



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 7, 2016

Case No. F-2014-11262

Segments: S-001, S-002, S-003

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

Dear Ms. Bailey:

I refer to our letter dated March 7, 2016, regarding the release of certain Department of State records under the Freedom of Information Act ("the FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552.

The Department has completed the review of material retrieved from a search of electronic records retired by the Office of the Executive Secretariat. We have determined that of the 32 responsive documents, 4 may be released in full, 18 may be released with excisions, and 10 must be withheld in full.

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. In some cases, two or more exemptions may apply to the same document. For the ten documents withheld in full, all were withheld under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5). All released material is enclosed.

Please be advised that this completes our processing of your request. 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, shown above, in all communications about this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Stein" followed by "for" and a signature.

Eric Stein, Acting Co-Director
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

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:
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| 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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IN FULL

Yesterday, the U.S. diplomatic post in Benghazi, Libya was attacked. Heavily armed militants forced their way into the compound and set fire to our buildings. American and Libyan security personnel battled the attackers together. Four Americans were killed. They included Sean Smith, a Foreign Service information management officer, and our Ambassador to Libya, Chris Stevens. We are still making next of kin notifications for the other two individuals.

This is an attack that should shock the conscience of people of all faiths around the world. We condemn in the strongest terms this senseless act of violence, and we send our prayers to the families, friends and colleagues of those we've lost.

All over the world, every day, America's diplomats and development experts risk their lives in the service of our country and our values -- because they believe that the United States must be a force for peace and progress in the world ... that these aspirations are worth striving and sacrificing for. Alongside our men and women in uniform, they represent the best traditions of a bold and generous nation.

In the lobby of this building, the names of those who have fallen in the line of duty are inscribed in marble. Our hearts break over each one. And now, because of this tragedy, we have new heroes to honor, and more friends to mourn.

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The mission that drew Chris and Sean and their colleagues to Libya is both noble and necessary. And we and the people of Libya honor their memory by carrying it forward. This is not easy. Today, many Americans are asking—indeed, I asked myself—how could this happen? How could this happen in a country we helped liberate, in a city we helped save from destruction?

This question reflects just how complicated—and at times, how confounding—the world can be. But we must be clear-eyed, even in grief.

This was an attack by a small and savage group, not the people or government of Libya. Everywhere Chris and his team went in this country scarred by war and tyranny, they were hailed as friends and partners. And when the attack came, Libyans stood and fought to defend our post. Some were wounded. Libyans carried Chris's body to the hospital, and they helped other Americans reach safety.

And last night, when I spoke with the President of Libya, he strongly condemned the violence and pledged every effort to protect our people and pursue those responsible. The friendship between our countries, born out of shared struggle, will not be another casualty of this attack. A free and stable Libya is still in America's interest. And we will not turn our back on that.

Nor will we rest until those responsible for these attacks are found and brought to justice. We are working closely with the Libyan authorities to move swiftly and surely. We are also working with partners around the world to safeguard other American embassies, consulates, and citizens. There will be more time later to reflect—but today, we have work to do. There is no higher priority than protecting our men and women, wherever they serve.

We are working to determine the precise motivations and methods of those who carried out this assault. Some have sought to justify this vicious behavior, along with the protest that took place at our embassy in Cairo yesterday, as a response to inflammatory material posted on the Internet. America's commitment to religious tolerance goes back to the very beginning of our nation. But let me be clear: There is no justification for

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It is especially difficult that this happened on September 11th. It's an anniversary that means a great deal to all Americans. Every year on that day, we are reminded that our work is not yet finished—that the job of putting an end to violent extremism and building a safe and stable world continues. But September 11th means even more than that. It is a day on which we remember thousands of American heroes... the bonds that connect all Americans, wherever we are on earth... and the values that see us through every storm. And now, it is a day on which we remember Sean, Chris, and their colleagues.

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Press Statement on Events in Benghazi

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**BRIEFING MATERIALS FOR SECRETARY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2012**

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Briefing Materials Included

TAB 1

9:20 am **GROUP PHOTO w/FEMALE MILITARY OFFICERS FROM**
9:25 am **AFRICA**
Treaty Room, 7TH Floor

TAB 2

10:05 am **AWARD PRESENTATION TO DEPUTY EXECUTIVE**
10:10 am **SECRETARY PAM QUANRUD**
Secretary's Outer Office

TAB 3

10:15 am **MEETING w/ASSISTANT SECRETARY MIKE POSNER AND**
10:45 am **CHERYL**
Secretary's Outer Office

TAB 4

11:30 am **MEETING**
1:00 pm **White House Situation Room**

TAB 5

2:15 pm **CEREMONY FOR RETURN OF THE REMAINS OF**
2:45 pm **DEPARTMENT COLLEAGUES FROM BENGHAZI, LIBYA**
Andrews Air Force Base

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SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
REMARKS AT ANDEWS AIR FORCE BASE
WASHINGTON, DC
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2012

Today, we bring home four Americans who gave their lives for our country and our values. To the families of our fallen colleagues, I offer our most heart-felt condolences and deepest gratitude.

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Sean Smith joined the State Department after six years in the Air Force. He was respected as an expert on technology by colleagues in Pretoria, Baghdad, Montreal, and The Hague. He enrolled in correspondence courses at Penn State and had high hopes for the future. Sean leaves behind a loving wife, Heather, two young children, Samantha and Nathan, and scores of grieving friends and colleagues. And that's just in this world. Online, in the virtual worlds Sean helped create, he is also being mourned by countless competitors, collaborators, and gamers who shared his passion.

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Tyrone Woods, known to most as "Rone," spent two decades as a Navy SEAL, serving multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. Since 2010, he protected American diplomatic personnel in dangerous posts from Central America to the Middle East. He had the hands of a healer as well as the arm of a warrior, earning distinction as a registered nurse and certified paramedic. Our hearts go out to Tyrone's wife, Dorothy, and his three sons, Tyrone Jr., Hunter, and Kai, who was born just a few months ago.

FINAL (Schwerin)

Glen Doherty, who went by "Bub," was also a former SEAL and an experienced paramedic. He too died as he lived, serving his country and protecting his colleagues. Glen deployed to some of the most dangerous places on earth -- including Iraq and Afghanistan -- always putting his life on the line to safeguard other Americans. Our thoughts and prayers are with Glen's father, Bernard, his mother, Barbara, his brother Gregory, his sister Kathleen, and their families.

I was honored to know Chris Stevens and to call him my friend. I want to thank his parents and siblings who are here today for sharing Chris with us, and with our country. What a wonderful gift you gave us.

FINAL (Schwerin)

Over his distinguished career in the Foreign Service, Chris won friends for the United States in far-flung places. He made those people's hopes his own. During the revolution, Chris risked his life to help protect the Libyan people from a tyrant. And he gave his life helping them build a better country.

People loved to work with Chris—and, as he rose through the ranks, they loved to work for Chris. He was known not only for his courage but for his smile—goofy but contagious—for his sense of fun and California cool.

In the days since the attack, so many Libyans have taken to the streets to express their sorrow and solidarity. One young woman, her head covered and her eyes haunted with sadness, held up a hand-written sign that said, "Thugs and killers don't represent Benghazi nor Islam."

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The president of the Palestinian Authority, who worked closely with Chris when he served in Jerusalem, sent me a letter remembering his energy and integrity and deploring, quote, "an act of ugly terror." Many others from across the Middle East have offered similar sentiments.

FINAL (Schwerin)

This has been a difficult week. We have seen a heavy assault on our post in Benghazi that took the lives of these men. We have seen rage and violence directed at American embassies over an awful Internet video that we had nothing to do with. It is hard for the American people to make sense of that, because it is senseless. And it is totally unacceptable. Reasonable people and responsible leaders in these countries need to do everything they can to take these mobs to task. And we will keep taking steps to protect our personnel around the world.

FINAL (Schwerin)

There will be more difficult days ahead. But it is important that we don't lose sight of the fundamental fact that America must keep leading the world. We owe it to these four men to continue the long, hard work of diplomacy. I am enormously proud of the men and women of the State Department. I'm proud of all those across our government, civilian and military, who represent America abroad. They help make the United States the greatest force for peace, progress, and human dignity the world has ever known. 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.

FINAL (Schwerin)

So we will wipe away our tears, stiffen our spines, and face the future undaunted. And we'll do it together, protecting and helping one another. Just like Sean, Tyrone, Glen, and Chris always did.

May God bless them and grant their families peace and solace. And may God continue to bless the United States of America.

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The Secretary's Call Sheet for
Egyptian PM Hesham Kandil [hee-SHAWM khan-DEEL]

(SBU) Purpose of Call: PM Kandil is calling to express his condolences for death of four diplomats at the Consulate in Benghazi and the breaching of Embassy Cairo walls and vandalism by protestors September 11.

