

From: (b) (6)
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (USA)
Cc: Epstein, David F SES OSD ODNA (US); (b) (6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Your work
Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 5:20:33 PM
Attachments: (b) (6)

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Jim,

I've attached the two papers I passed on to you before as well as (b) (6)

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Best,

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From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (USA); (b) (6)

Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 7:19 PM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: Epstein, David F SES OSD ODNA (US); (b) (6)

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Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Your work

Thanks (b) (6). Understand all. And congratulations on (b) (6) —although a loss for the (b) (6) and USG.

Trons of previously aforementioned papers?

With respect

Jim

Director
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On May 20, 2019, at 07:48, (b) (6) CIV, (b) (6)

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Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2019 2:35 PM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: Epstein, David F SES OSD ODNA (US); (b) (6)

Subject: Your work

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From: [Ignatius, David](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Mattis and the border Friday,
Date: November 2, 2018 7:49:31 AM

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I'd like to talk more about this. (And to read your essay).

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From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, November 2, 2018 6:21:01 AM
To: Ignatius, David
Subject: Mattis and the border

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

David, I wish we had had a chance to talk before your column this morning.

The bottom line is that the President has issued a lawful order.

We can and do debate internally about whether orders are lawful vs unlawful when deciding to follow or challenge them.

We don't debate about proper or improper motivation in thinking about whether to execute it or not.

Who are we to decide whether a motivation is "proper" or "improper"? It would be the height of unprofessionalism to do so. And I would argue that we can't afford to establish that norm, because it would dramatically undermine civil control of the military. I can imagine very dire situations where it might be worth debating the question of motivation. This situation is not so dire as to bring the principle into question.

The President's order may be unwise. It may be a political stunt. It may be an overreaction. But he has earned the right to make these judgments, after hearing our advice.

And I think it is our political system which has remedies for these kinds of errors. It is to that system from which the remedy sought must come. Not from appealing to a Secretary or a Chairman to stand up and speak out in opposition to something they did not recommend.

I can think of countless examples in every Administration I have served where I felt I had seen orders given out of improper motivation, poor judgment, or to use the troops for "political purposes". So what? My opinion and judgment isn't relevant. It is instead my citizens job to evaluate these things. If I disagreed so strongly, I should resign.

Our job is to argue, advise, and then listen. And if the order is lawful, then execute it diligently and faithfully.

I have thought a bit on this question. I wrote an award winning essay about it when I was in War College.

Thanks for listening.

With respect

Jim

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From: [Ignatius, David](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call? Monday, October
Date: 1, 2018 6:17:26 PM

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Understood. Thanks for talking with me.

From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) [Caution-mailto (b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 6:14 PM
To: Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com>
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call?

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

David, please, as always, our discussions are completely off the record. If any of my observations strike you as worthy of mixing or folding into your own thinking, that is as usual fine.

Great to talk with you. Have a good night.

With respect

Jim

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On Oct 1, 2018, at 3:14 PM, Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com < Caution-mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com > > wrote:

I am working on a column about AI issues for the government on which I'd love to get your take. Also one about where we're heading on Iran, ditto. Any chance you could call this afternoon?

From: [Ignatius, David](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Follow up Monday, July 30,
Date: 2018 9:46:16 AM

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I am so glad you will attend. That will make the whole conference better for everyone. Thanks for the quantum crib sheet. Don't snicker when I make my presentation.

From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) [Caution-mailto: (b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 6:06 AM
To: Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com>
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Follow up

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

David, good morning. I did hear back, and plan to attend. I appreciate your advocacy.

Quantum computing is worth the hype, but not quite yet and not for the most obvious application.

Not quite yet because we still have not built a single logical qubit. Several companies have built a dozen or so imperfect ones, but these are not yet capable of anything remotely useful. They are toys. We don't even know which physical architecture makes for the best approach—there are several competing models. It's unclear how quickly we will make progress towards solving these problems. And once built, it is unclear how to properly encode and decode the results of actually useful computing problems. Oh, and we also aren't exactly sure where the boundary is for classes of problems can be better solved by a quantum computer.

Almost certainly the "end of cryptography" will not be the foremost use case. Governments and engineers are already thinking about post-quantum cryptography. But the ability to simulate quantum phenomenology—assuming we actually can build a workable computer—would allow for unprecedented ability to understand and manipulate matter. New materials and new medicines with properties we can barely imagine today would become designable and producible. It would be as or more revolutionary than the introduction of the classic computer.

But we have a ways to go to that vision.

Or so I think.

See you soon.

With respect

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On Jul 29, 2018, at 10:15 PM, Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com < Caution-mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com > > wrote:

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From: [Ignatius, David](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Follow up Sunday, July 29, 2018
Date: 10:15:55 PM

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From: [Ignatius, David](#)
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call this afternoon?
Date: Monday, July 16, 2018 8:03:28 AM

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I will be trying to make sense of the days events intellectually, and I could use some wisdom. Any chance we could talk at noon or so?

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From: [Ignatius, David](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Question
Date: Monday, April 2, 2018 6:58:51 PM

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Wise and easy to forget. I noted that SecDef created the Gerasimov channel the other day. Glad there are different levels, though at the end of the day there needs to be strategic direction.

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From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 6:50:16 PM
To: Ignatius, David
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Question

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

David, I am sure others will be more thoughtful here, but one idea I see overlooked is in the phrasing of the question.

Aren't there many "US" and only slightly fewer "Russia"s?

The way a head of state speaks to another should be different in some contexts than how senior military leaders speak together, how tactical units deconflict, how intelligence services cooperate and compete.

The way our business leaders and financiers speak to theirs. The way our Fed talks to their central bank. The way our youth engage theirs. The way our media supports their own attempts. How our civil societies interact.

Our countries are not monolithic. Surely our messages can't be, either.

Yes, there is an important alignment role that can and must come from the White House. But we have many other channels to talk with and influence each other, over many different areas.

Perhaps you might explore that complexity a bit, and talk about how we might try to use it to our advantage (just as the Russians will try to use it to their own)

Perhaps too cliché an observation.

