

6
Gregory, James LTC OSD PA

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 7:57 AM
To: Lanan, David COL OSD PA; James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA
Cc: (b)(6) Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Robbins, Elizabeth L LTC OSD PA
Subject: FW: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie
Signed By: robert.mehal@osd.mil

FYI/SA. Vr/Bob

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

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

From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 7:45 AM
To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI; Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Kirby, John F Capt JCS SJS OCJCS PA
Subject: RE: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

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

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

From: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 7:02 AM
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. 130 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? (b) would like to talk to me, and perhaps others, the last week of June when he comes back to DC 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

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

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 VADM (b) (3) (b) (6) 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.

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

From: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 8:22 PM
To: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
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) (b) (6) 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

Sent from my wireless handheld

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

From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 05:45 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Subject: RE: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

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

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 4:39 PM
To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Cc: Ferguson, Thomas A CIV, OSD OUSDI; Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Lapan, David COL OSD PA; James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA; Turner, James Mr OSD PA; Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA; Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA; Marrs, James P BrigGen OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI; (b)(3):U.S.C. 403g (b)(6)
(b)(3); (b)(6) Rigler, Tara CIV OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Robbins, Elizabeth L LTC OSD PA; Smith, Heidi A CIV, OSD OUSDI; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI; Symonowicz, Erin C Ms OSD OUSDI
Subject: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

Sir, I tried to capture the meeting below, in order to bring others up to speed and get all on the same page.

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:

-- He wants it to be an accurate recreation of a historical event

-- Not interested in giving away TTPs (indicated that he was proud of not giving anything away in Hurt Locker)

-- Wants to highlight the great cooperation/coordination between CIA/DoD and the extensive Intel work (decade) that culminated in the OP.

-- 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)

-- To Date:

-- 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).

Vr/Bob

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