr. Harithi returned to Yemen in 2004, those close to the militants said, where he was captured, tried and imprisoned in 2006 but released three years later.

Even as senior administration officials worked behind the scenes with Saudi Arabia for a transitional government to take power in Yemen, a State Department spokesman on Wednesday

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called on the embattled government in Sana to remain focused on dealing with the rebellion and Qaeda militants.

"With Saleh's departure for Saudi Arabia, where he continues to receive medical treatment, this isn't a time for inaction," said the spokesman, Mark Toner. "There is a government that remains in place there, and they need to seize the moment and move forward."

Muhammad al-Ahmadi contributed reporting from Sana, Yemen, and Eric Schmitt and Scott Shane from Washington.

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Bob,

Boss asked about information related to yesterday's NYT article on Yemen. Reference defense official remarks. Do you have any insights?

Doug

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Cc: Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
Subject: RE: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie
Signed By: douglas.weinstein@osd.mil

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Bob,

Best days are Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 June. Thanks.

Doug

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Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 8:37 AM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Cc: Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
Subject: FW: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

Doug, Just FYI, we will likely end up needing a 60 minute slot the last week of June. Will keep you posted. R, Bob

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To: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

Doug, I spoke to Michael Morell (DD/CIA) on Friday. At the direction of Director Panetta, CIA is cooperating fully (not, obviously, giving away anything they shouldn't, but answering questions, such as "How did you feel at that point"?). Morell was also asked to offer his assessment of the Director's participation in the operation. Several CIA staff have talked with Mark. For the intelligence case, they are basically using the WH-approved talking points we used the night of the operation. I spoke with ADM Olson and (b)(3):U.S.C. on Friday about DoD participation. They are thinking it over. They would like to shape the story to prevent any gross inaccuracies, but do not want to make it look like the commanders think it's okay to talk to the media. They may want to offer up an O-6 SEAL, who played a key planning role and knows the operators and story well. Would appreciate any guidance on how we should proceed, if at all, i.e., will SD meet with them after he retires? CJCS? Mark would like to talk to me, and perhaps others, the last week of June when he comes back to DC

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to talk to CIA. I obviously do not want to be out of step with the few other seniors who were involved in the operation. Thanks, Mike

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From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 8:45 AM
To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI; Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

+ Geoff. So far, from how Mark has described the project, we are providing initial assistance to him in connecting with you and others. He has not asked, nor have we volunteered, talking to SD, CJCS or (b)(3):U.S.C. at this point. I would be very interested to learn your findings from DD/CIA. In addition, WH is compiling list of similar requests to get a handle on quantity and quality to make assessments. All that said, Boal is a quality guy and has checked in with us re all his appt requests.

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Subject: Re: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

Doug,

Is the DoD going to cooperate with Mark in his research for the film? Will SD, CJCS, (b)(3):U.S.C. talk to him? CIA has already met with Mark on their part. I will find out from DD/CIA how forthcoming they were.

Thanks, Mike

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Thanks. Mike, thanks very much for doing this. Boal is a good guy.

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Bob,

The 27 June-1 July period works better for me. Should have an answer on whether JSOC will provide a rep by then as well.

MV

Sent from my wireless handheld

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From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 02:34 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Cc: Ferguson, Thomas A CIV, OSD OUSDI; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Lapan, David COL OSD PA; James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Robbins, Elizabeth L LTC OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI; (b)(3):U.S.C. 403g (b)(3):U.S.C. 403g (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)
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Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Thanks, Bob. Ok to set up the second session with Vickers. I am getting additional guidance from WH

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From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 12:19 PM
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Cc: Ferguson, Thomas A CIV, OSD OUSDI; Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Lapan, David COL OSD PA; James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Robbins, Elizabeth L LTC OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI; (b)(3):U.S.C. 403g (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)
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Sir, From Mark Boal. Have you heard anything from leadership yet about how we want to proceed? I believe this is still in the research phase, but need to be clear on the approach we are taking before we schedule.