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(SBU) Background: On September 11, an attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi resulted in the death of four U.S. Mission personnel, including the U.S. Ambassador. That same day, 2000 protestors gathered outside of Embassy Cairo to protest the planned release of a low-budget U.S. film depicting Prophet Muhammad in negative light. The film is purportedly associated with Florida Pastor Terry Jones and American Coptic Christians. Approximately 10 protestors breached Embassy Cairo walls and vandalized the Embassy compound, including tearing down and burning the flag. The Egyptian police did not respond until PM Kandil was called directly by Ambassador Patterson, who was in Washington. Protests are expected again today. You last spoke to PM Kandil August 6.

Call Notes:

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Approved: NEA Acting Assistant Secretary Beth Jones

Drafted: NEA/ELA – Katie Kiser, ext. 7-4261 and cell:

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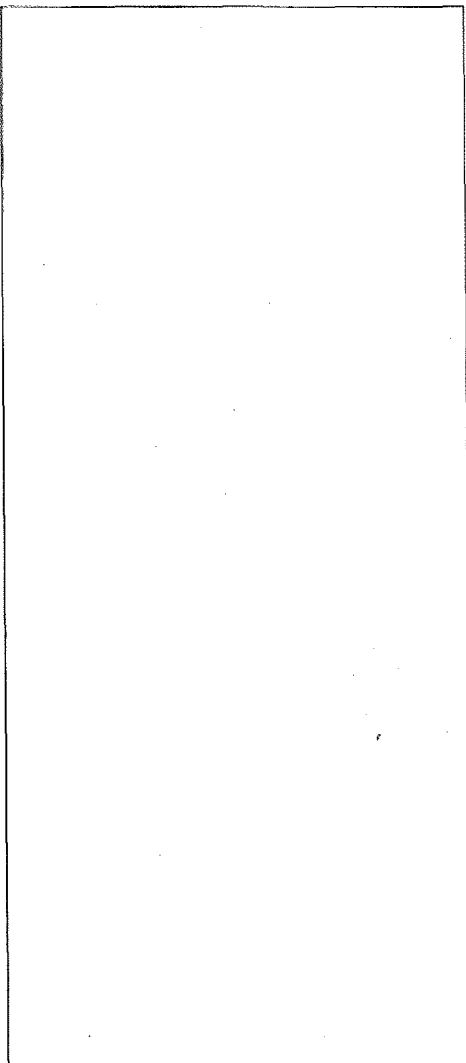
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P – AEscrogima (ok)
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Family Members Attending Arrival Ceremony Meet and Greet
with President Obama and Secretary Clinton



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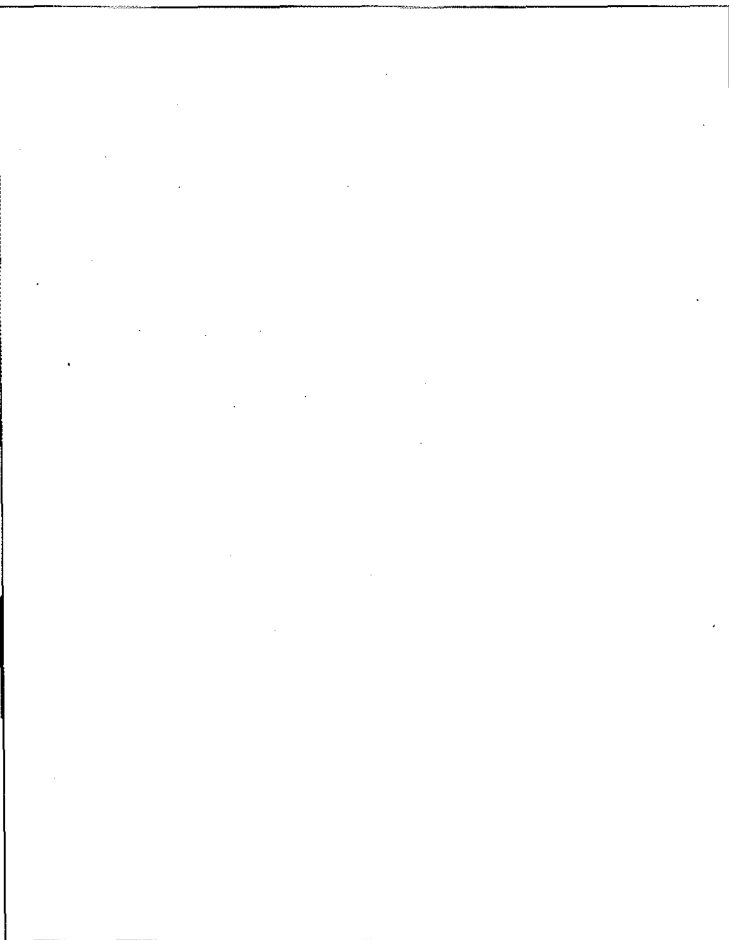


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1:30 pm **ARRIVE** Andrews Air Force Base

2:15 pm **CEREMONY FOR RETURN OF THE REMAINS OF DEPARTMENT**
2:45 pm **COLLEAGUES FROM BENGHAZI, LIBYA**
Andrews Air Force Base
OPEN PRESS (for remarks only), Staff: Monica

3:10 pm **DEPART** Andrews Air Force Base * En route State Department

3 40 pm **ARRIVE** State Department

4:00 pm **SECURE CONFERENCE CALL**
Secretary's Office
Contact: [REDACTED]

Note: SES-EX-Commo will connect the call

TBD **OFFICE TIME**
TBD Secretary's Office

TBD **DEPART** State Department * En route Private Residence

TBD **ARRIVE** Private Residence

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8:25 am **DEPART** Private Residence * En route State Department

8:35 am **ARRIVE** State Department

8:35 am **PRESIDENTIAL DAILY BRIEFING**
8:40 am Secretary's Office

8:45 am **DAILY SENIOR STAFF MEETING**
9:15 am Secretary's Conference Room

9:20 am **GROUP PHOTO w/FEMALE MILITARY OFFICERS FROM AFRICA**
9:25 am Treaty Room, 7TH Floor
Closed Press (Official Photographer Only), Staff. Monica , A/S Carson will greet and escort to the Treaty Room

-Approx. 25-30 people attending; consecutive French and Portuguese interpretation

9:30 am **WEEKLY MEETING w/UN AMBASSADOR SUSAN RICE**
10:00 am Secretary's Office

10:05 am **AWARD PRESENTATION TO DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**
10:10 am **PAM QUANRUD**
Secretary's Outer Office
Closed Press (Official Photographer only), Staff: Rob and Lona

-15 people expected, YOU present the Superior Honor Award to Pam

10:15 am **MEETING w/ASSISTANT SECRETARY MIKE POSNER AND CHERYL**
10:45 am Secretary's Outer Office

10:45 am **PRE-BRIEF w/WENDY AND JAKE FOR WH MEETING**
11:15 am Secretary's Outer Office

11:20 am **DEPART** State Department * En Route White House

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Press TBD, Scenario TBD, Staff: Monica

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3:30 pm **ARRIVE** State Department

3:30 pm **OFFICE TIME**
TBD Secretary's Office

(Turn Over)

TBD DEPART State Department *En Route Andrews Air Force Base
TBD ARRIVE Andrews Air Force Base
TBD DEPART Andrews Air Force Base via Air Force Aircraft Tail #60204
En route White Plains, NY
TBD ARRIVE Westchester County Airport
TBD DEPART Westchester County Airport * En route Private Residence
TBD ARRIVE Private Residence

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The Secretary's Call Sheet for
King Mohammed VI of Morocco (addressed as "Your Highness")

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(SBU) Background: The Moroccan monarch has long been a close partner on security and counterterrorism cooperation. NEA anticipates that he is calling to offer his personal condolences for the attack on U.S. facilities in Cairo and Benghazi, and the death of our colleagues. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Attachment:

Biographic Information

Call Notes:

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Drafted: NEA/MAG Kate Wiehagen Leonard x71724,

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	NEA/FO – Ray Maxwell	ok
	NEA/MAG Evyenia Sidereas	ok
	D(B) – Tejal Shah	ok
	D(N) – Maya Seiden	info
	P – Chris Grantham	ok
	USUN/W – Eric Pelofsky	ok

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(SBU) Purpose of Call: Ambassador Chris Stevens was killed during an attack on the U.S. Mission in Benghazi on September 11. NEA A/S Beth Jones notified his

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(SBU) Background: Ambassador Stevens died during an attack on U.S. Mission Benghazi on September 11.

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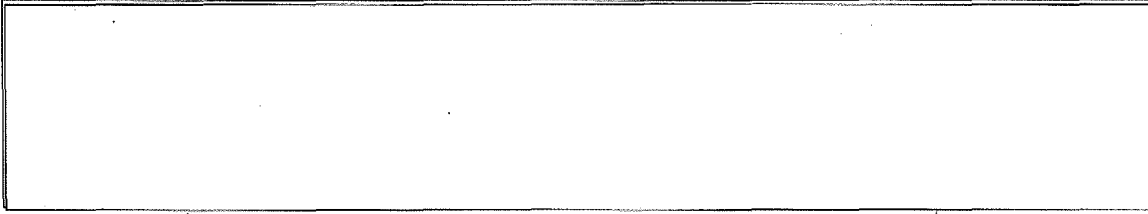
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Cleared: NEA/MAG – Bill Roebuck (ok)
M Staff – MMacCallum (ok)

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The Secretary's Call Sheet for

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(SBU) Purpose of Call: You are calling [redacted] to express your condolences for the loss of [redacted] a U.S. State Department employee who died in the attack on U.S. Mission Benghazi September 11.