With respect

Jim

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On Apr 2, 2018, at 3:23 PM, Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com < Caution-mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com > > wrote:

I am trying to think about whether and how US should talk to Russia. I'd welcome any thoughts.

From: [Ignatius, David](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Can we talk Monday?
Date: Monday, March 26, 2018 5:10:07 AM

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Great. 3.00 or 4.00? I'll be at (b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 25, 2018, at 10:40 PM, Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
(b) (6) <Caution-mailto:(b) (6)> > wrote:

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

David, yes. In the afternoon is best for me.

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On Mar 25, 2018, at 9:09 PM, Ignatius, David
<David.Ignatius@washpost.com <Caution-mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>> wrote:

From: [Ignatius, David](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Can we talk Monday?
Date: Sunday, March 25, 2018 9:09:18 PM

From: [Ignatius, David](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Checking in
Date: Monday, January 8, 2018 5:12:27 PM

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Jim:

Try me again if you have a moment. (b) (6)

David

From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) [Caution-mailto: (b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 5:11 PM
To: Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com>
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Checking in

David, my apologies for the delayed reply. I just tried your cell, no joy. Is this evening possible?

With respect

Jim

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Any chance you might be in for a phone call later today (Monday)? I am at the office, (b) (6) or cell, (b) (6). Let me know what time might work.

David

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Subject: Re: (b) (5) ?
Date: Thursday, December 22, 2016 3:10:14 PM

I do too!

Happy holidays, Jim!

Best, Bob

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: (b) (5) ?

Mr. Secretary --

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With respect

Jim

Director
Office of Net Assessment

(b) (6)

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From: [Work, Robert HON SD](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Cc: [Guenov, Tressa S SES \(US\)](#); [Hedger, Stephen C SES \(US\)](#)
Subject: Re: (b) (5) ?
Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 6:49:02 PM

Jim (b) (5)

Best, Bob

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 14, 2016, at 5:18 PM, Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) (b) (6) > wrote:

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> Mr. Secretary --

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> (b) (5)

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> With respect

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> Jim

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> Director

> Office of Net Assessment

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Talk today or tomorrow?
Date: Monday, March 14, 2016 6:44:12 PM

1000 tomorrow workable?

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 4:44 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Talk today or tomorrow?

Jim:

Hoping to have the call I scratched last week. If you have any time late today or tomorrow am I would be most grateful. (b) (6)

From: [Ignatius, David](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] How America's political decay has fueled Trump's rise from The Washington Post
Date: Thursday, March 10, 2016 8:14:00 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ignatius, David](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] My Christmas present
Date: Friday, December 18, 2015 4:35:29 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.txt](#)

(b) (6) [REDACTED] age 1 day.

From: [Ignatius, David](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Good work
Date: Friday, December 18, 2015 9:48:56 AM

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Jim: I wonder if we would do our call at 4.00 today instead of 3.00. Is that possible for you?
David

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 18, 2015, at 7:10 AM, Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)

(b) (6) <Caution-mailto:(b) (6)> wrote:

Yes sir

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 2:56 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Good work

Tomorrow pm good for me. 3?

From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) (b) (6) <Caution-mailto:(b) (6)>
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 11:15 AM
To: Ignatius, David
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Good work

Tomorrow PM is pretty open.

That said, I have little new to discuss, at least re the middle east. I was just thankful again for you laying out the views so cogently.

Hope all remains well.

With respect

Jim

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 8:30 AM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Good work

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Thanks Jim. You around this week for a phone chat?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 17, 2015, at 7:43 AM, Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)

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mailto:(b) (6)> > > wrote:

Sir, a nice column laying the drivers of our present strategy wrt
ISIS...it's advantages and its risks.

Have a blessed holiday.

With respect

Jim

From: [Ignatius, David](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Subject: Re: In for a phone call this morning?
Date: Thursday, October 8, 2015 8:04:11 PM

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No problem. Glad you are pivoting to Asia. Had a great dinner Tuesday night with new CJCS and vice. Very impressive. Let's talk when you return.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 8, 2015, at 7:46 PM, Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)

<(b) (6)> <Caution-mailto:(b) (6)> > wrote:

David my apologies. I am in Tokyo, hence you time delay. I am sorry to have missed you. I have been OCONU for the past four days.

Heading to Narita shortly, if still relevant.

With respect

Jim

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2015 11:26 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: In for a phone call this morning?

Jim:

Late notice but I'd be grateful for the chance to think out loud with you for five minutes if you can spare time. I am on (b) (6)

From: [Ignatius, David](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Subject: In for a very brief call soon this am?
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2015 9:27:18 AM

I am on (b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ignatius, David](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Cc: [Nick Burns; Jonathon Price](#)
Subject: Mark your calendar
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2015 4:02:28 PM

Jim:

Nick Burns asks me to share with you his invitation to join us next August in Aspen for the Aspen Strategy Group. Details will be coming in some months but I am copying our executive administrator Jonathon Price if you have any questions. I can't think of anyone whose rumination on our topics I'd rather hear. With best wishes

David

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ignatius, David](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Subject: Re: Talk Tuesday?
Date: Monday, September 7, 2015 7:28:36 PM

Shape of my favorite region after Russian moves (to what end diplo or kinetic?), Salman DC visit (with what aim and result), Euro reaching tipping point because of migration crisis (again, to what end?) anytime between 10.30 and 11.30 would work for me.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 7, 2015, at 6:58 PM, Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) (b) (6) > wrote:
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> Should be doable. Any particular topic area?
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> Original Message
> From: Ignatius, David
> Sent: Monday, September 7, 2015 4:41 PM
> To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
> Subject: Talk Tuesday?
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> Any chance we could chat tomorrow morNing before 11? My back to scho primer.
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> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ignatius, David](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Subject: Re: column
Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2015 8:02:27 AM

Jim:

Thanks for the note. Optimism is not a word I associate with Syria, but I do think this is a more coherent approach than we've had. Do you disagree? I'd love to arrange a call, or come visit! Best
David

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 5, 2015, at 7:51 AM, Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) <(b) (6)> wrote:
>
> David -- another good column on Syria this morning, although you will be unsurprised I do not share your sense of even flickers of optimism...
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> A good article by your colleague Karen DeYoung on the NSC also.
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> Hope all remains well with you.
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> With respect
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> Jim
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> Director
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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(USA\)](#)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Your work
Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 7:12:14 PM

My thanks

Director
Office of Net Assessment
Office of the Secretary of Defense
(b) (6)

On May 22, 2019, at 17:20, (b) (6) wrote:

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Jim,

I've attached the two papers I passed on to you before as well as (b) (5)

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Best,

(b) (6)

From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (USA) (b) (6) >
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2019 7:19 PM
To: (b) (6)
Cc: Epstein, David F SES OSD ODNA (US); (b) (6)
(b) (6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Your work

Thanks (b) (6). Understand all. And congratulations on (b) (6) —although a loss for the (b) (6) and USG.