Vr/Bob

CDR Bob Mehal
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-----Original Message-----

From: M B [mailto:mark(b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 12:07 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Bob:

Good afternoon. Following up on the meeting with Dr Vickers, my take away is that we'd try to find some time to sit down again before the summer holidays. My dates when I'll next be in D.C. are:

20-21 June

27 June - 1 July.

Please let me know if any of those fit in Dr Vickers schedule.

Additionally, wanted to let you know that we anticipate making formal request for DOD support in early July. We are also talking to WH.

Thanks again for setting all this up.

Best,

Mark

On Jun 9, 2011, at 8:02 AM, Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA wrote:

- > Mark, Great! I can start breathing again... I was worried we were going to lose the spot.
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- > I will be waiting at the Pentagon's Visitor's Center (Metro Entrance), please allow a few minutes for security screening.
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- > We will meet with Dr Vickers at 1215 and he has a hard 1300 stop.
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- > See you then.

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> Resp,
> Bob
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> Commander Bob Mehal
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Mark Boal [mailto:mark@ (b)(6)]
> Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 10:56 AM
> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
> Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie
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> Yes I can be there at noon
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Jun 9, 2011, at 9:59 AM, "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil> wrote:
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>> Mark, Please let me know if you can be here by 1200; trying to hold the spot.
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>> Vr/Bob
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>> From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
>> Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 8:42 AM
>> To: 'mark' (b)(6)
>> Subject: RE: Bin Laden Movie
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>> Mark, Is there any chance we can move up the meeting to 1200 or 1215? Dr Vickers is back today and his schedule is really full. He is willing to use his lunch to meet.
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>> Please let me know soonest.
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>> Resp,
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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil>

>> Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2011 16:23:27

>> To: 'mark(b)(6)' <mark(b)(6)>

>> Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

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>> Mark, Meet at the visitors' center at the Metro entance at 1230 pm Thursday. We have a 1245 with Dr Vickers.

>> Let me know if you have any questions.

>> Bob

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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

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>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: mark(b)(6) [mailto:mark(b)(6)]

>> Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:13 PM

>> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; 'mark(b)(6)'

>> <'mark(b)(6)'

>> Cc: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI;

>> Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI

>> Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

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>> Bob,

>> Thank you. Thursday is good for me, I'm in D.C, and available at your convenience.

>> Mark

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

>> To: 'mark(b)(6)'

>> Cc: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA

>> Cc: Weinstein, Douglas EMr OSD OUSDI

>> Cc: Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI

>> Subject: Bin Laden Movie

>> Sent: Jun 6, 2011 10:06 PM

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>> Mark, Hello, I am Dr Vickers Public Affairs Officer. He will be in on Thursday if you are still going to be in town. If not we could look at doing something the next time you are in DC. He has agreed to meet with you, but you just caught him at a time when he has travel scheduled.

>> Resp,

>> Bob

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>> From: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
>> Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 04:57 AM
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>> Cc: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 4:25 PM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Cc: Gentile, Philip D COL OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
Subject: Scheduling items

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Doug, Here is the list of items that we need to try and schedule;

1. Mark Boal (UBL Movie) - will be in town (from LA) the week of 27 Jun-1 Jul (will need 30-45 minutes)(can do it over lunch if the Boss agrees).
2. Elisabeth Bumiller (NYTs) - USD(I) Profile article - 45-60 minutes (she'll be back from traveling with Panetta on 13 July)
3. OSS Award Video, taping session - Need to have done by end of July. 1 hour block of time - likely will only use about 30 minutes (Room 1E782).
4. Michael Bronner (CT Book) - 30-45 minutes the last week of July.
5. David Martin (CBS News) 20 minutes (works in the building can do on short notice)
6. Jim Miklaszewski (NBC News) 20 minutes (works in the building can do on short notice)
7. Barb Starr (CNN) TBD
8. Kim Dozier (AP) TBD

Will provide detailed info on each as we schedule them.

