

Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

From: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 4:58 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: FW: Boal/Bergen
Signed By: douglas.weinstein@osd.mil

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Bob,

FYSA from the WH.

Doug

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

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 4:14 PM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Subject:

You should be hearing from Mark Boal, screenwriter for the UBL movie being directed by Katherine Bigallo, to request time with Dr Vickers for an interview/backgrounder. I'm getting a copy of the request from our WH press, and am not exactly sure how it was conveyed to us.

Peter Bergen is also interested in contacting your office for the book he's writing on UBL.

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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 10:27 AM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Cc: Marrs, James R BrigGen OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI; Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie
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Thanks Doug.
R/Bob

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

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From: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 10:12 AM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Cc: Marrs, James R BrigGen OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
Subject: RE: Bin Laden Movie

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USD(I) will meet with Mark Boal at 1245-1330. Thanks.

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Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Doug, Need 30-45 minures Thursday as per the Boss.
I will be back in the office Thursday morning. Please let me know what is available so I can coordinate. Will be on BB.
R/Bob

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----- Original Message -----
From: mark(b)(6) [mailto:mark(b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:13 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; 'mark(b)(6)' <'mark(b)(6)'
Cc: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI

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Bob,
Thank you. Thursday is good for me, I'm in D.C, and available at your convenience.
Mark

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To: 'mark(b)(6)'
Cc: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Cc: Weinstein, Douglas EMr OSD OUSDI
Cc: Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
Subject: Bin Laden Movie
Sent: Jun 6, 2011 10:06 PM

Mark, Hello, I am Dr Vickers Public Affairs Officer. He will be in on Thursday if you are still going to be in town. If not we could look at doing something the next time you are in DC. He has agreed to meet with you, but you just caught him at a time when he has travel scheduled.

Resp,
Bob

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

From: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 04:57 AM
To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Cc: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin laden movie

They've already talked to DD/CIA Morell.

Happy to meet with them.

Sent from my wireless handheld

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From: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 11:30 PM
To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Cc: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Fw: Bin laden movie

What do you all think? These guys are the Oscar winning team behind the Hurt Locker.

Geoff Morrell
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
Pentagon Press Secretary
703-614-2935 (O)
571-309-4978 (C)

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From: mark(b)(6) [mailto:mark(b)(6)]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 11:27 PM
To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Subject: Bin laden movie

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Hi Geoff,

Regarding our upcoming film about the hunt for OBL -- which Kathryn Bigelow is directing and I am writing and producing, as our follow-up to The Hurt Locker -- am thinking that it would be wise for me to touch base with Under Secretary Mike Vickers.... Naturally, I understand the sensitivities, and more than anything, am simply hoping for an opportunity to briefly tell him about the project's scope....

Please let me know if you would you be up for facilitating an introduction. I'll be in D.C. for at least a few more days.

Thanks,
Mark Boal

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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 5:29 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

Correct. Senior Pentagon official.

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 05:25 PM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Subject: RE: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

Doug, Is this the article he is referring to?? Or is it a different Yemen article?

New York Times
June 9, 2011

U.S. Is Intensifying A Secret Campaign Of Yemen Airstrikes

By Mark Mazzetti

WASHINGTON – The Obama administration has intensified the American covert war in Yemen, exploiting a growing power vacuum in the country to strike at militant suspects with armed drones and fighter jets, according to American officials.

The acceleration of the American campaign in recent weeks comes amid a violent conflict in Yemen that has left the government in Sana, a United States ally, struggling to cling to power. Yemeni troops that had been battling militants linked to Al Qaeda in the south have been pulled back to the capital, and American officials see the strikes as one of the few options to keep the militants from consolidating power.

On Friday, American jets killed Abu Ali al-Harithi, a midlevel Qaeda operative, and several other militant suspects in a strike in southern Yemen. According to witnesses, four civilians were also killed in the airstrike. Weeks earlier, drone aircraft fired missiles aimed at Anwar al-Awlaki, the radical American-born cleric who the United States government has tried to kill for more than a year. Mr. Awlaki survived.

The recent operations come after a nearly year-long pause in American airstrikes, which were halted amid concerns that poor intelligence had led to bungled missions and civilian deaths that were undercutting the goals of the secret campaign.

Officials in Washington said that the American and Saudi spy services had been receiving more information – from electronic eavesdropping and informants – about the possible locations of militants. But, they added, the outbreak of the wider conflict in Yemen created a new risk: that one faction might feed information to the Americans that could trigger air strikes against a rival group.