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Classified by: NEA Acting Assistant Secretary Beth Jones
E.O.13526, Reason(s): 1.4 (b) and (d)

Approved: NEA Acting Assistant Secretary Beth Jones

Drafted: NEA/MAG – Lydia Sizer ext. 7-2581, cell:

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NEA/FO – RMaxwell
NEA/MAG – WRoebuck
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D(N) – JHolstnider
P – CGrantham
S/P – JShapiro
M – SMirza
DGHR – HRStaffers

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The Secretary's Call Sheet for
Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu

(SBU) Purpose of Call: Foreign Minister Davutoglu wishes to offer his condolences over the loss of Ambassador Stevens and three additional Chief of Mission personnel in the September 11 attack on the U.S. Mission in Benghazi.



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(SBU) Background: Given Turkey's presence in Benghazi, [REDACTED] reached out to U/S Sinirlioglu September 11 to ask for Turkey's assistance in obtaining details of the breaking situation at U.S. Consulate General Benghazi. Both the Turkish Ambassador to Libya and the Turkish Consul General in Benghazi quickly engaged Libyan officials and provided critical details of the attack, and the Consul General offered to shelter any American at his residence in Benghazi.

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(SBU) The Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a strong statement September 12 condemning the attacks and called for the perpetrators to be brought to justice as soon as possible. FM Davutoglu sent you a condolence letter September 12, and President Gul and PM Erdogan sent condolences to President Obama. Additionally, in a speech at the European Strategy Annual Meeting in Yalta September 14, PM Erdogan condemned the film, suggested that freedom of expression should not allow such insults, and urged U.S. authorities to take measures against the producers. He also stressed that provocative insults do not legitimize violence or terrorism, and continued to condemn the attacks.

(SBU) Turkey served as our protecting power in Libya after we closed our Embassy in Libya in 2011. Then-Turkish Ambassador to Libya, Salim Levent Sahinkaya, was instrumental in securing the release and safe departure of several Americans being held in Libya by Qadhafi forces in March 2011. You presented him with an award during your June 7 trip to Istanbul.

(SBU) Upcoming Engagement: Deputy Secretary Burns was expected in Ankara to chair the second meeting of the U.S.-Turkey Working Group Syria September 14, but after the tragedy in Libya, Ambassador Ford and Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs Derek Chollet led the delegation in his place. PRM A/S Ann Richard and USAID Assistant Administrator Nancy Lindborg were also present.

(SBU) Separately, PM Erdogan requested to speak with the President September 9, and the call is scheduled for September 18. You have agreed to meet with FM Davutoglu on the margins of UNGA but, on instructions, we have not yet notified the government of Turkey.

Attachments:

Tab 1 – Turkish PM Erdogan's September 14 Statement

Tab 2 – Ankara 1236: "Turks Offer Condolences"

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The Secretary's Call Sheet for
Libyan Prime Minister-elect Mustafa Abushagur [Abu-SHA-goor]

(SBU) Purpose of Call: The Secretary should congratulate Mr. Abushagur on his September 12 election as prime minister of Libya by the General National Congress (GNC). This is an opportunity to underscore continued U.S. support for Libya during the transition to a full democracy, and to thank the Prime Minister for his strong condemnation of the attack in Benghazi, and his condolences on the loss of Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other diplomats.

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(SBU) Background: General National Council (GNC) Members appointed Mustafa Abushagur as Prime Minister of Libya September 12. The Deputy Prime Minister in the al-Keeb government, Abushagur was one of eight candidates for Prime Minister, including former Transitional National Council Prime Minister Mahmoud Jibril, and current Minister of Electricity Awad Barasi. The GNC must determine how to form a constitutional drafting committee, responsible for drafting a constitution in 120 days once it is formed, expected to be December 8.

Following the September 11 attack on our mission in Benghazi, Abushagur sent a statement to the U.S.-Libya Business Association, in which he expressed his condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of those lost in the attack on U.S. Mission Benghazi, and noted that Ambassador Stevens was a dear friend to him and to Libya, and played a key role in the 2011 revolution. He stated that "this is an attack on America, Libya, and free people everywhere."

Prior to his appointment as Prime Minister September 12, Mustafa Abushagur served as Deputy Prime Minister under the Transitional National Council from November 2011, where he was the key government interlocutor for the UN Support Mission in Libya. He visited the United States in June 2012, when he met with senior State Department officials. He has been involved in the Qadhafi opposition since the 1970s, and was active in the Libyan community in the United

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States. He supported the Transitional National Council during the uprising against Qadhafi.

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Tab 1 – September 12 Statement on the Attack in Benghazi

Tab 2 – Biographic Information

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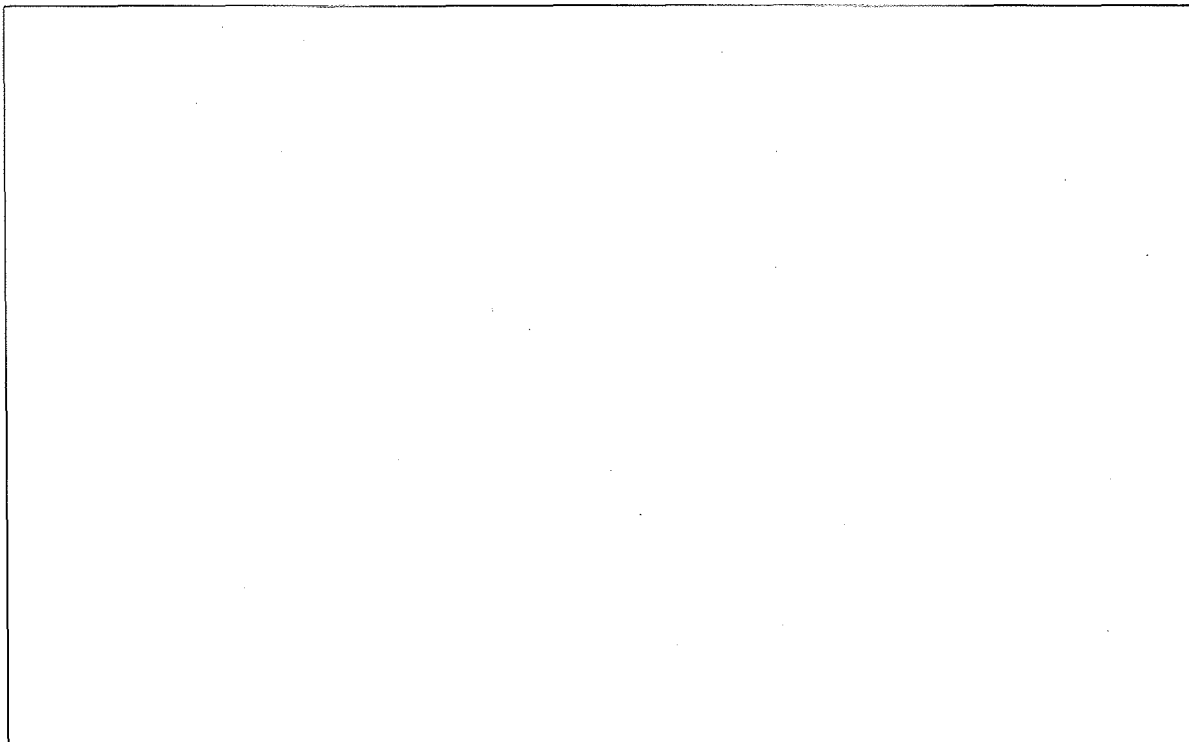
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Secretary Clinton's Call Sheet for UK Foreign Secretary Hague

(SBU) Purpose of Call: Foreign Secretary Hague wants to express his condolences and offer assistance following the attack on our consulate in Benghazi.



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(SBU) Background: Hague was recently in Baghdad, where he saw Bill Burns. He was in Cairo September 10-11 for discussions with President Morsi and others. Hague will express deep personal and national condolences for the death of Ambassador Stevens and the three other Foreign Service personnel killed during the attack in Benghazi; he issued a statement September 12. Chris Stevens was well known and highly respected among Middle East experts in London. On September 14, the compound housing the British and German Embassies in Khartoum was breached by violent demonstrators who set fires and damaged property, but caused no injuries. While the German Embassy reportedly suffered significant damage, the UK Embassy was not seriously damaged.

