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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Case No. F-2014-08848

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

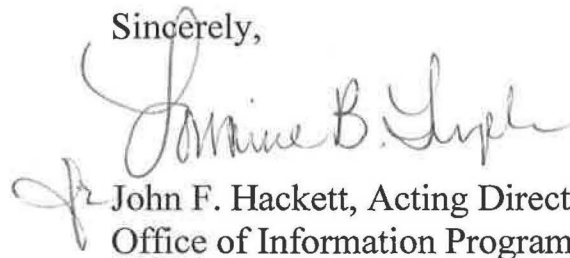
Dear Ms. Bailey:

In response to your request dated May 13, 2014 under the Freedom of Information Act (the "FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, we have initiated a search of the following Department of State record systems: the Office of the Secretary.

The search of the records of the Office of the Secretary has resulted in the retrieval of four documents responsive to your request. We have determined that all four documents have been previously released to you in case number F-2012-38774. Documents C05415288, C05415290, C05415756 and C05415775 were released to you on April 17, 2014. The released documents are enclosed.

If you have any questions, you may contact Assistant United States Attorney Robert Prince at (202) 305-3654 or [Robert.Prince@usdoj.gov](mailto:Robert.Prince@usdoj.gov). Please be sure to refer to the case number shown above in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosures:  
As stated.

RELEASED IN PART B3 NSA, B6

Ryu, Rexon Y

From: Sullivan, Jacob J  
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 2:44 PM  
To: Ryu, Rexon Y  
Subject: Fw:

Check out the below. You and Erin should confirm w Ben that Susan can deploy tomorrow.

----- Original Message -----  
From: Sullivan, Jacob J  
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 11:26 AM  
To: 'Rhodes, Benjamin J.' <Benjamin.J.Rhodes@state.gov>; 'michaeljmc@state.gov'; Robert.Cardillo <Robert.Cardillo@state.gov>; alanrp@state.gov; matt.olser@state.gov; mark.giuliano@state.gov; jcingli@state.gov; lisa.monaco@state.gov  
Cc: GEORGJW2@state.gov; <GEORGJW2@state.gov>; cynthlr@state.gov; <cynthlr@state.gov>; christrm@state.gov; <christrm@state.gov>; RODNEYAS@state.gov; <RODNEYAS@state.gov>  
Subject: RE:

This looks good. Two small edits:

- 1. We call it "the US mission" or the "US diplomatic post" because it is not actually a Consulate.
- 2. There is a missing "of" in the third tic.

-----Original Message-----  
From: Rhodes, Benjamin J. [mailto:Benjamin.J.Rhodes@state.gov]  
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 11:12 AM  
To: 'michaeljmc@state.gov'; Robert.Cardillo <Robert.Cardillo@state.gov>; alanrp@state.gov; matt.olser@state.gov  
Sullivan, Jacob J; mark.giuliano@state.gov; jcingli@state.gov; lisa.monaco@state.gov  
Cc: GEORGJW2@state.gov; cynthlr@state.gov; christrm@state.gov; RODNEYAS@state.gov  
Subject: RE:

This is good by me.

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From: michaeljmc@state.gov [mailto:michaeljmc@state.gov]  
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 11:08 AM  
To: Robert.Cardillo <Robert.Cardillo@state.gov>; alanrp@state.gov; matt.olser@state.gov; sullivanjj@state.gov; mark.giuliano@state.gov; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; jcingli@state.gov; lisa.monaco@state.gov  
Cc: GEORGJW2@state.gov; cynthlr@state.gov; christrm@state.gov; RODNEYAS@state.gov  
Subject:

Per the discussion at Deputies, here are the revised TPs for HPSCI. Let me know what you think.

--The currently available information suggests that the demonstrations in Benghazi were spontaneously inspired by the protests at the US Embassy in Cairo and evolved into a direct assault against the US Consulate and subsequently its annex. There are indications that extremists participated in the violent demonstrations.

--This assessment may change as additional information is collected and analyzed and as currently available information continues to be evaluated.

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--The investigation is on-going, and the US Government is working with Libyan authorities to bring to justice those responsible for the deaths US citizens.

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Pelofsky, Eric J

From: Sullivan, Jacob J  
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 2:44 PM  
Ryu, Rexon Y  
Subject: Pelofsky, Eric J; Pelton, Erin  
Re: Libya - Unclass IC pts

Coming your way.

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Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 02:33 PM  
To: Sullivan, Jacob J  
Cc: Pelofsky, Eric J; Pelton, Erin  
Subject: Libya - Unclass IC pts

Jake - understand from Eric that you're working a set of unclass IC pts on libya for the Hill. If these are going to be finalized by Sunday am (or COB today), can we get a copy for Susan to ensure we're on the same msg? Happy to have Eric/Erin work with whomever on the State team is handling this, unless it's you - in which case happy to get them directly. Whatever is easiest.

Many thx.

Rexon

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Din, Susan W

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**From:** DeLaurentis, Jeffrey A  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 6:58 AM  
**To:** Ryu, Rexon Y; DiCarlo, Rosemary A (USUN); Rice, Susan E (USUN); Pelofsky, Eric J; Ahmed, Salman (USUN)  
**Cc:** Singh, Priya (USUN)  
**Subject:** Re: Libya update from Beth Jones

BBC, NBC report US sources saying Chris among the dead but USG not confirming.

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**To:** DiCarlo, Rosemary A (USUN); Rice, Susan E (USUN); Pelofsky, Eric J; Ahmed, Salman (USUN); DeLaurentis, Jeffrey A  
**Cc:** Singh, Priya (USUN)  
**Subject:** Re: Libya update from Beth Jones

Libyans are saying publicly he is one of the four dead. Don't have more right now.

