



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Case No. F-2014-11262

Segments: IPS-0001

Ms. Kate Bailey
Judicial Watch
425 Third St. SW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Ms. Bailey:

I refer to our letter dated November 2, 2015, regarding the release of certain Department of State records under the Freedom of Information Act ("the FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

The Department received materials from former Department employees, Huma Abedin, Cheryl Mills, and Jake Sullivan. The search of these records has been completed. We have reviewed the 12¹ records that were retrieved and have determined that all 12 may be released with excisions. All released material is enclosed.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each document.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Trial Attorney Robert Prince at (202) 305-3654 or robert.prince@usdoj.gov. Please be sure to refer to the case number, F-2014-11262, and the civil action number, 1:14-cv-01511, in all communications about this case.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Weidner for

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

Enclosures: As stated.

¹ Please note that two distinct documents have inadvertently been marked with the same document number – C05895619.

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Withholding specifically authorized under an Executive Order in the interest of national defense or foreign policy, and properly classified. E.O. 12958, as amended, 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) Information on 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:
- ARMEX Arms Export Control Act, 22 USC 2778(e)
 - CIA Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
 - EXPORT Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 App. USC 2411(c)(1)
 - FSA Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4003 & 4004
 - INA Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f)
 - IRAN Iran Claims Settlement Act, Sec 505, 50 USC 1701, note
- (b)(4) Privileged/confidential trade secrets, commercial or financial information from a person
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Information that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (b)(7) Information compiled for law enforcement purposes that 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

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Subject: Draft Agenda

From: Ethan Gelber - [REDACTED]

Date: 9/12/12, 10:29 PM

To: Cheryl Mills - [REDACTED]

CC: ted_widmer - [REDACTED]

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Cheryl,

I know it has been a difficult couple of days, but we understand that our meeting for tomorrow is still on the schedule. We wanted to get a draft agenda for you to review in advance of tomorrow's meeting. We anticipate the majority of the discussion focusing on the reaction to the key moments and hopefully broadening into a more substantive discussion. But we have also included opportunities for feedback on the process.

Please let us know if this meets your expectations for tomorrow's meeting or if some of these have already been answered in feedback from the read ahead materials.

Let us know if we can be of help in any other way.

Thanks,
Ethan

Attachments/2012-09-13 - Draft Agenda.docx

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Subject: My deepest condolences

From: "Ha, Julian"

Date: 9/12/12 6:50 PM

To: Cheryl Mills

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Cheryl,

I hope you can pass along my deepest condolences for the loss of Amb. Stevens to his family and Sec. Clinton.

Such a tragic loss.

Sadly,

Julian

Julian Ha, Esq.

Global Sector Leader - Government Affairs Practice

Heidrick & Struggles
2001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 800
Washington, DC 20006
United States

Link to: Julian Ha - Heidrick & Struggles Biography

Thought Leadership: The role of Head of Government Affairs was always important.

read how it's now become mission critical: <http://bit.ly/eHBtA6>.

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From: Cheryl Mills [REDACTED]

Date: 9/13/12, 11:27 PM

To: Jean-Louis Warnholz [REDACTED]

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From: Judy Trabulsi [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, Sep 13, 2012 at 4:31 PM

Subject: New Logos

To: [REDACTED]

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Sending a "heart hug" to you .

Much Love---Judy

From: Marty Erhart

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 8:55 PM

To: Judy Trabulsi

Subject: Re: Leaving for DC at 11 tomorrow morning

Hi Judy,

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Thanks, Marty

Marty Erhart
GSD&M | 828 West 6th St. | Austin, TX 78703
512 242 4602 | fax 512.242 4733

From: Judy Trabulsi [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, 12 Sep 2012 16:25:59 -0500
To: Marty Erhart [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Leaving for DC at 11 tomorrow morning

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Thanks so much!