Trons of previously aforementioned papers?

With respect

Jim

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wrote:

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From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (USA)

(b) (6) Caution-mailto:(b) (6) > >

Sent: Sunday, May 19, 2019 2:35 PM

To: (b) (6)

Cc: Epstein, David F SES OSD ODNA (US); (b) (6)

Subject: Your work

Professor—

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Have you written anything else lately?

Thanks again for all the hard work.

With respect

Jim

Director
Office of Net Assessment
Office of the Secretary of Defense

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(USA\)](#)
To: [May, Andrew D SES \(USA\)](#)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Your work
Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 5:37:49 PM
Attachments: (b) (5)

As discussed. I would enjoy hearing your views on (b) (6)

With respect

Jim

Director
Office of Net Assessment
Office of the Secretary of Defense
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "(b) (6)"
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To: "Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (USA)" (b) (6)

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Cc: [Epstein, David F SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#); (b) (6)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Your work
Date: Monday, May 20, 2019 7:19:03 PM

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To: (b) (5)
Cc: [Epstein, David F SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#); (b) (5)
Subject: Your work
Date: Sunday, May 19, 2019 2:35:25 PM

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(b) (6)

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(USA\)](#)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: [Non-DoD Source] Checking in
Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 12:27:23 PM

Call complete

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Ignatius, David" <David.Ignatius@washpost.com>
Date: May 8, 2019 at 10:06:50 EDT
To: "Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (USA)" (b) (6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Checking in

Hoping we can talk at 11 this morning. If another time is better let me know. (b) (6)

(b) (6)

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(USA\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Query
Date: Monday, May 6, 2019 7:40:00 PM

David, I should have some time on Wednesday morning, if you please. What time might be good?

From: Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 3:57 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (USA) (b) (6) >
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Query

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Jim:

As I mentioned, I have been asked to speak to a CyberCom gathering this Friday at Fort McNair about strategic issues involved in the age of “persistent engagement.” If you have a few minutes Tuesday or Wednesday I’d love to pick your brain about how to think about this strategically.

David

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(USA\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] The Washington Post: How Xi overplayed his hand with America
Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 6:36:00 AM

Thanks David. Good to talk with you.

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

From: Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 11:01 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (USA) (b) (6) >
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] The Washington Post: How Xi overplayed his hand with America

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I thought you might like this story from The Washington Post.

How Xi overplayed his hand with America
China's "brain gain" effort was so aggresssive that it backfired.

Caution-https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/how-xi-overplayed-his-hand-with-america/2019/04/16/dc39df54-608b-11e9-bfad-36a7eb36cb60_story.html

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(USA\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Checking in
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 5:05:20 PM

Does anytime in the next hour suit?

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On Apr 15, 2019, at 22:01, Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com> wrote:

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Jim:

Sorry to have missed this. I was with my family. I'd like to talk Tuesday if you're free (or Wednesday, if that's better). Let me know if that's possible and what would be good time.

David

From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (USA) (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 6:33 PM
To: Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com>
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Checking in

David—I just landed from flight. Still useful to talk?

With respect

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Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 11:54 AM
To: Ignatius, David](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__aka.ms_o0ukef-25C2-25A0-253E&d=DwQF-g&c=RAhzPLrCAq19eJdrcQjUVEwFYoMRqGDAXQ_puw5tYjg&r=QndntnPzAwUf7S1u6koXQ9ySaeG5xLV_IrV3h8c6-9A&m=xaVmuDgUK7FUIwPwhRN99lwI9V7V7OKiD7xsXfJyOHc&s=1z4wvAGss_smbB83Hlns34kqJ2tIIPy2eQpLUcmmqyY&e=></p></div><div data-bbox=)

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Checking in

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Mattis and the border
Date: Friday, November 2, 2018 11:58:14 AM

My thanks.

The essay is here: <http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/tr/fulltext/u2/a517944.pdf>

It is a bit denser and not as well written as I remember. Still, I stand by its conclusions, however inartfully rendered.

When would be a good time to talk?

Director
Office of Net Assessment
Office of the Secretary of Defense
(b) (6)

On Nov 2, 2018, at 7:49 AM, Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com> wrote:

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I'd like to talk more about this. (And to read your essay).

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From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, November 2, 2018 6:21:01 AM
To: Ignatius, David
Subject: Mattis and the border

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

David, I wish we had had a chance to talk before your column this morning.

The bottom line is that the President has issued a lawful order.

We can and do debate internally about whether orders are lawful vs unlawful when deciding to follow or challenge them.

We don't debate about proper or improper motivation in thinking about whether to execute it or not.

Who are we to decide whether a motivation is "proper" or "improper"? It would be the height of unprofessionalism to do so. And I would argue that we can't afford to establish that norm, because it would dramatically undermine civil control of the military. I can imagine very dire situations where it might be worth debating the question of motivation. This situation is not so dire as to bring the principle into question.

The President's order may be unwise. It may be a political stunt. It may be an overreaction. But he has earned the right to make these judgments, after hearing our advice.

And I think it is our political system which has remedies for these kinds of errors. It is to that system from which the remedy sought must come. Not from appealing to a Secretary or a Chairman to stand up and speak out in opposition to something they did not recommend.