Resp,
Bob

Commander Bob Mehal
Public Affairs Officer
Defense Press Operations
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Washington, DC 20301-1400
(703) 697-4162

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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 4:14 PM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

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(b)(5)

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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 4:58 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: FW: Boal/Bergen
Signed By: douglas.weinstein@osd.mil

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Bob,

FYSA from the WH.

Doug

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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 3:40 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Schedule

Bob,

I will check with Todd about the (b)(5) when they return from the Hill at 1700. No news yet.

Doug

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 03:38 PM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Subject: Schedule

Doug, I called but missed you. Checking to see what you may have come up with tomorrow. Mark Boal indicated he would make himself available tomorrow afternoon - if the Boss's schedule opens up.

Bob

Commander Bob Mehal
Public Affairs Officer
Defense Press Operations
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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 9:53 AM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Cc: Gentile, Philip D COL OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
Subject: FW: Vickers Scheduling this week

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Doug, I swear Dr Vickers has a 6th sense. He asked me about the meeting with Mark Boal when I spoke to him Tues after the staff mtg. Is there any chance you could find about 45 minutes on his schedule on the 15th? I know he is TDY the week of 18-22 Jul.

R,
Bob

Commander Bob Mehal
Public Affairs Officer
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1400 Defense Pentagon (Rm 2D961)
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-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Boal [mailto:mark(b)(6)]
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 5:32 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Vickers Scheduling this week

Bob,
Good afternoon.

During our previous attempt to schedule a meeting, you'd asked when I'd be back in town. I now have an answer: July 15- July 22.

Please let me know if anything in that span works for Dr. Vickers. Apart from scheduled meetings on the afternoon of 15 July, I am open to anytime.

Last, Kathryn Bigelow, who directed Hurt Locker and is directing this film, will also be in D.C. in that timeframe.
I wonder if you agree that it would be advisable for her to join the meeting?

As always, Bob, Thanks very much for your work on this. Looking forward to talkin and seeing you soon.

Best,

Mark

Sent from my iPhone

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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 2:23 PM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Subject: RE: Vickers request WSJ profile
Signed By: robert.mehal@osd.mil

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Doug, Checking. Also Mark Boal confirmed Fri, 15 Jul at 1700.

Thanks.
Bob

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

From: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 2:07 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: RE: Vickers request WSJ profile

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Bob,

Recommend we look at 1745-1800 on Thursday 14 July.

Doug

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 3:04 PM
To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Cc: Ferguson, Thomas A CIV, OSD OUSDI; Gentile, Philip D COL OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Subject: FW: Vickers request WSJ profile

Sir, Turnaround is fair play when it comes to profiles. Recommend we try to find 15 minutes late next week for you to speak with Siobhan on the phone in support of DepDir Morell. This is icw with a WSJ profile on him - I confirmed with George Little they are participating. Below is a glimpse of what she is interested in discussing. Sorry to disturb you on leave, but thought you might want to think about some anecdotes.
Vr/Bob

CDR Bob Mehal

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OASD(PA)
703-697-4162

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

From: Gorman, Siobhan [<mailto:Siobhan.Gorman@wsj.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 2:47 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: RE: Vickers request

Bob,

Thanks very much. If it's possible to chat by phone at the end of next week, that would be ideal because it's a little hard to do profile-type questions in written form.

But if he's not able to squeeze in a 10-minute conversation between trips, I'm mainly looking for his take on experiences working with Mr. Morell. I'm most interested in anecdotes that reflect how Mr. Morell thinks, manages, operates, etc. Any examples Mr. Vickers has of times when Mr. Morell has contributed a unique perspective or expertise in decision making or other types of meetings would also be of great interest, as would examples of how Mr. Morell has worked with the military, perhaps an example from the bin Laden raid planning, or even better, some other recent experience that is less well known.

Does that give you a feel for what I am looking for?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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Siobhan Gorman
Intelligence Correspondent
The Wall Street Journal.
(202) 862-9234 (w) | (202) 374-9781 (c)

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA [<mailto:Robert.Mehal@osd.mil>]
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 1:54 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: Vickers request

Siobhan, I am sure he would be happy to do it, but he is currently out of the office on leave until next Thursday. He is back for two days and then on travel the following week. If you have some basic questions you could email me I might be able to get them to him and provide some written responses (not ideal I know), or we could try and do something next week (possibly on the phone). His schedule is always a major problem. What is does your deadline look like?