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Subject: Re: New Logos

From: Cheryl Mills [REDACTED]

Date: 9/13/12, 11:32 PM

To: Judy Trabulsi [REDACTED]

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Dear Judy

The bough bent and nearly broke this week – Chris truly was one of our best -- HRC picked him especially to go b/c of who he was and what he represented. And Sean was a rising star. Tomorrow we will welcome their remains home wondering how this would be possible. Thank you for your kind words. And thank you for these – I really like them.

I think my preference is the one that is sans serif font. I will scan some comments on them this weekend – I think it's exactly what I would want so would only have a few tweaks. Thank you so very much.

xo
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Subject: Re: Fwd: New Logos

From: "Jean-Louis Warnholz" [REDACTED]

Date: 9/14/12, 1:06 PM

To: Cheryl Mills [REDACTED]

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I really like the edmillsGroup in sans serif font (first attachement) with the slogan: It's clean and compelling. I still have reservations about the two globes. It just feels a bit generic to me.

----- Original-Nachricht -----

> > Datum: Thu, 13 Sep 2012 23:27:24 -0400

> > Von: Cheryl Mills [REDACTED]

> > An: Jean-Louis Warnholz [REDACTED]

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> > ----- Forwarded message -----

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> > To: Judy Trabulsi

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> > Hi Judy,

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-- Jean-Louis Warnholz Magdalen College Oxford OX1 4AU United Kingdom Mobile: +44 (0)7920
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Subject: Re: Thoughts & Prayers

From: Cheryl Milk [REDACTED]

Date: 9/14/12, 1:07 AM

To: "Rodriguez, Miguel" [REDACTED]

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It is almost too much to bear.

Thank you for this note. Means a lot.

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On Sep 13, 2012, at 1:37 AM, "Rodriguez, Miguel" [REDACTED] wrote:

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> Just wanted to write and let you know that I've been thinking about you all the last couple of days. I know how incredibly tough and tragic the situation is and how difficult it must be for the entire State Department community.

> My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Please continue to persevere.

> Miguel E. Rodriguez

> Special Assistant to the President

> White House Office of Legislative Affairs

> [REDACTED]
> (202) 456-2189

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Subject: Re: andrew sullivan with the hillary love
From: Jim Kennedy [REDACTED]
Date: 9/16/12, 1:37 PM
To: Judy Trabulsi [REDACTED]
CC: Cheryl Mills [REDACTED] Roy Spence <[REDACTED]>, Maggie Williams [REDACTED]

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This op-ed in the Boston Herald is amazing - all the more so because it comes from a former critic of hers:

An apology to Hillary

Drying tears again, resilient Clinton proves true leader

By Margery Egan | Sunday, September 16, 2012 | <http://www.bostonherald.com> | Columnists

At Andrews Air Force Base on Friday, a military band played "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Marines in dress uniforms carried to four black hearses the flag-draped caskets of the Americans, including Winchester native Glen Doherty, killed at our consulate in Libya. President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton led the solemn ceremony, Clinton speaking before him.

"If the last few days teach us anything, let it be this: that this work and the men and women who risk their lives to do it are at the heart of what makes America great and good," said Clinton, her voice at times uneven with emotion for the dead men she had employed.

Then she said: "So we will wipe away our tears, stiffen our spines, and face the future undaunted."

It was a perfect line for America and for Americans who try to keep peace in a smoldering Middle East. It was a line, too, that captured — unwittingly or not — how Clinton has lived her life. How many times since this woman took center stage in this country nearly 20 years ago has she, privately and publicly, wiped away her tears, stiffened her spine, and faced the future undaunted.

Clinton appeared to be crying again as she listened to Obama, seeming stricken himself. And when Obama finished and walked back behind the podium, Clinton reached for his hand like an older sister or even a mother, and held it for a second or two. It was a moment the history books will remember.

There was the first black president on the verge of re-election, or not. There was the woman expected to be the first female president, until he showed up out of nowhere. There was the rivalry and tortured history, Bill Clinton ever the third actor in the shadows. But all of it was put aside for something bigger than politics or egos: their country. We don't see enough of that anymore.