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Hague Statement on Attacks

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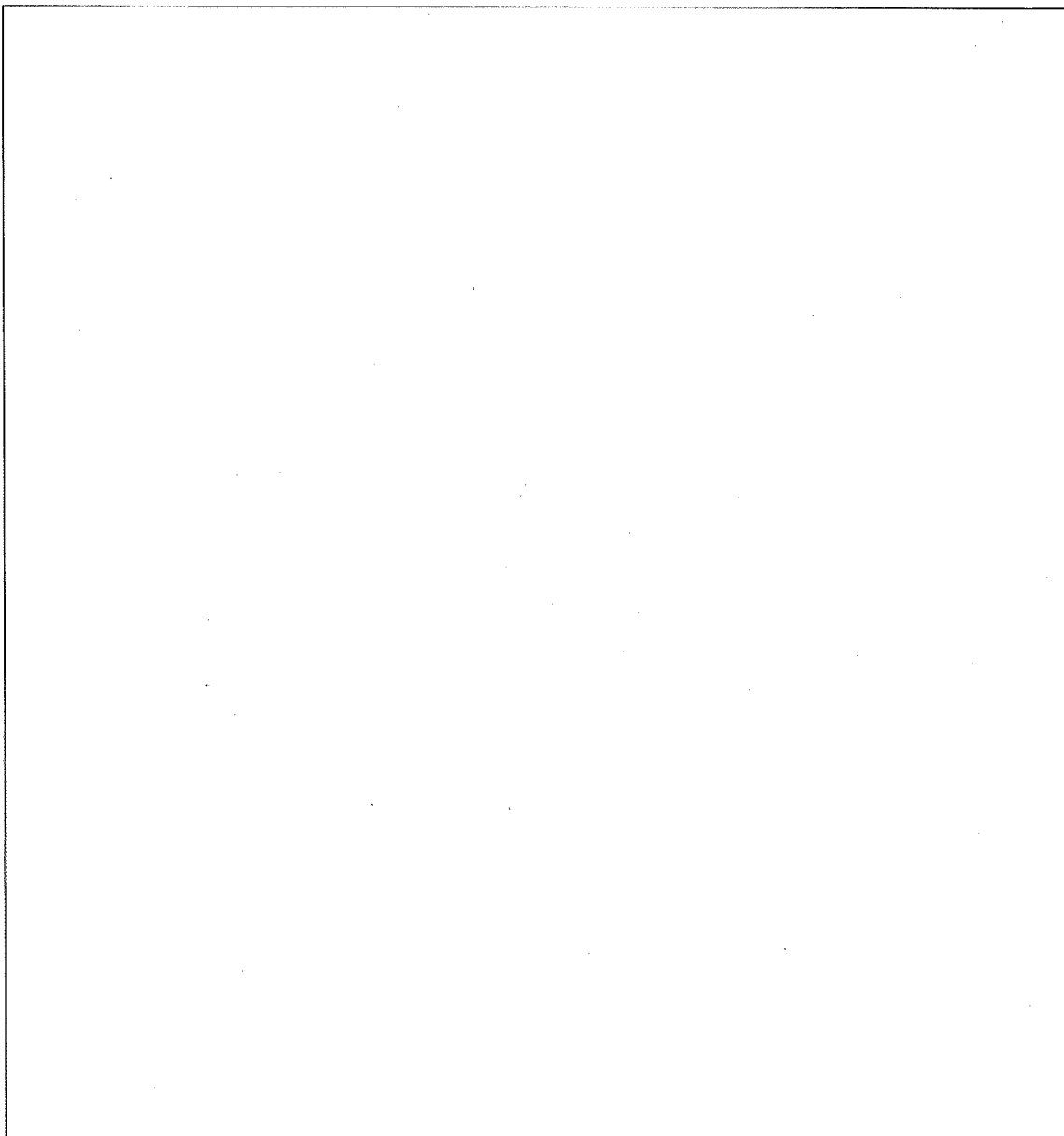
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Secretary Clinton's Call Sheet for French FM Laurent Fabius

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(SBU) Mali remains at the forefront of French foreign policy concerns, especially given its close historic ties and geographic proximity. Above all, France fears the increasing influence of Islamic extremists, terrorist groups, and illicit traffickers in sub-Saharan West Africa that threaten French interests in a region where French commercial, political, and military involvement remains strong. Moreover, the French believe that instability in the Sahel represents a direct threat to metropolitan France, given the region's proximity and the possibility that Sahel-based terrorists could strike in France itself. Over the past five years, a number of French citizens (along with other westerners) have been killed or taken hostage across the Sahel region, with six French still detained in northern Mali. The families of four of the French hostages who have now been held in captivity by al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) for nearly two years (they were kidnapped September 16, 2010) met with President Hollande and FM Fabius September 13. A new "proof of life" video of the four hostages was released September 8. President Hollande told the families France was "doing everything they could" to secure the release of the hostages.

(SBU) At the request of France, the UN will organize a special meeting on the Sahel September 26. The meeting will be chaired by UN SYG Ban, and President Hollande, FM Fabius, as well as EU High Representative Ashton are all expected to attend. France hopes the meeting will help "internationalize" the Mali problem and encourage more countries, especially EU member states, to become more involved. France also hopes the meeting will lead to the selection of a UN special envoy for the Sahel.

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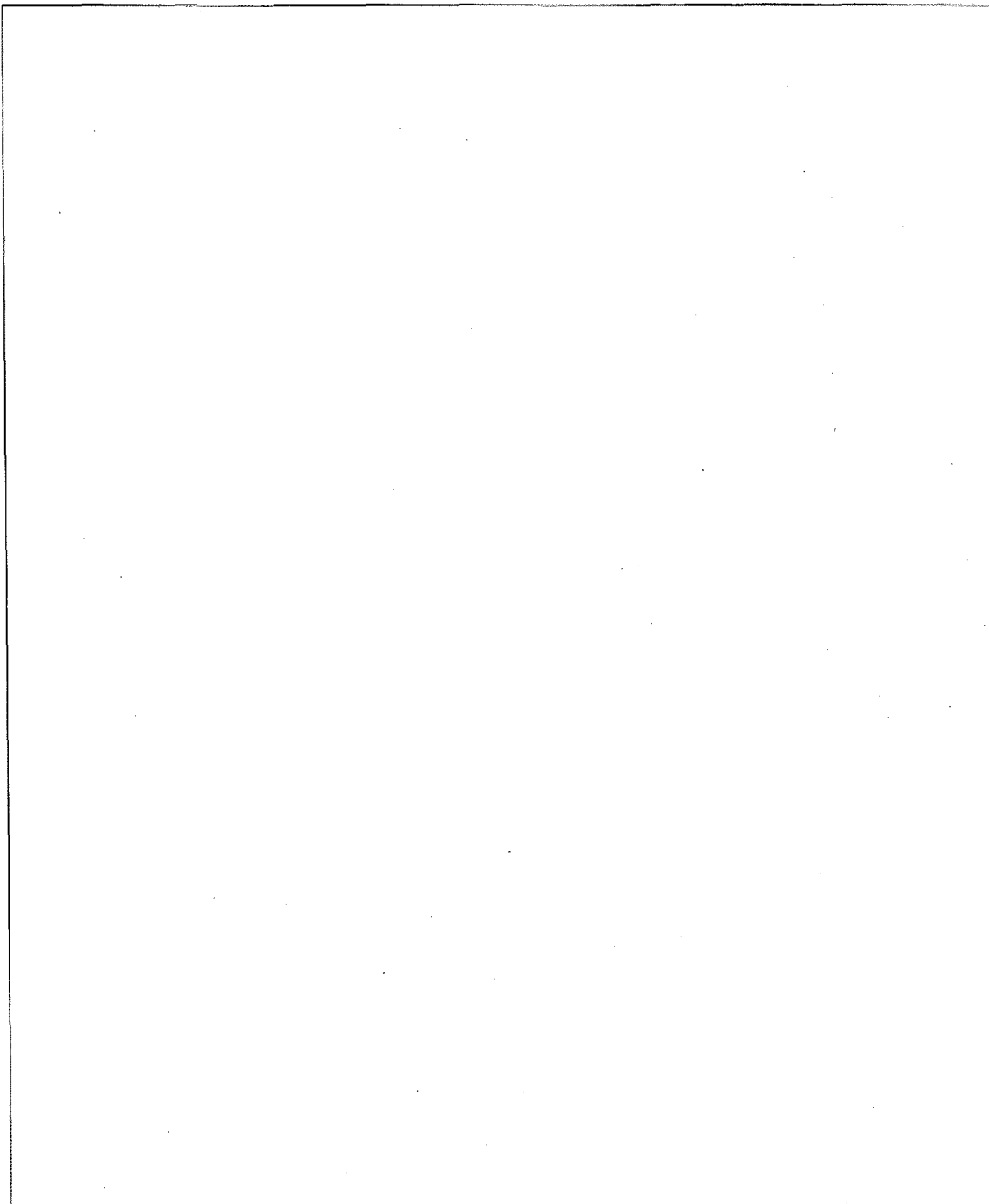
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(SBU) Background: Protests against the planned release of a low-budget film negatively depicting Prophet Muhammad continue in Cairo and there were large demonstrations September 14, when one protestor was killed and dozens injured in clashes with police near the embassy. Deputy Secretary Nides met with Egyptian Ambassador Tawfik the morning of September 13 and also delivered the points above.