I can think of countless examples in every Administration I have served where I felt I had seen orders given out of improper motivation, poor judgment, or to use the troops for "political purposes". So what? My opinion and judgment isn't relevant. It is instead my citizens job to evaluate these things. If I disagreed so strongly, I should resign.

Our job is to argue, advise, and then listen. And if the order is lawful, then execute it diligently and faithfully.

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Thanks for listening.

With respect

Jim

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Office of the Secretary of Defense

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [David Ignatius](#)
Subject: Mattis and the border
Date: Friday, November 2, 2018 6:21:02 AM

David, I wish we had had a chance to talk before your column this morning.

The bottom line is that the President has issued a lawful order.

We can and do debate internally about whether orders are lawful vs unlawful when deciding to follow or challenge them.

We don't debate about proper or improper motivation in thinking about whether to execute it or not.

Who are we to decide whether a motivation is "proper" or "improper"? It would be the height of unprofessionalism to do so. And I would argue that we can't afford to establish that norm, because it would dramatically undermine civil control of the military. I can imagine very dire situations where it might be worth debating the question of motivation. This situation is not so dire as to bring the principle into question.

The President's order may be unwise. It may be a political stunt. It may be an overreaction. But he has earned the right to make these judgments, after hearing our advice.

And I think it is our political system which has remedies for these kinds of errors. It is to that system from which the remedy sought must come. Not from appealing to a Secretary or a Chairman to stand up and speak out in opposition to something they did not recommend.

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call?
Date: Monday, October 1, 2018 6:14:10 PM

David, please, as always, our discussions are completely off the record. If any of my observations strike you as worthy of mixing or folding into your own thinking, that is as usual fine.

Great to talk with you. Have a good night.

With respect

Jim

Director
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On Oct 1, 2018, at 3:14 PM, Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com> wrote:

I am working on a column about AI issues for the government on which I'd love to get your take. Also one about where we're heading on Iran, ditto. Any chance you could call this afternoon?

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Tweet by David Ignatius on Twitter
Date: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 6:26:32 AM

Sir, my thanks.

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On Aug 7, 2018, at 11:36 PM, Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com> wrote:

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**David Ignatius (@IgnatiusPost < Caution-
<https://twitter.com/ignatiuspost?s=11> >)**

8/7/18, 11:25 PM < Caution-

<https://twitter.com/ignatiuspost/status/1027033093985775616?s=11> >

The Chinese threat that an aircraft carrier can't stop

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Download < Caution-https://twitter.com/download?ref_src=MailTweet-iOS > the
Twitter app

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [David Ignatius](#)
Subject: RD report
Date: Monday, August 6, 2018 11:44:25 AM

David, as discussed.

<https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/2018/nsb20181/report/sections/research-and-development-u-s-trends-and-international-comparisons/recent-trends-in-federal-support-for-u-s-r-d> < Caution-
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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Meeting?
Date: Sunday, August 5, 2018 6:13:40 PM

Of course. I will see you there.

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On Aug 5, 2018, at 3:29 PM, Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com> wrote:

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Jim :

My fault. I had to rush back to take care of something. Can we talk this evening. Perhaps sit together at dinner? Very sorry about this afternoon.
David

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From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, August 5, 2018 3:27:58 PM
To: Ignatius, David
Subject: Meeting?

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

David, I thought we were to talk after. I have not seen you lingering.

Apologies if I mistook your intent.

With respect

Jim

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Follow up
Date: Monday, July 30, 2018 6:05:50 AM

David, good morning. I did hear back, and plan to attend. I appreciate your advocacy.

Quantum computing is worth the hype, but not quite yet and not for the most obvious application.

Not quite yet because we still have not built a single logical qubit. Several companies have built a dozen or so imperfect ones, but these are not yet capable of anything remotely useful. They are toys. We don't even know which physical architecture makes for the best approach—there are several competing models. It's unclear how quickly we will make progress towards solving these problems. And once built, it is unclear how to properly encode and decode the results of actually useful computing problems. Oh, and we also aren't exactly sure where the boundary is for classes of problems can be better solved by a quantum computer.

Almost certainly the “end of cryptography” will not be the foremost use case. Governments and engineers are already thinking about post-quantum cryptography. But the ability to simulate quantum phenomenology—assuming we actually can build a workable computer—would allow for unprecedented ability to understand and manipulate matter. New materials and new medicines with properties we can barely imagine today would become designable and producible. It would be as or more revolutionary than the introduction of the classic computer.

But we have a ways to go to that vision.

Or so I think.

See you soon.

With respect

Jim

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On Jul 29, 2018, at 10:15 PM, Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com> wrote:

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I am hoping that you heard back from Nick Burns re ASG but fearing not. If not, we will definitely be the worse for missing your insights. They have asked me to speak briefly on quantum computing. What do you think is worth saying, in the continuum between intellectual interest and hype?

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call this afternoon
Date: Monday, June 25, 2018 2:31:00 PM

David, 1700 works. A good number for you at that time?

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

From: Ignatius, David [<mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 9:41 AM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) **(b) (6)**
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call this afternoon

Eager to get your thoughts on several matters. Say 4 or 5?
David

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: RE: Any chance you could talk briefly?
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 2:27:00 PM

ok

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

From: Ignatius, David [<mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 2:27 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) (b) (6) >
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Any chance you could talk briefly?

Had to do a quick TV hit and away from desk. Any chance same number at 3:00?

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

From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 2:23 PM
To: Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com>
Subject: RE: Any chance you could talk briefly?

No joy at that number. Pls advise a good time.

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

From: Ignatius, David [<mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 11:09 AM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) (b) (6)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Any chance you could talk briefly?

I am writing today and trying to make sense of something that I suspect you've already figured out. I'm on (b) (6)

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Question
Date: Monday, April 2, 2018 6:50:18 PM

David, I am sure others will be more thoughtful here, but one idea I see overlooked is in the phrasing of the question.

Aren't there many "US" and only slightly fewer "Russia"s?

The way a head of state speaks to another should be different in some contexts than how senior military leaders speak together, how tactical units deconflict, how intelligence services cooperate and compete.