When her husband was president, I made a career out of trashing Hillary Clinton's hairdos, pantsuits, her attempted health care coup, her right-wing conspiracy theories, her staying with that slippery serial philanderer. Four years ago in the presidential primary I rooted for Obama over her.

Yet when she finally conceded a totally unexpected defeat, a different Hillary Clinton began to emerge. She surprised us by accepting a consolation prize, secretary of state. She then went on to perform it so ably that nearly two-thirds of Americans, an almost unprecedented percentage,

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approve of her and her rehabilitated — or so we hope — spouse.

More than once since 2008 I've wondered: Would she have done a better job than Obama? I don't know. But I do know I sold this woman short.

In awful moments in history, some leaders rise to the occasion, and some don't. Think Ronald Reagan's reassurance after the Challenger disaster. Or George Bush on the rubble of Ground Zero after 9/11, telling the world we'd never forget. Friday, by comparison, was a tiny moment. Still, Hillary Clinton rose to meet it.

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Sent from my iPhone.

On Sep 15, 2012, at 9:19 PM, "Cheryl Mills" [REDACTED] wrote:

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> ----- Forwarded message -----

> From: Forman, James [REDACTED]

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> Date: Sat, Sep 15, 2012 at 3:25 PM

> Subject: andrew sullivan with the hillary love

> To: David Domenici [REDACTED] Cheryl Mills [REDACTED]

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> Nice.

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> <http://andrewsullivan.thedailybeast.com/2012/09/beyond-the-campaign-the-country.html>

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Subject: Re: andrew sullivan with the hillary love

From: Margaret Williams [REDACTED]

Date: 9/16/12, 8:38 PM

To: Jim Kennedy [REDACTED]

CC: Judy Trabulsi [REDACTED], Cheryl Mills [REDACTED], Roy Spence [REDACTED]

After reading this i went back and read nearly everything Sullivan had written or said about her---
---in that context this is pretty remarkable and pretty "human" of Sullivan to admit he "sold this woman short."

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Subject: Re: Hello

From: Cheryl Mills

Date: 9/17/12, 9:31 PM

To: David Muir

BCC: Cheryl Mills

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Dear David

Thank you so much for your kind words. It was heartbreaking to lose Chris and our other colleagues. He was a special person and a true believer. That's why it feels all the more cruel.

I am hoping to be in NY next week - not sure if you are there but I know Joanne is reaching out to Tom to see if we might connect.

I hope you are well.

best.

cdm

On Mon, Sep 17, 2012, at 12:22 PM, David Muir wrote:

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Dear Cheryl

I just wanted to say I was thinking of you last week after the horrific incident in Libya. Must have been very tough for you and the secretary of state. I always found it tough when officials lost their lives serving the country.

My thoughts are with you.

Best wishes,

David Muir

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From: Wintour, Anna [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 8:02 AM
To: Huma Abedin
Subject: Re: <no subject>

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Totally understand thank you!

From: Huma Abedin <huma@clintonemail.com>
Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2012 22:05:20 -0400
To: Anna Wintour [redacted]
Cc: "reinesp@state.gov" <reinesp@state.gov>
Subject: Re: <no subject>

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Anna - so sorry. We have been drowning with responsibilities related to the after-math of the attack in Libya and now around the world which has delayed us in responding to Lynn. Promise to get something to her asap.

Best,
Huma

From: Wintour, Anna [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2012 02:09 PM
To: Huma Abedin
Cc: reinesp@state.gov <reinesp@state.gov>
Subject: <no subject>

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Dear Huma,

We've been working on our piece on Oscar's exhibition at the Clinton Library and are rushing it into our November issue to coincide with the show. Obviously it would mean a lot to us if we could include a quote from Secretary Clinton. Is there any way you could try to make this happen? The name of the writer is Lynn Yaeger. I include her contact information below.

All the best,
Anna

Lynn Yaeger
[redacted]

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Subject: From: Dana Brusca [REDACTED]

Date: 9/12/12, 12:27 PM

To: Jake Sullivan [REDACTED]

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you're ok right? you weren't in libya...