Resp,
Bob
Commander Bob Mehal
Public Affairs Officer
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From: Gorman, Siobhan [<mailto:Siobhan.Gorman@wsj.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 1:07 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Vickers request

Cdr. Mehal,

I am working on a profile of Mike Morell, and I was told Mr. Vickers would be a very good person to speak with about Mr. Morell.

Do you think Mr. Vickers would he have 15 minutes sometime in the next few days to talk about his experiences with Mr. Morell?

Thank you,
Siobhan

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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: Mark Boal [mark(b)(6)]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 5:52 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Cc: Sarah Zukowski; Benner, Thomas K CIV, OSD OUSDI; (b) (3) (b) (6) Redding, Gregory Mr OSD PA; Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Subject: Re: Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow 7/15 Meeting at Pentagon
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Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 15, 2011, at 9:45 AM, "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil> wrote:

> Sarah, Car and passengers are cleared for the meeting this afternoon at 1800 (see below). I will meet them on the steps at the River Entrance.

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> Tom, As discussed, could you please provide some short driving directions to be passed to Mr Virk - they will be coming from the agency to the River Entrance.

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> R, Bob

> -----Original Message-----

> From: (b)(6)
> Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 6:37 PM
> To: Redding, Gregory Mr OSD PA
> Subject: RE: Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow 7/15 Meeting at Pentagon

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> Gregory,

> Our Chief of Parking, (b)(6) took care of it. Here is his message:

>
> Mr. Boal and Ms. Bigelow have been cleared to be dropped off on 7-15-11 at River Entrance to meet with the Undersecretary.

> Their driver - Mr. Virk - has also been cleared to remain with the vehicle (b)(6)
(b)(6) He can park and remain with the vehicle in the River Triangle area, spaces 163 - 172.

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> RM
> (b)(6)

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Sarah Zukowski [<mailto:szukowski@gloverparkgroup.com>]
> Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 2:04 PM
> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

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> Cc: Redding, Gregory Mr OSD PA
> Subject: RE: Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow 7/15 Meeting at Pentagon
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> Great, thank you so much, Commander. The driver is (b)(6) and he will be bringing Mark Boal and Kathryn Ann Bigelow on Friday.
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> Car info:
> (b)(6)
> (b)(6)
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> Do you need any other details such as DOB, SSN, etc for them? Also, are there any specific directions as to where they should go to enter the complex/building? They will be coming from the Agency in Langley if that makes a difference.
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> Thanks again,
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> Sarah
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA [<mailto:Robert.Mehal@osd.mil>]
> Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 1:41 PM
> To: Sarah Zukowski
> Cc: Redding, Gregory Mr OSD PA
> Subject: RE: Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow 7/15 Meeting at Pentagon
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> Sarah, Please pass along the Car info: Year, Make and Model, and State and Plate number.
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> Names of visitors and driver and we should be able to clear them at the River Entrance.
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> Hit reply to all and I will ensure Mr Redding takes care of it.
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> Commander Bob Mehal
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> Public Affairs Officer
>
> Defense Press Operations
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> 1400 Defense Pentagon (Rm 2D961)

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> Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 10:25 AM
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> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
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> Subject: Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow 7/15 Meeting at Pentagon
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> Hi Robert,
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> I'm coordinating arrangements for Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow's meetings this Friday,
> July 15th at the Agency and the Pentagon and Mark said you are the person he has been in
> touch with regarding his meetings at the latter.
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> Given your correspondence with Mark, are you the appropriate person to give their security
> clearance information to? I also have the information for the car and driver that will be
> bringing them to the Pentagon and assume I need to provide that as well. Please let me know
> who I should send these details to at your earliest convenience.
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> Thanks in advance, Robert, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.
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> All the best,
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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

Subject: Interview w. Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow
Location: 3E834

Start: Fri 7/15/2011 6:00 PM
End: Fri 7/15/2011 7:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Required Attendees: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

7/8/11 DEW

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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

Subject: Interview w. Mark Boal
Location: 38E834

Start: Thu 6/9/2011 12:15 PM
End: Thu 6/9/2011 1:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

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6/7/11 DEW
POC: CDR Bob Mehal, 697-4162

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Mr Morrell, Do you have contact info? Or if not, I can just use his e-mail to see if we can schedule something for Thursday or a later date...