The way our business leaders and financiers speak to theirs. The way our Fed talks to their central bank. The way our youth engage theirs. The way our media supports their own attempts. How our civil societies interact.

Our countries are not monolithic. Surely our messages can't be, either.

Yes, there is an important alignment role that can and must come from the White House. But we have many other channels to talk with and influence each other, over many different areas.

Perhaps you might explore that complexity a bit, and talk about how we might try to use it to our advantage (just as the Russians will try to use it to their own)

Perhaps too cliché an observation.

With respect

Jim

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On Apr 2, 2018, at 3:23 PM, Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com> wrote:

I am trying to think about whether and how US should talk to Russia. I'd welcome any thoughts.

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Can we talk Monday?
Date: Sunday, March 25, 2018 10:40:35 PM

David, yes. In the afternoon is best for me.

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On Mar 25, 2018, at 9:09 PM, Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com> wrote:

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Checking in
Date: Monday, January 8, 2018 5:11:07 PM

David, my apologies for the delayed reply. I just tried your cell, no joy. Is this evening possible?

With respect

Jim

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From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2018 9:58 AM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Checking in

Jim:

Any chance you might be in for a phone call later today (Monday)? I am at the office, (b) (6) or cell, (b) (6) Let me know what time might work.

David

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Quick question
Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 9:15:00 PM

Will send a suggested time soon

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From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 8:23 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Quick question

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No problem. I know how busy you are. Looking forward to a chance to talk in person when you have time.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 5, 2017, at 8:00 PM, Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
(b) (6) <Caution-mailto:(b) (6)> > wrote:

David, I am so sorry. I saw this last night and intended to call. Today was jammed and between classified sessions I ran out of time.

With apologies

Jim

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From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 11:00 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Quick question

Jim: I have small but interesting point I want to check with you If you have two minutes Tuesday morning. (b) (6)
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Quick question
Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 8:00:31 PM

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With apologies

Jim

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From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 11:00 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Quick question

Jim: I have small but interesting point I want to check with you If you have two minutes Tuesday morning. (b) (6).
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: RE: Follow up
Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2017 8:13:00 AM

Back to you shortly. Deadline?

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

From: Ignatius, David [<mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 4:44 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) **(b) (6)** >
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Follow up

Jim:

Two things:

--I am good for dinner on Wednesday 6 Dec. Would you be my guest at the Metropolitan Club at 17th and H? I promise a tasty dinner and a quiet place to talk.

--I am writing a column that refers to the two very interesting "China rising" reports. I've tried to reach Pointe Bello for comment but no luck, and I don't find any public mention of OCEA. Is it accurate to describe them as reports commissioned by the Air Force? Is it possible to cite OCEA and if so, how should I describe it?

Many thanks and see you next week.

David

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call to this week?
Date: Friday, November 17, 2017 7:31:51 AM

I will call you then.

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From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 7:24 AM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call to this week?

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After 2.00 would work. Say 3.00?

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 17, 2017, at 6:49 AM, Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)

(b) (6) <Caution-mailto:(b) (6)> > wrote:

David, my apologies.

I have time today before 0930 and after 1400, if it is still useful for us to talk.

With respect

Jim

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From: Ignatius, David

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 10:30 AM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call to this week?

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Yes.

From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) [Caution-Caution-mailto:(b) (6) <Caution-mailto:(b) (6) >]

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 7:46 AM

To: Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com < Caution-mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com > >

Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call to this week?

David, thank you for the note. I am arriving via red eye—mid to late morning workable?

With respect

Jim

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From: Ignatius, David

Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 8:03 PM

To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call to this week?

I'd love to compare notes on several subjects. How does tomorrow morning look for you?

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call to this week?
Date: Friday, November 17, 2017 6:49:14 AM

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With respect

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To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call to this week?
Date: Thursday, November 16, 2017 7:45:51 AM

David, thank you for the note. I am arriving via red eye--mid to late morning workable?

With respect

Jim

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From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 8:03 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call to this week?

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [White, Dana W SES OSD \(US\)](#)
Subject: Ignatius
Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017 8:22:42 AM

Dana, I spoke briefly with David this morning (b) (7)

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With respect

Jim

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call Thurs am?
Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017 4:53:03 AM

David, I think that is doable. Is between 8 and 8:30 doable?

With respect

Jim

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Original Message

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 7:32 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call Thurs am?

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Fw: [Non-DoD Source] Any chance of talking this afternoon?
Date: Monday, September 18, 2017 6:54:23 PM

Call complete. (b) (5)

Sitrep today?

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From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 12:26 PM
To: Ignatius, David
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Any chance of talking this afternoon?

Wilco

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From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 9:41 AM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Any chance of talking this afternoon?

I will be on a train from 4 to 7 but can step out and take a call. (b) (6). Many thanks.

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Any chance of talking this afternoon?
Date: Monday, September 18, 2017 3:26:20 PM

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Follow up
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017 6:50:10 PM

My thanks

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Original Message

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 6:47 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Follow up

Thanks for getting back to me, Jim. I put something together. Let me know if you think I'm off base. Talk next week, I hope. All the best

David

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Query
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017 6:38:50 PM

David I tried you perhaps an hour ago.

A difficult day. I sometimes cannot check email routinely.

If still useful, you can reach me this evening or advise on a good time? If not, next time!

With respect

Jim

Director
Office of Net Assessment

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From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 10:48 AM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Query

Jim:

I'm trying to think my way through JCPOA issues today. Any thoughts most welcome. I am on (b) (6).

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: Query
Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 5:26:37 PM

No joy at the number below. I am calling from (b) (6)

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Original Message

From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 4:57 PM
To: Ignatius, David
Subject: RE: Query

Will call when enroute home. No tease needed.

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

From: Ignatius, David [<mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 2:25 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) <(b) (6)>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Query

Jim:

Any chance we could chat this afternoon? I'm on cell, (b) (6) Full Aspen debrief offered as tease.