Embassy Cairo reports the situation currently is calm and many protests scheduled for September 14 did not materialize. If conditions remain calm, post will reopen September 16.

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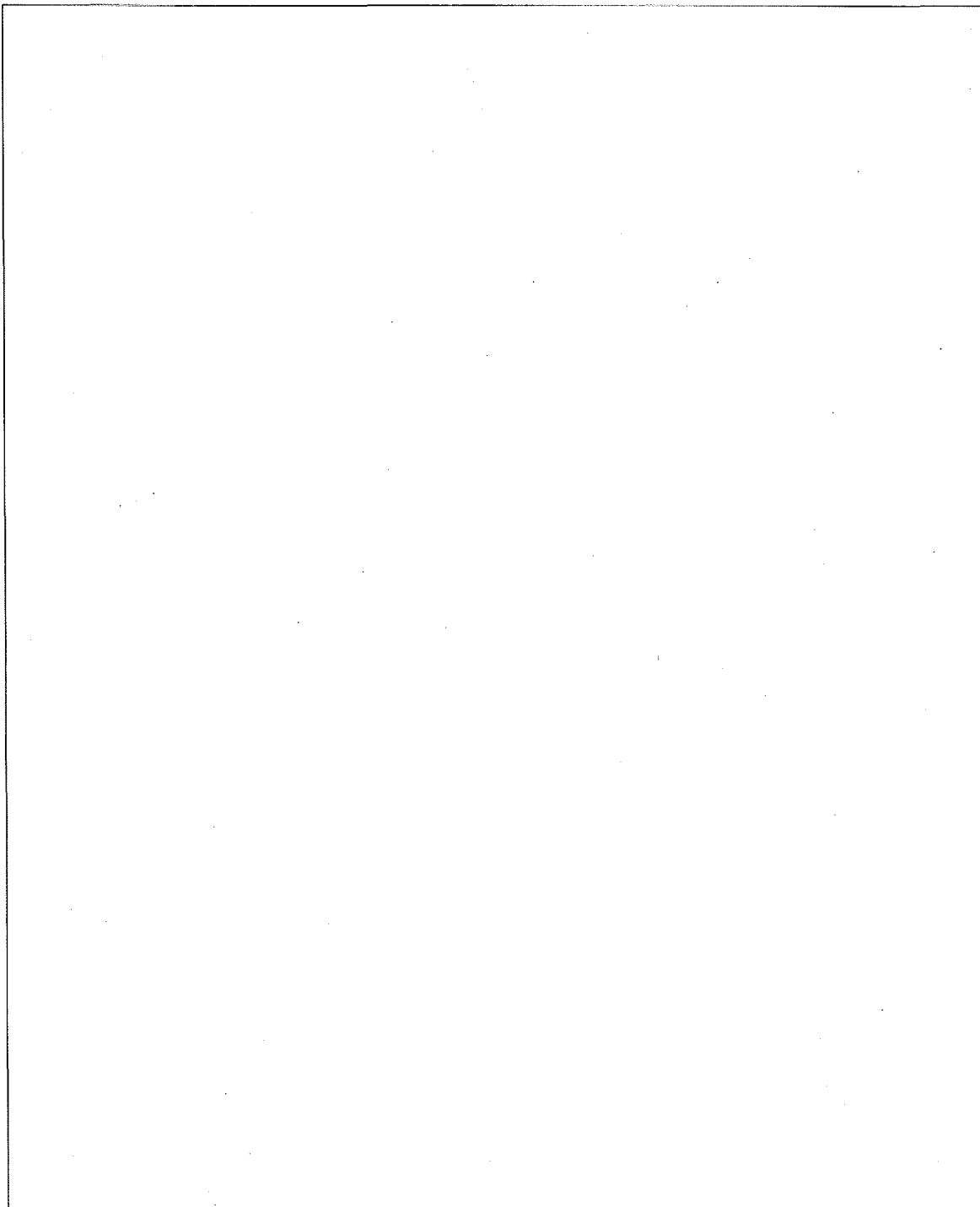
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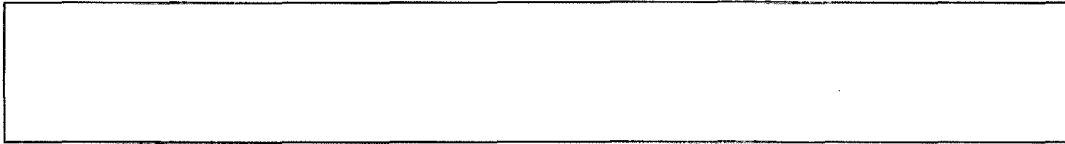
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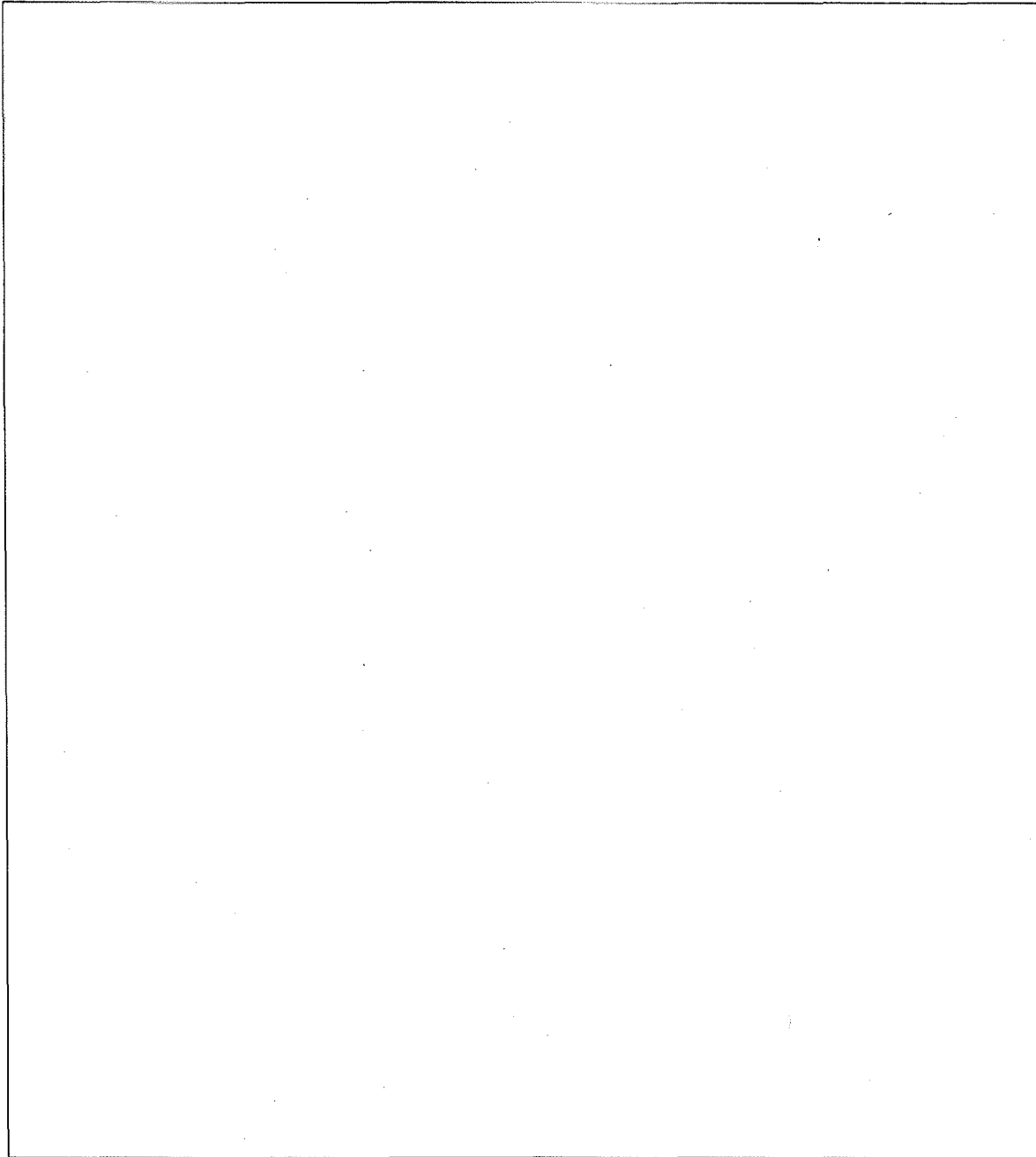
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The Secretary's Call Sheet for
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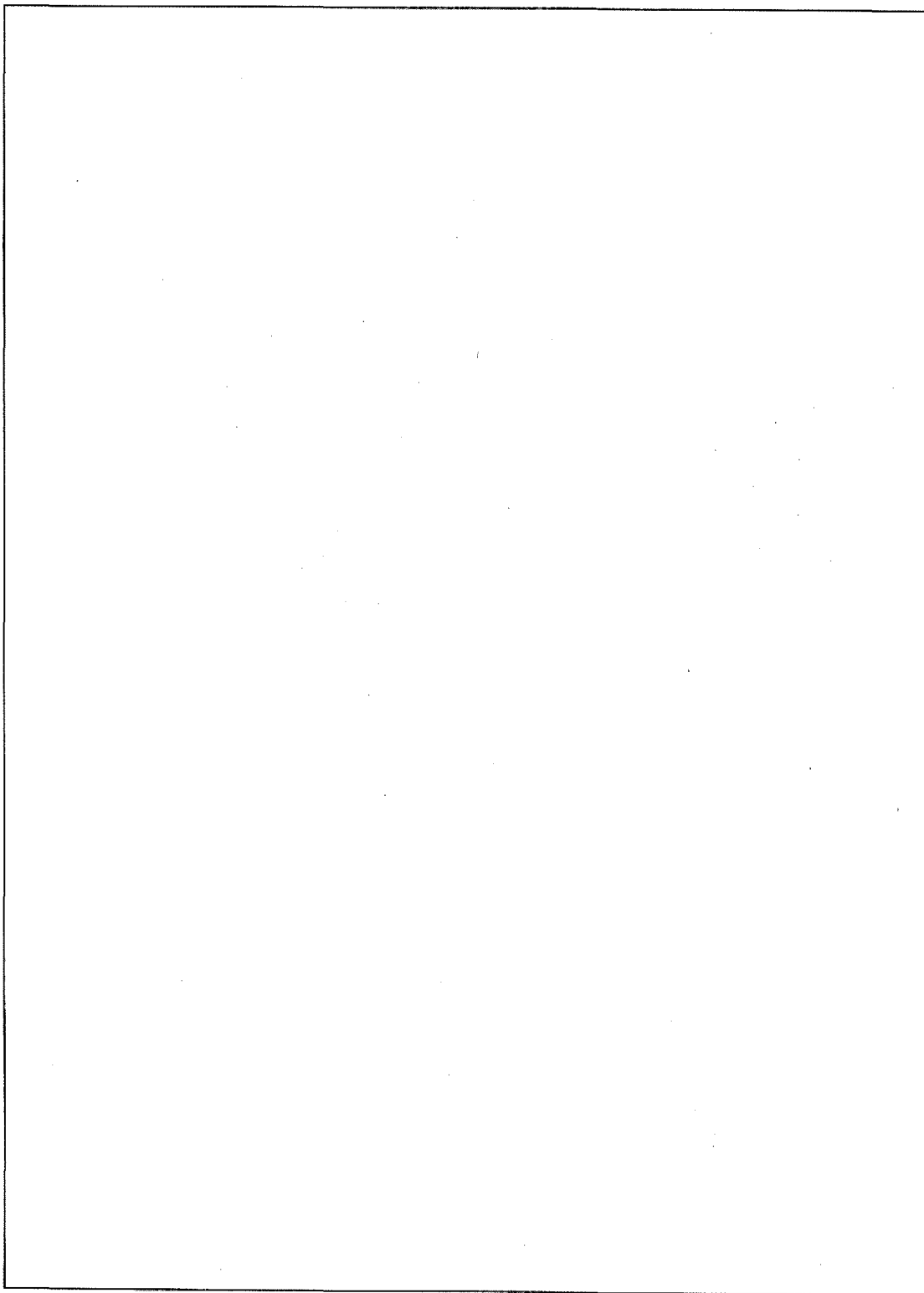
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Tab 1 – Reuters Article