Vr/Bob

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

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If he's still in DC, happy to meet on Thurs. If not, can provide dates when I'll be in the Pentagon this summer.

Sent from my wireless handheld

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From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 06:59 AM
To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
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Sir, Only issue will be timing. When are you back - before you head to NC?
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Mark
Bob Mehal will assist you with this.
Best, Geoff

Geoff Morrell
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Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 11:27 AM
To: Rigler, Tara CIV OSD PA
Cc: Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Robbins, Elizabeth L LTC OSD PA; James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA; Turner, James Mr OSD PA; Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA; Lapan, David COL OSD PA
Subject: Bin Laden Movie

Tara, Please add this to the events calendar:

INTERVIEW: Dr Michael Vickers, USD(I), background discussion with Mark Boal, Writer/Producer of the upcoming Bin Laden Movie. 1245-1330, Thursday 9 Jun, 3E834.

Note: He has already spoken with DepDir CIA Morrell.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

Gregory, James LTC OSD PA

From: mark@ (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 11:01 AM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Yes, I can make 12:00
I missed your email until now
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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

From: "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil>
Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 09:59:52
To: 'mark (b)(6)' <mark (b)(6)>
Subject: RE: Bin Laden Movie

Mark, Please let me know if you can be here by 1200; trying to hold the spot.

Vr/Bob

Commander Bob Mehal
Public Affairs Officer
Defense Press Operations
1400 Defense Pentagon (Rm 2D961)
Washington, DC 20301-1400
(703) 697-4162

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 8:42 AM
To: 'mark (b)(6)'
Subject: RE: Bin Laden Movie

Mark, Is there any chance we can move up the meeting to 1200 or 1215? Dr Vickers is back today and his schedule is really full. He is willing to use his lunch to meet.

Please let me know soonest.

Resp,
Bob

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To: 'mark(b)(6)' <mark(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

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Mike, many thanks. Copying John Kirby, top comms advisor to CJCS, on this. I think this looks very good as a way forward, and agree particularly that we need to be careful here so we don't open the media floodgates on this. I'm going to check with WH to update them on status, and will report back. Geoff or you will be in best position to find out if SD will talk to Boal after he retires, although I understand he liked "The Hurt Locker". At this point, suggest you keep plans to meet with Boal when he returns, and I'll provide any additional context I get from WH. Thanks--Doug

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Mark Boal, Writer/Producer of "Hurt Locker", is working on a Sony Pictures Movie portrayal of the hunt for UBL.

The meeting lasted 45 minutes and Mark spent most of the time laying out his way ahead.

**They were just about to begin filming a movie focusing on the Battle of Tora Bora (2001) when 1 May changed everything.

- TIMELINE:

- Next two months will be spent on research/background to reconstruct as much as possible
- Start Shooting in Fall of 2011
- Release date set for 4th Qtr 2012 (Sep-Dec)

- Boal indicated:
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 - He plans to return in late June, early July for some more in depth meetings (USDI indicated he would be willing to meet with him, but could not say at this point how much he would be able to discuss)

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 - To date has spoken with CIA pers to include DD Mike Morrell. (indicated he was going back tomorrow and would be returning the end of Jun)
 - Has not yet spoken to WH
 - Has not yet requested formal DoD support (realizes that will require a script for review)

USDI:

- Recommended looking at it from 3 main components CIA, DoD, WH.
- There was a 60-80% of certainty based on the Intell
- Was a "Gutsy Decision" by the POTUS (WH involvement was critical)
- Involved developing options, evolving and refining plans, rehearsing OP, and finally execution of OP
- Asked if Boal had asked to speak with WH, SECDEF, CJCS, VCJCS, or (b)(6) (b) (3)
- Response was not yet, but certainly something he would be looking at doing - possibly when he returns to DC late Jun/early Jul.