David

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
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David

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [David Ignatius](#)
Subject: follow-up
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 4:31:00 PM

David -- as discussed;

https://www.amazon.com/City-Fortune-Venice-Ruled-Seas/dp/0812980220/ref=sr_1_4?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1501187165&sr=1-4&keywords=venice

"City of Fortune traces the full arc of the Venetian imperial saga, from the ill-fated Fourth Crusade, which culminates in the sacking of Constantinople in 1204, to the Ottoman-Venetian War of 1499-1503, which sees the Ottoman Turks supplant the Venetians as the preeminent naval power in the Mediterranean. In between are three centuries of Venetian maritime dominance, during which a tiny city of "lagoon dwellers" grow into the richest place on earth. Drawing on firsthand accounts of pitched sea battles, skillful negotiations, and diplomatic maneuvers, Crowley paints a vivid picture of this avaricious, enterprising people and the bountiful lands that came under their dominion."

Well worth the read.

This also caught my eye:

<http://www.pewglobal.org/2017/06/26/u-s-image-suffers-as-publics-around-world-question-trumps-leadership/>

With respect

Jim

Director, Office of Net Assessment
Office of the Secretary of Defense

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] You in for a call?
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 1:48:14 PM

Thank you David. I will call in perhaps an hour?

Director

Office of Net Assessment

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From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 1:15 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] You in for a call?

I'm on (b) (6) or (b) (6).

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call this afternoon?
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 9:05:09 AM

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Director
Office of Net Assessment

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From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 12:09 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call this afternoon?

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Yes of course. Have a wonderful holiday.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2017, at 12:15 AM, Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)

(b) (6) <Caution-mailto:(b) (6)> wrote:

Good morning David.

I am in Greece, on leave. My apologies. May I call on return, if still useful?

With respect

Jim

Director
Office of Net Assessment

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From: Ignatius, David

Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 11:25 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call this afternoon?

Jim:

I wanted to share some thoughts I had coming out of a trip last week to Syria with Brett McGurk. I'm on (b) (6) until 6:00 or so.

David

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call this afternoon?
Date: Thursday, July 6, 2017 12:15:03 AM

Good morning David.

I am in Greece, on leave. My apologies. May I call on return, if still useful?

With respect

Jim

Director
Office of Net Assessment

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To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Call
Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017 10:22:00 AM

David -- good to talk.

A few places to look

<http://www.thespacereview.com/article/2473/1...> For current events. The author, Brian Weeden, is a good source for unclassified wisdom here.

Also slides 15, 18-19 at

https://swfound.org/media/205485/bw_congested_contested_apr2016.pdf

And...

<https://www.ft.com/content/637bf054-8e34-11e5-8be4-3506bf20cc2b>

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-usa-satellite-idUSTRE79R4O320111028>

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

From: Ignatius, David [<mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 9:06 AM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Call

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Going this time is still okay. (b) (6)

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2017, at 6:27 PM, Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) (b) (6) <[<mailto:\(b\) \(6\)>](mailto:(b) (6))> wrote:

Sir, tonight is bad. Early tomorrow? 0900?

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: David.Ignatius@washpost.com
Subject: Call
Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 6:27:12 PM

Sir, tonight is bad. Early tomorrow? 0900?

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: (b) (5)
Subject: FW: In for a call Thursday am?
Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 5:12:00 PM

(b) (5)

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

From: Ignatius, David [<mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 4:57 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call Thursday am?

I am trying to get my mind around space warfare after talking this week to Gen Goldfein. Any chance we could talk for five mins this afternoon and tomorrow morning so I can get the right issue set here.
David

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call this week?
Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 6:37:50 AM

Sir--between 7 and 8 works, if I can get checked into my flight. I will ring you.

With respect

Jim

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 10:46 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call this week?

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Early Tuesday would work for me. Between 7 and 8 DC Time or after 9.30. But maybe it's easier to try for Wednesday. Let me know.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 30, 2017, at 8:59 PM, Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)

<(b) (6)> <Caution-mailto:(b) (6)> > wrote:

Sir, my apologies. I have time now, or early tomorrow. Enroute on a morning flight overseas, but available at odd hours. Pls advise on druthers.

With respect

Jim

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 1:07 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call this week?

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call Thursday am?
Date: Thursday, December 15, 2016 6:18:34 AM

Sir--before 0900 ok?

Original Message

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 10:43 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call Thursday am?

I'd welcome a quick chat tomorrow morning if you have ten minutes. Nothing too extreme. just some questions I'm trying to sort through. I'll be at (b) (6) or on cell, (b) (6).

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: RE: Quick call?
Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 7:45:00 AM

0830?

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

From: Ignatius, David [<mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2016 5:38 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Quick call?

Jim:

Do you have a moment for a quick call tonight before you leave or, failing that, a bit of time tomorrow morning. I am struggling with a question in which I suspect you would be wise. I'm on (b) (6)

David

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: RE: In for a call Monday?
Date: Monday, October 3, 2016 8:04:00 AM

1300?

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

From: Ignatius, David [<mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>]
Sent: Sunday, October 02, 2016 10:12 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call Monday?

I'm trying to figure out what to recommend for Syria--stand down, stand in, stand still. I'm reachable Monday on

(b) (6) .

David

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: RE: Query
Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 7:48:00 AM

David, I apologize. A bit of trouble last night with email.

I have time about 0930 or so this morning, if that works for you.

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

From: Ignatius, David [<mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2016 3:53 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Query

Are you in for a phone call Weds afternoon or Thursday morning? I am writing a column about how to think about cyber deterrence. Let me know what time might be possible.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Talk Tuesday?
Date: Tuesday, July 19, 2016 7:53:46 AM

David, I am at West Point for the Net Assessment Summer Study. So my day is helpfully less structured than usual.

What would be a good time to talk?

Original Message

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2016 9:27 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Talk Tuesday?

Jim:

I'm trying to get my head around some recent developments and would be very grateful for a chance to chat Tuesday am, if you are in town and have a few moments. My cell is (b) (6) [REDACTED]
David

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: RE: In for a call?
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 4:08:00 PM
Attachments: ISEC a 00238.pdf

David –

The two email addresses for a discussion of Mahanian philosophy and autonomy

(b) (6) (Jerry Hendrix)
(b) (6) (Bob Martinage)

They are aware that you may be reaching out, but not why.