Tab 2 – Tel Aviv 849: “GOI Carefully Watching Protests on the West Bank,
Concerned for PM Fayyad”

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The Secretary's Call Sheet for Saudi FM Saud al-Faisal

(SBU) Purpose of Call: You are calling Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal to offer get-well wishes following his August 11 abdominal surgery in Saudi Arabia and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] you may want to ask whether he plans to participate in UNGA-related events in New York.

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(SBU) Background: On August 11, 2012, the Saudi Royal Court announced that FM Saud al-Faisal had undergone surgery to remove "a simple blockage in the intestines due to adhesions resulting from previous surgery." [REDACTED]

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The Saudi government has publicly expressed condolences for the loss of life in Benghazi and condemned "the violent reactions that occurred in a number of countries against American interests." It also denounced the film and the group that produced it.

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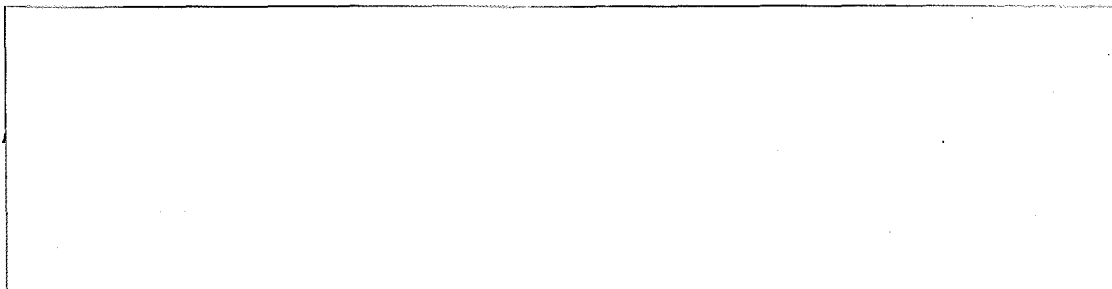
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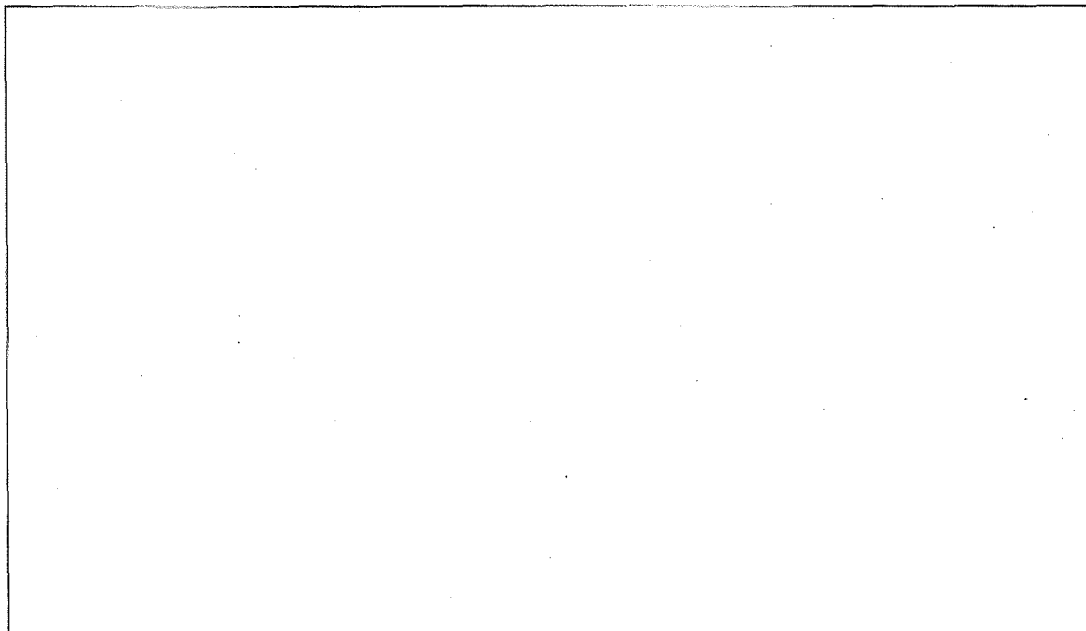
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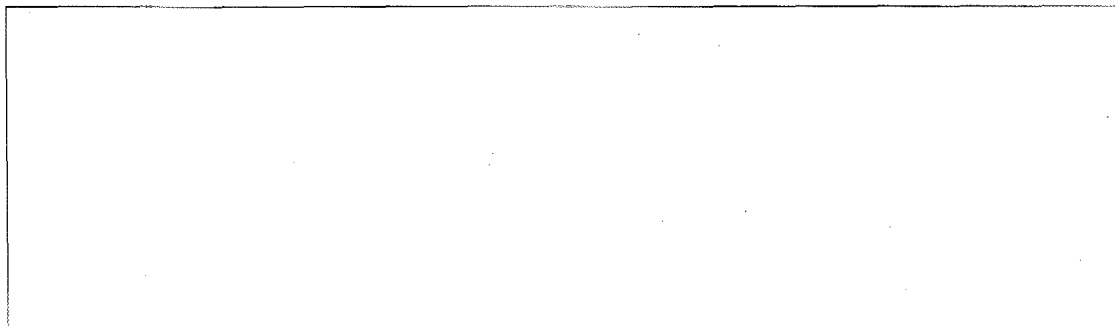
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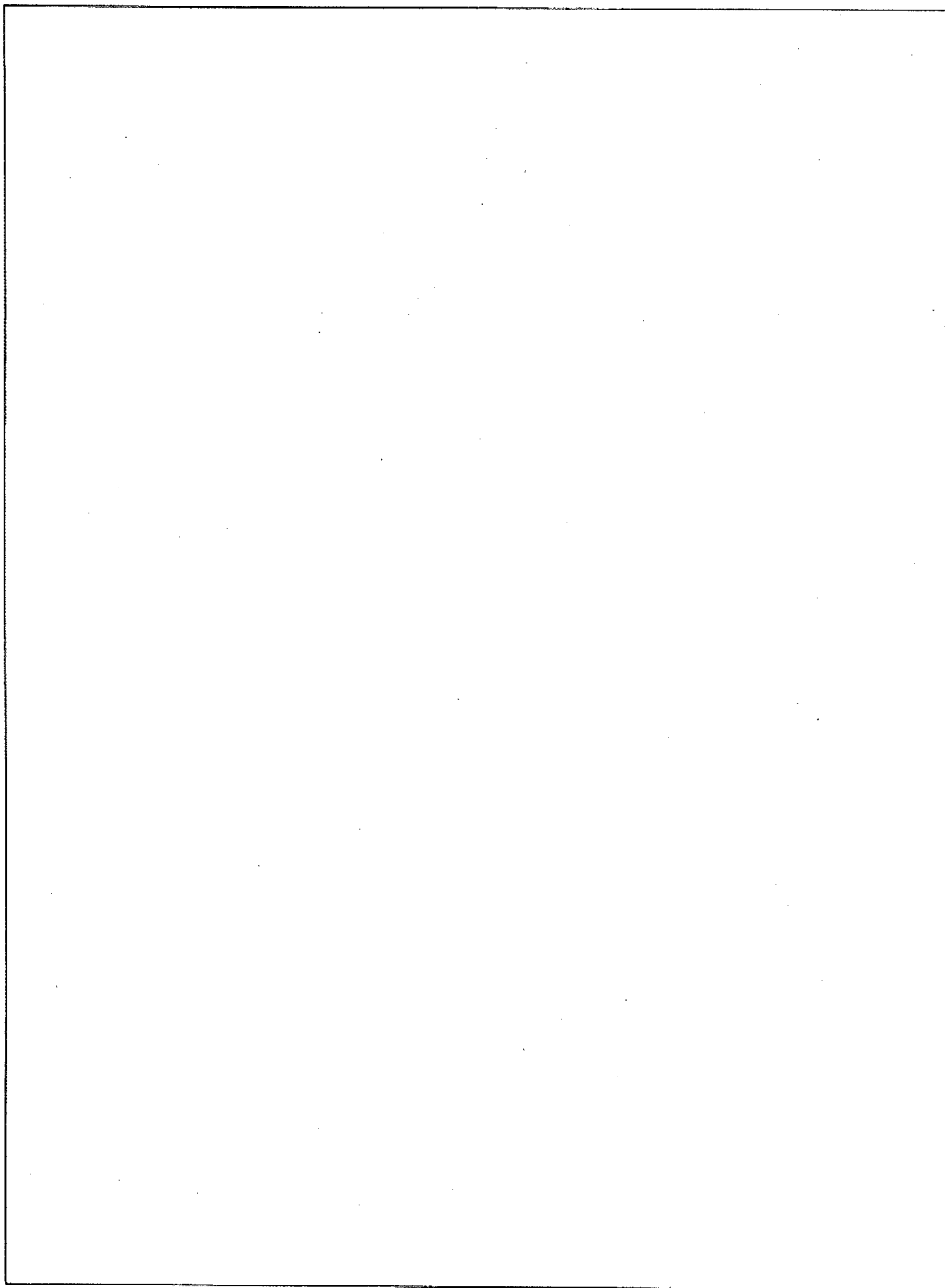
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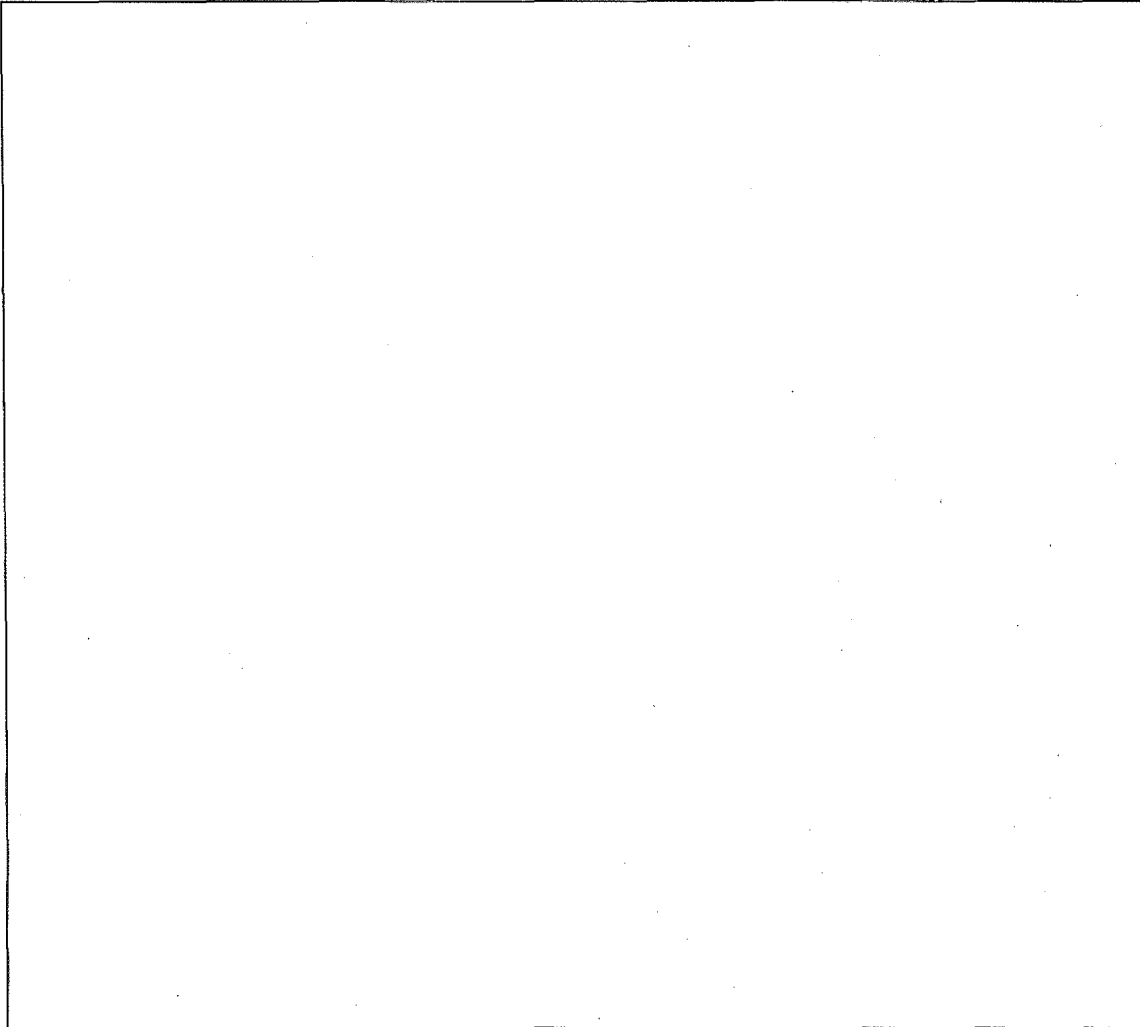