POST Meeting:

- I suggested he reach out to the WH to get a sense of their position/support for the project.
- Also, recommended at the very least an informal request to OSD PA in regard to DoD participation in the research phase
 - ** (prior to a formal request for DoD support).

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> Bob

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Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 9:05 AM
To: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA; Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Cc: (b)(3):U.S.C. 403g James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA
Subject: RE: Mark Boal - UBL film
Signed By: douglas.wilson@osd.mil

(b)(5)

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

From: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 9:04 AM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Cc: (b)(3):U.S.C. 403g James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA
Subject: RE: Mark Boal - UBL film

Bob,

Stop by the front office today and let's lock in a time.

Best,

JM

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Copy all Sir. VR, Bob

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To: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Cc: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA; (b)(3):U.S.C. 403g James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA

Subject: RE: Mark Boal - UBL film

Sir, We are looking at a 29 or 30 June follow-up meeting between Dr Vickers and Mark Boals. Vr/Bob

CDR Bob Mehal
OASD(PA)
703-697-4162

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From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 7:50 AM
To: (b)(6) (b)(3):U.S.C. 403g Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Cc: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA; Rhodes, Benjamin J.
Subject: Mark Boal - UBL film

Mark Boal will be here briefly next week (at times I can't do a meeting), but is back again June 27-July 1. June 30 and July 1 are likely to be crazy with farewell to SD Gates and beginning of SD-designate Panetta tenure on July 1. But if we can find a time for George and me to bring (b)(5) (and whomever else you will include in that meeting) between June 27 and 29, that would be great. I'd like to bring Bob Mehal of our Pentagon press office, who is POC on intelligence matters, with us. Copying COL Jeremy Martin of my office who is my gatekeeper and who can help lock this on the schedule. If we can come up with a date and time soon, I'll coordinate with Boal.

Many thanks,

Doug

Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

From: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 2:36 PM
To: Nye, Edward T COL USSOCOM HQ; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; (b)(3):U.S.C. 403g
Subject: FW: bin Laden movie

Gentlemen, FYI

Best,

Phil

Philip M. Strub
Director of Entertainment Media
Department of Defense
The Pentagon, 2E966
Washington, DC 20301-1400
P (703) 695-2936
F (703) 692-5294

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

From: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 8:52 AM
To: 'M B'
Cc: (b)(6) Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; Farnsworth, Sarah S Ms OSD PA; Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: bin Laden movie

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To: Struë, Philip Mr OSD PA

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Gregory, James LTC OSD PA

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To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: RE: bin Laden movie

Will do.

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From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 4:10 PM
To: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: bin Laden movie

Please let me know how it goes.

Vr/Bob

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>> From: "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil>
>> Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2011 16:23:27
>> To: 'mark(b)(6)' <mark(b)(6)>
>> Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie
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>> Mark, Meet at the visitors' center at the Metro entance at 1230 pm Thursday. We have a 1245 with Dr Vickers.
>> Let me know if you have any questions.
>> Bob
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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device
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>> From: mark(b)(6) [mailto:mark(b)(6)]
>> Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:13 PM
>> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; 'mark(b)(6)'
>> <'mark(b)(6)'
>> Cc: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI;
>> Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
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>> Subject: Bin Laden Movie
>> Sent: Jun 6, 2011 10:06 PM
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>> Subject: Re: Bin laden movie
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>> Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 11:30 PM
>> To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
>> Cc: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
>> Subject: Fw: Bin laden movie

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Gregory, James LTC OSD PA

From: Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 10:07 AM
To: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Hope there's no fallout with Sarah that you shared this with me, showing Doug's Ps that it should be you, not me, to meet with MB.
Sent from my BB device.
Vicente.ogilvie@osd.mil

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

From: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 09:12 AM
To: Farnsworth, Sarah S Ms OSD PA
Cc: Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: Bin Laden Movie

Thanks, Sarah. I've heard nothing from Mark as yet. Will keep you informed if/when I do.