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New interesting Daily Beast piece by Bruce on Libya

Al Qaeda's Libya Vengeance Plot

The terror cell's leader called for revenge in Libya. By coincidence and luck, he got it. Bruce Riedel on how the world must avoid al Qaeda's traps.

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Every year al Qaeda issues a statement on the eve of the anniversary of 9/11 in which its leadership provides a "state of the jihad" review of the global war on America and its allies. True to form this year, Ayman al-Zawahiri, the Egyptian amir of al Qaeda, released a message focusing on martyrdom and calling for attacks on Americans, especially in Libya. He may have hit the jackpot this time because of Islamophobia made in America.

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Al Qaeda has used the anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, for years to remind its supporters of the carnage it did that day and to promise more terror. This year al-Zawahiri focused his annual message on a discussion of the drone war and its impact. He eulogized a senior Libyan al Qaeda operative, Abu Yahya al-Libi, who was killed on June 4, 2012, in Pakistan.

Al-Zawahiri implicitly acknowledged the obvious: that al Qaeda's core top leadership has been decimated by drone attacks and the SEAL mission that killed Osama bin Laden. But he also notes that the global jihadist movement has lost leaders for decades, some of whom have gone on to inspire generations of new jihadists. He specifically points to the Egyptian Sayyid Qutb, who was executed in 1966 by Gamal Abdul Nasser but whose writings inspired the development of the modern Islamic movement. And he mentioned a Palestinian, Abdallah Azzam, who encouraged Muslims around the world to fight the Soviets in Afghanistan, created the first al Qaeda group with bin Laden, and was killed in a car bomb in 1989. Qutb and Azzam are the formative heroes of today's jihadist world.

The 2012 al Qaeda 9/11 message is about ideology. Al-Zawahiri acknowledges that al Qaeda can not match the "material power" of the Zionist-Crusader "evil empire." But, he argues, it is winning the ideological war. Every new martyr gives the "call of jihad new life." Al Qaeda's real mission, he claims, is to "incite the ummah" (the Islamic world) to fight the Crusaders. He points to the success of al Qaeda in establishing footholds in Yemen, Libya, Syria, Iraq, Mali, Egypt's Sinai, and elsewhere since the Arab Awakening began in 2011 as signs the movement is winning the ideological struggle.

Of course much of this is just propaganda. Al Qaeda did not inspire the Arab Awakening or the Arab spring. But this year the tragic events in Benghazi, Libya, and the death of the American Ambassador Chris Stevens have benefited al Qaeda. Al-Zawahiri called for revenge in Libya and probably by coincidence and our bad luck he got revenge. Jihadists don't believe in luck, they believe in fate, so he will look prescient.

It's way too soon to know what role al Qaeda actually played in Benghazi. It appears the attack was the work of armed terrorists; not a mob. Al Qaeda and associated groups have long been powerful in this part of Libya. The facts will emerge in time. The context, al-Zawahiri's message and the war of ideas, is already clear. Al Qaeda's core inspires, others follow.

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The death of Chris and three other colleagues is a critical reminder that the ideological war is the main arena. Al Qaeda and its associated movements want the struggle to be a clash of Islam against America and its allies. When foolish people attack the prophet Muhammad, they have become al Qaeda's partner. When movies are distributed to demonize Islam, they are actually helping it win its war. When it becomes fashionable to suggest that American Muslims are not really Americans or "us," then we are the loser. When it is implied a Muslim cannot be President of the United States, then al Qaeda gains.

Eleven years ago President George Bush understood this. Six days after the attacks on that terrible day he went to a mosque in Washington and said "the face of terror is not the true faith of Islam. Islam is peace. These terrorists represent evil and war." He called American Muslims "friends" and urged Americans not to resort to hate crimes. He told the staff of his National Security Council, myself included, to find ways to underscore this was not a war against Islam.

Today we mourn the loss of four American patriots. I knew Chris Stevens. He did not serve his country to fight Islam. He served his country to promote peace and justice. We need to avoid falling into al-Zawahiri's traps.