And the paper I mentioned also attached.

I am glad for your increased interest in Asia. Important. Thank you as always for the conversation.

With respect

Jim

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

From: Ignatius, David [<mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 10:52 AM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call?

Jim:

Bunch of things I'd love to run by you if you have a few minutes today. I'm on (b) (6) or (b) (6)

David

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: RE: In for a call?
Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 11:33:00 AM

1330?

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

From: Ignatius, David [<mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2016 10:52 AM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call?

Jim:

Bunch of things I'd love to run by you if you have a few minutes today. I'm on (b) (6) or (b) (6)

David

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Talk today or tomorrow?
Date: Monday, March 14, 2016 6:44:12 PM

1000 tomorrow workable?

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 4:44 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Talk today or tomorrow?

Jim:

Hoping to have the call I scratched last week. If you have any time late today or tomorrow am I would be most grateful. (b) (6)

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] How America's political decay has fueled Trump's rise from The Washington Post
Date: Friday, March 11, 2016 12:18:23 AM

A nice piece and useful diagnosis.

Now--onto trying to solve whatever part of it I can!

Original Message

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 8:14 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] How America's political decay has fueled Trump's rise from The Washington Post

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: RE: In for a quick talk this am?
Date: Thursday, March 10, 2016 2:44:00 PM

Okay!

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

From: Ignatius, David [<mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 12:49 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: In for a quick talk this am?

Jim:

I went ahead and filed my "political decay" column. So rather than grab your time on what is doubtless a busy day, maybe I can take a rain check and call you next week about new issues.
David

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

From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) [[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)](#)]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 10:58 AM
To: Ignatius, David
Subject: RE: In for a quick talk this am?

I can talk at about 1305?

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

From: Ignatius, David [<mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 7:24 AM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] In for a quick talk this am?

Jim:

I spent yesterday reading Prof. F's "Political order and Political Decay." Trying to think how to get my mind around it. Grateful for any OTR thoughts. I'm on [\(b\) \(6\)](#)
David

Sent from my iPhone

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David

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: RE: Today's session
Date: Thursday, March 10, 2016 10:10:00 AM

David, I appreciate this note.

I am still new to being "at the table", and so am grateful for feedback about what I did well and where I did not do as well.

I quite agree with your latter point, and it is worthy of continued attention and discussion.

Thanks again for your continued insights, both public and private.

With respect

Jim

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

From: Ignatius, David [<mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2016 3:41 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Today's session

That was superb. Very helpful for everyone around the table. So many topics to explore. One in particular I'd love to discuss with you is my scribbled question of how to maintain stability when we have more competent adversaries, political trouble at home and an increased risk tolerance. (The last item I think is especially interesting.) In any event, well done and thanks.

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call?
Date: Monday, February 22, 2016 9:56:59 PM

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From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 5:47 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call?

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Can we chat tomorrow am?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 18, 2016, at 7:22 PM, Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)

(b) (6) <Caution-mailto:(b) (6)> > wrote:

Yes sjr

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 4:55 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call?

Thanks for getting back to me, Jim. I am just about to leave the office for today.
Perhaps we could talk Monday?

From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) [Caution-mailto:(b) (6) <Caution-mailto:(b) (6)>]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 4:37 PM
To: Ignatius, David
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call?

David my apologies. I was incommunicado.

Enroute now back from Tampa. Can call you in a few hours if that would still be useful.

Again, unusual for me to be so long off the net.

With respect

Jim

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 12:01 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call?

Jim:

Had a fascinating breakfast this am with Work and Selva. If you have a few mins this afternoon I'd be grateful for a call. (b) (6)

David

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Mark your calendar
Date: Friday, February 19, 2016 4:48:29 PM

Thanks (b) (6)

Original Message

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 8:17 AM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: RE: Mark your calendar

Sir,

Done -- more to follow soonest.

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

From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2016 6:24 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Fw: Mark your calendar
Importance: High

Pls reach out to Jonathon Price? Invitation still open? Dates viable for me?

Thanks

Original Message

From: Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 4:02 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Cc: Nick Burns; Jonathon Price
Subject: Mark your calendar

Jim:

Nick Burns asks me to share with you his invitation to join us next August in Aspen for the Aspen Strategy Group. Details will be coming in some months but I am copying our executive administrator Jonathon Price if you have any questions. I can't think of anyone whose opinion on our topics I'd rather hear. With best wishes David
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To: [Mears, Zachary SES SD](#)
Subject: FW: In for a call?
Date: Friday, February 19, 2016 7:08:00 AM

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Will follow up with him Monday

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To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] In for a call?
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2016 4:37:15 PM

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Mears, Zachary SES SD](#)
Subject: Ignatius
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 10:07:00 AM

Zach — as a reminder only, I have a long history with David and talk with him regularly.

(b) (5)



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If I can be helpful before or after the discussion, please let me know.

With respect

Jim

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Good work
Date: Friday, December 18, 2015 4:04:47 PM

No joy on either number.

Original Message

From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2015 10:48 AM
To: Ignatius, David
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Good work

Yes sir

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

From: Ignatius, David [<mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>]
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2015 9:49 AM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Good work

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Jim: I wonder if we would do our call at 4.00 today instead of 3.00. Is that possible for you?
David

Sent from my iPhone

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Caution-[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)](#) [REDACTED] >> wrote:

Yes sir

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 2:56 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Good work

Tomorrow pm good for me. 3?

From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) (b) (6) [REDACTED] <

Caution-[mailto:\(b\) \(5\)](#) >>
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 11:15 AM
To: Ignatius, David
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Good work

Tomorrow PM is pretty open.

That said, I have little new to discuss, at least rel the middle east. I was just thankful again for you laying out the views so cogently.

Hope all remains well.

With respect

Jim

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 8:30 AM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Good work

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Thanks Jim. You around this week for a phone chat?