Best,

Phil

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

From: Farnsworth, Sarah S Ms OSD PA
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 6:27 AM
To: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Subject: Fw: Bin Laden Movie

Fyi

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

From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 06:25 AM
To: Farnsworth, Sarah S Ms OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Lapan, David COL OSD PA
Cc: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA
Subject: RE: Bin Laden Movie

Phil should definitely meet with Mark and get his own sense of the film. We have been supportive to date, as has Director Panetta, but I will be interested in Phil's views on this one in particular. Thanks--Doug (PS -- It should be Phil that meets with Mark)

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

From: Farnsworth, Sarah S Ms OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 2:59 PM
To: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Lapan, David COL OSD PA
Cc: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA
Subject: FW: Bin Laden Movie

Hi Doug - this can wait but Vince/Phil forwarded your note to me regarding guidance from the WH as they were just contacted by Mark Boal so were looking for some guidance as how to proceed.

Appreciate the guidance - Sarah

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

From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 02:34 PM

To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI

Cc: Ferguson, Thomas A CIV, OSD OUSDI; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA;

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(b)(6) Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA; Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA

Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Thanks, Bob. Ok to set up the second session with Vickers. I am getting additional guidance from WH

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 12:19 PM

To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI

Cc: Ferguson, Thomas A CIV, OSD OUSDI; Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA;

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(b)(6) Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA; Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA

Subject: FW: Bin Laden Movie

Sir, From Mark Boal. Have you heard anything from leadership yet about how we want to proceed? I believe this is still in the research phase, but need to be clear on the approach we are taking before we schedule.

Vr/Bob

CDR Bob Mehal

OASD(PA)

703-697-4162

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Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 12:07 PM

To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Bob:

Good afternoon. Following up on the meeting with Dr Vickers, my take away is that we'd try to find some time to sit down again before the summer holidays. My dates when I'll next be in D.C. are:

20-21 June

27 June - 1 July.

Please let me know if any of those fit in Dr Vickers schedule.
Additionally, wanted to let you know that we anticipate making formal request for DOD support in early July. We are also talking to WH.
Thanks again for setting all this up.
Best,
Mark

On Jun 9, 2011, at 8:02 AM, Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA wrote:

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> We will meet with Dr Vickers at 1215 and he has a hard 1300 stop.
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> See you then.

> Resp,
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Subject: RE: Mark Boal conversation

Sounds good. Do you want to set a time?

Phil

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From: Nye, Edward T COL USSOCOM HQ (b)(6)
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Cc: Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; (b)(3):U.S.C. 403g (b)(6)
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Phil - Bob, thanks for the info.

(b) (5)

Nye

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Phil, That is completely consistent with what I provided after his discussion with Dr Vickers.

Vr/Bob

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FYI,

I got a call yesterday from Mark Boal. He explained what had already been in the trade press, that he'd been working on a Tora Bora script when the Bin Laden operation took place, and now they've switched to that story. He mentioned the interviews here and at CIA, and hoped I would be in on these (at least at DoD) in the future. He said he expects to complete the script this summer, and was still wondering about potential filming locations. He intends to ask for DoD production assistance, TBD. The picture is expected to have a 4th quarter 2012 release. They are financing independently with Sony doing the distribution. He agreed to keep me up to date with his research efforts. Of course at some point he hopes to interview SEALs, and whether SOCOM/ would be amenable to this kind of research remains to be seen.

Best,

Phil

Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

From: Woog, Carl R Mr OSD PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 5:34 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA
Cc: James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA
Subject: RE: WH meeting with Mark Boal
Signed By: carl.woog@osd.mil

Bob,

We've got the green light to proceed with this at the schedule best for Vickers and us. The White House does want to engage with Mark but it probably won't be for a few more weeks. We should provide them a read-out of the session you do with Vickers.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Carl

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Subject: RE: WH meeting with Mark Boal

Thanks sir. I am meeting with Dr Vickers at 0745 tomorrow and was hoping to have an answer when it comes up - i.e., his meeting with Boal, again.