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**From:** DiCarlo, Rosemary A (USUN)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 06:25 AM  
**To:** Rice, Susan E (USUN); Ryu, Rexon Y; Pelofsky, Eric J; Ahmed, Salman (USUN); DeLaurentis, Jeffrey A  
**Cc:** Singh, Priya (USUN)  
**Subject:** Re: Libya update from Beth Jones

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**From:** Rice, Susan E (USUN)  
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**Cc:** Singh, Priya (USUN)  
**Subject:** Re: Libya update from Beth Jones

Who are the four dead? Is Chris among them?

RDC, are you doing UNSC today?

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 06:01 AM  
**To:** Pelofsky, Eric J; Rice, Susan E (USUN); DiCarlo, Rosemary A (USUN); Ahmed, Salman (USUN)  
**Cc:** Singh, Priya (USUN); Oat-Judge, Siobhan  
**Subject:** Re: Libya update from Beth Jones

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 Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 11:53 PM  
 To: Rice, Susan E (USUN); Ryu, Rexon Y; DiCarlo, Rosemary A (USUN); Ahmed, Salman (USUN)  
 Cc: Singh, Priya (USUN); Oat-Judge, Siobhan  
 Subject: Re: Libya update from Beth Jones

Susan,

It's very possible that he is dead. The SWO told me that a senior Libyan official called our DCM to extend his condolences. We have not seen or recovered a body (resources that flew in from Tripoli are attempting to do that - NFI); however, there is apparently a photo on twitter of someone carrying a body that resembles Chris over their shoulder. I have not seen the photo myself.

I have asked the Ops Center to call me if there are additional developments throughout the night.

Eric

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 Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2012 09:05 PM  
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Thanks,  
Eric

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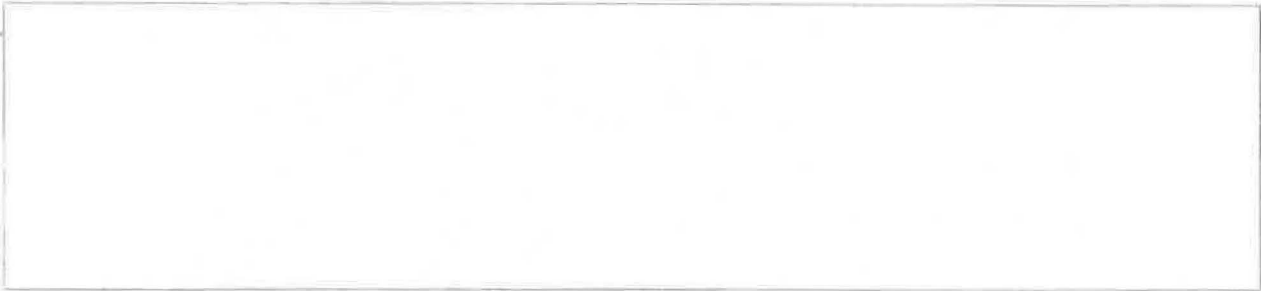
In Benghazi:

- Greg is working with [Redacted]

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On working to locate Ambassador Stevens, the RSO team and militia are still on compound, which is 50 acres – Greg expressed the hope that Ambassador Stevens is in hiding somewhere on the compound. The PO's residence is still on fire.

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I have spoken to A/S Gordon and Liz Dibble is contacting the Charge at The Hague, Ned Nolan, to inform them.

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Jones just spoke with DCM Tripoli Greg Hicks, who advised a Libyan militia (we now know this is the 17<sup>th</sup> Feb brigade, as requested by Emb office) is responding to the attack on the diplomatic mission in Benghazi. The QRF is in the compound, engaging the attackers, taking fire, and working its way through the compound to get to the villa, where Ambassador Stevens is in safe haven for extraction. The ARSO is also there in the compound. Greg spoke with Amb Stevens by phone 20 minutes before my call (which was about ten minutes ago. [redacted])

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[redacted] embassy is sending medical assistance to Benghazi to be on stand-by.

More updates to follow.

-Dan

Rangarajan, Taara A

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 9:42 PM  
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God forbid.

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Yes - I'm very, very worried. In particular, that he is either dead or this was a concerted effort to kidnap him.

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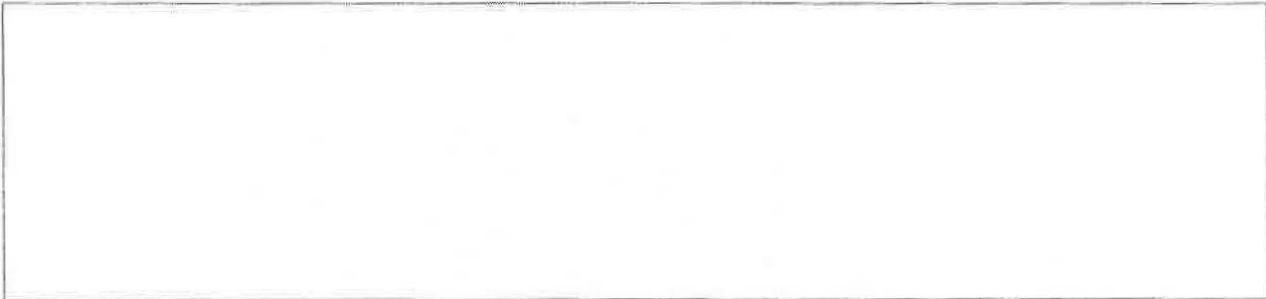
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