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Caution-[mailto:\(b\) \(5\)](#) > < Caution-Caution-[mailto:\(b\) \(5\)](#) <
Caution-[mailto:\(b\) \(5\)](#) > > wrote:

Sir, a nice column laying the drivers of our present strategy wrt ISIS...it's advantages and its risks.

Have a blessed holiday.

With respect

Jim

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To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Good work
Date: Friday, December 18, 2015 10:48:00 AM

Yes sir

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

From: Ignatius, David [<mailto:David.Ignatius@washpost.com>]
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2015 9:49 AM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Good work

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Jim: I wonder if we would do our call at 4.00 today instead of 3.00. Is that possible for you?
David

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 18, 2015, at 7:10 AM, Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) (b) (6) <[REDACTED]>
Caution-[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)](#) <[REDACTED]> > > wrote:

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Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 2:56 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
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Subject: Good work
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2015 7:43:22 AM

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Jim

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: In for a phone call this morning?
Date: Thursday, October 8, 2015 7:45:43 PM

David my apologies. I am in Tokyo, hence you time delay. I am sorry to have missed you. I have been OCONU for the past four days.

Heading to Narita shortly, if still relevant.

With respect

Jim

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2015 11:26 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: In for a phone call this morning?

Jim:

Late notice but I'd be grateful for the chance to think out loud with you for five minutes if you can spare time. I am on (b) (6) .

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: Talk this afternoon?
Date: Monday, September 28, 2015 1:43:30 PM

OK. Will call.

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 12:06 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: Talk this afternoon?

Jim:

I would be grateful if you could spare ten minutes this afternoon to talk about one of our favorite topics, Russia Redux. I'm trying to think my way through what's worrisome and what isn't in recent developments. I will be on cell, (b) (6).

David

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: The Pope and soft power
Date: Friday, September 25, 2015 6:29:34 AM

A great column, sir. Thoughtful, timely, thematic.

Thanks for the view.

With respect

Jim

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Fw: In for a very brief call soon this am?
Date: Friday, September 18, 2015 9:29:05 PM

Original Message

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2015 9:28 PM
To: Ignatius, David
Subject: Re: In for a very brief call soon this am?

Yes sjr

Original Message

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2015 8:47 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: Re: In for a very brief call soon this am?

Thanks for your note, Jim. Perhaps we could talk Monday morning. I'm trying to make sense of an issue and would be grateful for a chance to chat.

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> From: Ignatius, David
> Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 9:27 AM
> To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
> Subject: In for a very brief call soon this am?
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> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: In for a very brief call soon this am?
Date: Friday, September 18, 2015 9:28:50 PM

Yes sjr

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To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: In for a very brief call soon this am?
Date: Friday, September 18, 2015 6:12:18 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Cc: [Nick Burns; Jonathon Price](#); (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Mark your calendar
Date: Friday, September 11, 2015 7:59:12 AM

Sir--my thanks and I look forward to the discussions.

With respect

Jim

Original Message

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 3:02 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Cc: Nick Burns; Jonathon Price
Subject: Mark your calendar

Jim:

Nick Burns asks me to share with you his invitation to join us next August in Aspen for the Aspen Strategy Group. Details will be coming in some months but I am copying our executive administrator Jonathon Price if you have any questions. I can't think of anyone whose rumination on our topics I'd rather hear. With best wishes

David

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: Talk Tuesday?
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2015 6:53:52 AM

David, I think I can go a bit after 1130? Is that workable?

With respect

Jim

Original Message

From: Ignatius, David
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2015 7:28 PM
To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
Subject: Re: Talk Tuesday?

Shape of my favorite region after Russian moves (to what end diplo or kinetic?), Salman DC visit (with what aim and result), Euro reaching tipping point because of migration crisis (again, to what end?) anytime between 10.30 and 11.30 would work for me.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 7, 2015, at 6:58 PM, Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) [\(b\) \(5\)](#) wrote:
>
> Should be doable. Any particular topic area?
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> Original Message
> From: Ignatius, David
> Sent: Monday, September 7, 2015 4:41 PM
> To: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US)
> Subject: Talk Tuesday?
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>
> Any chance we could chat tomorrow morning before 11? My back to school primer.
>
> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Re: Talk Tuesday?
Date: Monday, September 7, 2015 6:57:59 PM

Should be doable. Any particular topic area?

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [David Ignatius](#)
Subject: column
Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2015 7:51:00 AM

David -- another good column on Syria this morning, although you will be unsurprised I do not share your sense of even flickers of optimism...

A good article by your colleague Karen DeYoung on the NSC also.

Hope all remains well with you.

With respect

Jim

Director
Office of Net Assessment

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From: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
To: [Ignatius, David](#)
Subject: Dinner w/ David Ignatius and Jim Baker

From: [Ignatius, David](#)
To: [Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA \(US\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: follow-up
Date: Thursday, July 27, 2017 6:08:40 PM

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Thanks for these, Jim. I'll dig up a copy of my Venetian-themed novel, too.

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

From: Baker, James H SES OSD ODNA (US) [Caution-[mailto:\(b\) \(6\)](#)]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Ignatius, David <David.Ignatius@washpost.com>
Subject: follow-up

David -- as discussed;

Caution-https://www.amazon.com/City-Fortune-Venice-Ruled-Seas/dp/0812980220/ref=sr_1_4?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1501187165&sr=1-4&keywords=venice

"City of Fortune traces the full arc of the Venetian imperial saga, from the ill-fated Fourth Crusade, which culminates in the sacking of Constantinople in 1204, to the Ottoman-Venetian War of 1499-1503, which sees the Ottoman Turks supplant the Venetians as the preeminent naval power in the Mediterranean. In between are three centuries of Venetian maritime dominance, during which a tiny city of "lagoon dwellers" grow into the richest place on earth. Drawing on firsthand accounts of pitched sea battles, skillful negotiations, and diplomatic maneuvers, Crowley paints a vivid picture of this avaricious, enterprising people and the bountiful lands that came under their dominion."

Well worth the read.

This also caught my eye:

Caution-<http://www.pewglobal.org/2017/06/26/u-s-image-suffers-as-publics-around-world-question-trumps-leadership/>

With respect

Jim

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