If pressed I will tell him we will put it on the schedule tentatively and react to whatever happens with the WH mtg.

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From: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 12:54 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

Cc: James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Woog, Carl R Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: WH meeting with Mark Boal

Hey Bob,

(b)(5)

Will follow up with you soonest.

JM

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From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 12:47 PM

To: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA

Cc: James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA

Subject: WH meeting with Mark Boal

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holder on Dr Vickers' calendar.

Need to try to put a place

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Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

From: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 4:58 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: FW: Boal/Bergen
Signed By: douglas.weinstein@osd.mil

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Bob,

FYSA from the WH.

Doug

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

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 4:14 PM

To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

Subject:

You should be hearing from Mark Boal, screenwriter for the UBL movie being directed by Katherine Bigallo, to request time with Dr Vickers for an interview/backgrounder. I'm getting a copy of the request from our WH press, and am not exactly sure how it was conveyed to us.

Peter Bergen is also interested in contacting your office for the book he's writing on UBL.

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Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

From: Mark Boal [mark(b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 7:14 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Vickers Scheduling this week

310 773 1869
Am free:
9:30- 10:30, or anytime after 1400

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 28, 2011, at 6:46 PM, "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil> wrote:

> Mark, What number and give me a time window.
> Bob

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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Mark Boal [mailto:mark(b)(6)]

> Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 06:32 PM

> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

> Subject: Re: Vickers Scheduling this week

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> Hey, I understand.

> I'll let u know as my schedule firms up, and thanks for trying.

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> Btw , if you get a chance to talk for a few minutes tomorrow, that would be great. would like to give a quick progress report

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> Sent from my iPhone

>

> On Jun 28, 2011, at 5:24 PM, "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil> wrote:

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>> Mark, Bad news from the schedulers. Dr Vickers mtg that we were hoping would be cancelled tomorrow afternoon is going to happen. So, at this point there is not a 30 minute window between now and Friday night - I don't know how he does it.

>>

>> Are you planning to come back to town anytime soon?

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>> Resp,

>> Bob

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: mark(b)(6) [mailto:mark(b)(6)]

>> Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 6:29 PM

>> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

>> Subject: Re: Vickers Scheduling this week

>> Yes, I am available Wednesday

>> Thank you for navigating this thru

>> Mark

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

>> To: mb User

>> Subject: Vickers Scheduling this week

>> Sent: Jun 27, 2011 6:05 PM

>> Mark, We are trying to shift around Dr Vickers schedule to try and find a window for you to speak with him. I will know better tomorrow, but if we can, would you be available Wed afternoon?

>> Resp,

>> Bob

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>> Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

From: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:55 AM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: RE: UBL Movie

Thanks! At least I'd hear some of what's been discussed.

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:51 AM
To: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Cc: Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: UBL Movie

Good to know. I will push to include you. Vr/Bob

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

From: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:50 AM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Cc: Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: UBL Movie

Thanks, Bob, I should be here.

Best,

Phil

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:44 AM
To: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Cc: Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA
Subject: UBL Movie

Phil, Mark and Kathryn are in town 15-22 Jul. I am trying to get them on Dr Vickers schedule on the 15th - he is TDY the week of 18-22 Jul.

Vr/Bob

Bin Laden: The Movie

<http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://www.bostonreview.net/BR36.4/alan_a_stone_bin_laden_movie.php&ct=ga&cad=CACQAhgAIAAoATAFOAVA5-fY8ARIAVAAWABiAmVu&cd=bqkBMhy_paE&usg=AFQjCNEurQvOsuHwwULxGw24XREfDhAiaw>
Boston Review

A team of highly trained special forces—Navy Seals willing to die for their country—had helicoptered deep into Pakistan and entered Bin Laden's secret compound in a late-night surprise attack. A firefight with Bin Laden's armed bodyguards followed, ...

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