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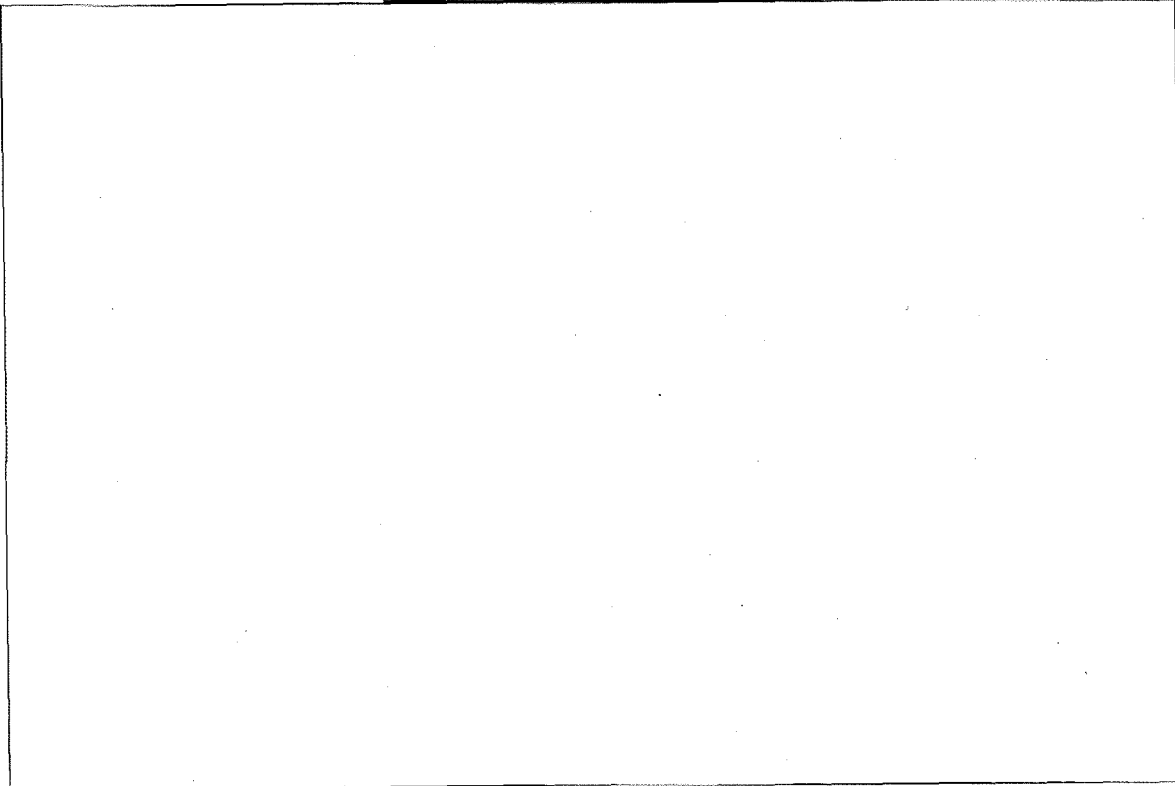
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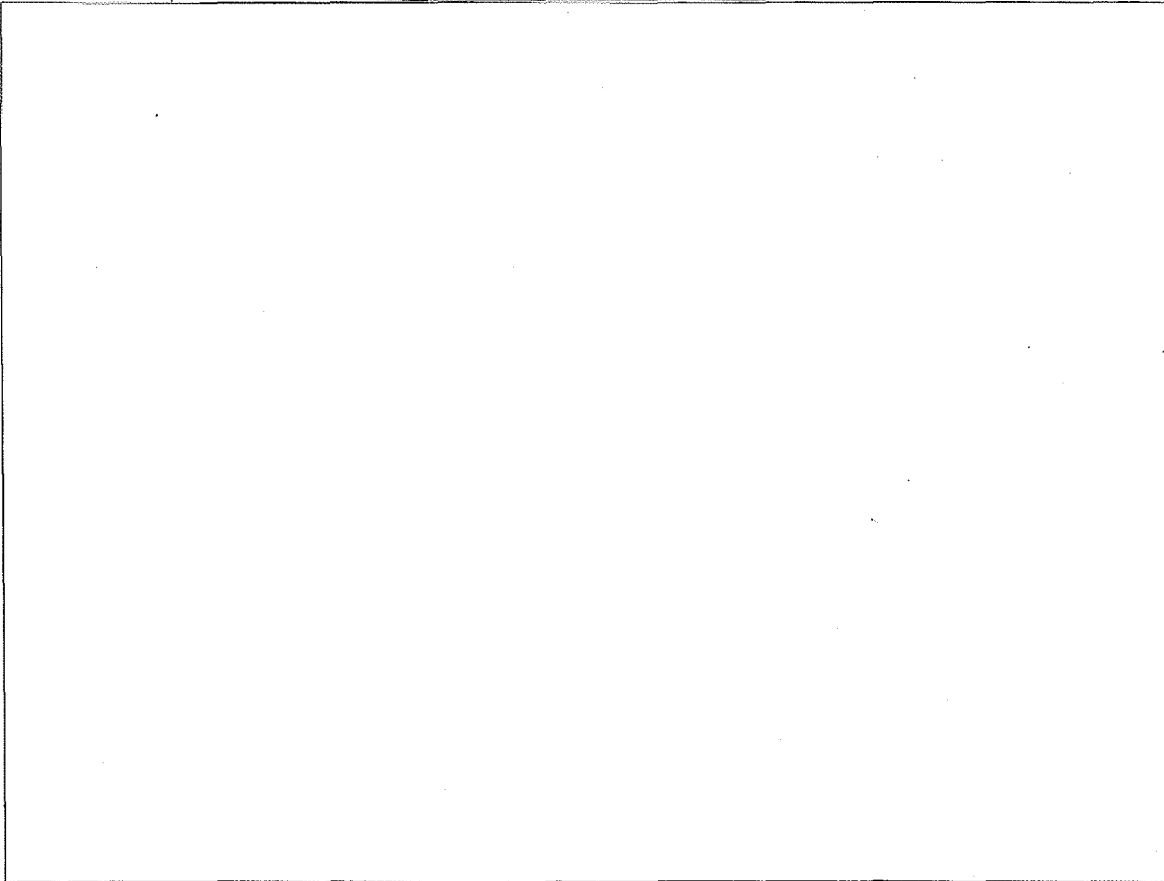
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Secretary Clinton's Call Sheet for French FM Laurent Fabius

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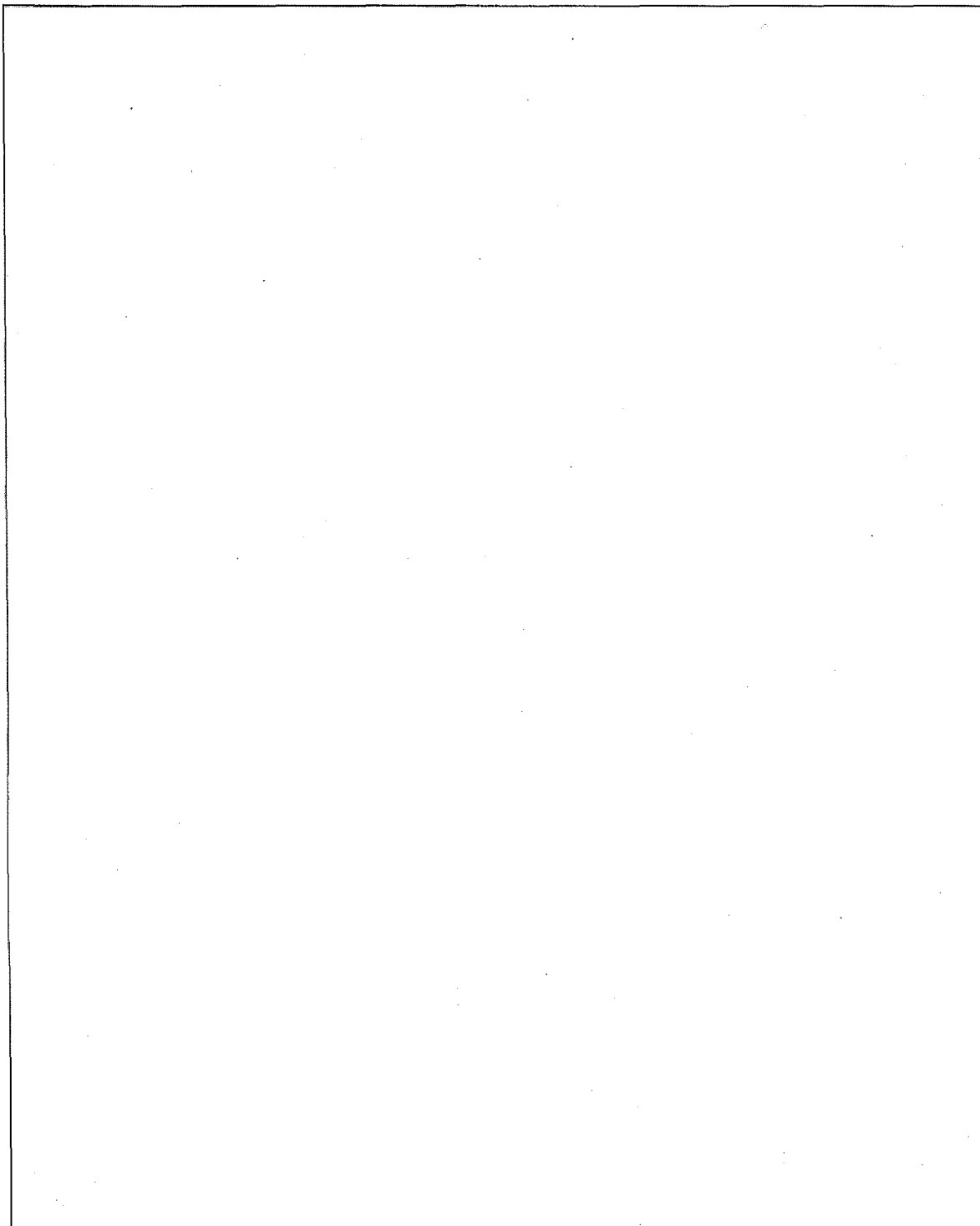
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