A senior Pentagon official, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said on Wednesday that using force against militants in Yemen was further complicated by the fact that Qaeda operatives have mingled with other rebels and antigovernment militants, making it harder for the United States to attack without the appearance of picking sides.

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The American campaign in Yemen is led by the Pentagon's Joint Special Operations Command, and is closely coordinated with the Central Intelligence Agency. Teams of American military and intelligence operatives have a command post in Sana, the Yemeni capital, to track intelligence about militants in Yemen and plot future strikes.

Concerned that support for the campaign could wane if the government of Yemen's authoritarian president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, were to fall, the United States ambassador in Yemen has met recently with leaders of the opposition, partly to make the case for continuing American operations. Officials in Washington said that opposition leaders have told the ambassador, Gerald M. Feierstein, that operations against Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula should continue regardless of who wins the power struggle in Sana.

The extent of America's war in Yemen has been among the Obama administration's most closely guarded secrets, as officials worried that news of unilateral American operations could undermine Mr. Saleh's tenuous grip on power. Mr. Saleh authorized American missions in Yemen in 2009, but placed limits on their scope and has said publicly that all military operations had been conducted by his own troops.

Mr. Saleh fled the country last week to seek medical treatment in Saudi Arabia after rebel shelling of the presidential compound, and more government troops have been brought back to Sana to bolster the government's defense.

"We've seen the regime move its assets away from counterterrorism and toward its own survival," said Christopher Boucek, a Yemen expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "But as things get more and more chaotic in Yemen, the space for the Americans to operate in gets bigger," he said.

But Mr. Boucek and others warned of a backlash from the American airstrikes, which over the past two years have killed civilians and Yemeni government officials. The benefits of killing one or two Qaeda-linked militants, he said, could be entirely eroded if airstrikes kill civilians and lead dozens of others to jihad.

Edmund J. Hull, ambassador to Yemen from 2001 to 2004 and the author of "High-Value Target: Countering Al Qaeda in Yemen," called airstrikes a "necessary tool" but said that the United States had to "avoid collateral casualties or we will turn the tribes against us."

Al Qaeda's affiliate in Yemen is believed by the C.I.A. to pose the greatest immediate threat to the United States, more so than even Qaeda's senior leadership believed to be hiding in Pakistan. The Yemen group has been linked to the attempt to blow up a transatlantic jetliner on Christmas Day 2009 and last year's plot to blow up cargo planes with bombs hidden inside printer cartridges.

Mr. Harithi, the militant killed on Friday, was an important operational figure in Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula and was believed to be one of those responsible for the group's ascendance in recent years. According to people in Yemen close to the militant group, Mr. Harithi travelled to Iraq in 2003 and fought alongside Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the Jordanian operative who led the Qaeda affiliate in Iraq until he was killed in an American strike in 2006. Mr. Harithi returned to Yemen in 2004, those close to the militants said, where he was captured, tried and imprisoned in 2006 but released three years later.

Even as senior administration officials worked behind the scenes with Saudi Arabia for a transitional government to take power in Yemen, a State Department spokesman on Wednesday

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called on the embattled government in Sana to remain focused on dealing with the rebellion and Qaeda militants.

"With Saleh's departure for Saudi Arabia, where he continues to receive medical treatment, this isn't a time for inaction," said the spokesman, Mark Toner. "There is a government that remains in place there, and they need to seize the moment and move forward."

Muhammad al-Ahmadi contributed reporting from Sana, Yemen, and Eric Schmitt and Scott Shane from Washington.

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Bob,

Boss asked about information related to yesterday's NYT article on Yemen. Reference defense official remarks. Do you have any insights?

Doug

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To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Cc: Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
Subject: RE: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie
Signed By: douglas.weinstein@osd.mil

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Bob,

Best days are Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 June. Thanks.

Doug

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From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2011 8:37 AM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Cc: Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
Subject: FW: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

Doug, Just FYI, we will likely end up needing a 60 minute slot the last week of June. Will keep you posted. R, Bob

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To: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

Doug, I spoke to Michael Morell (DD/CIA) on Friday. At the direction of Director Panetta, CIA is cooperating fully (not, obviously, giving away anything they shouldn't, but answering questions, such as "How did you feel at that point?"). Morell was also asked to offer his assessment of the Director's participation in the operation. Several CIA staff have talked with Mark. For the intelligence case, they are basically using the WH-approved talking points we used the night of the operation. I spoke with ADM Olson and (b)(3):U.S.C. on Friday about DoD participation. They are thinking it over. They would like to shape the story to prevent any gross inaccuracies, but do not want to make it look like the commanders think it's okay to talk to the media. They may want to offer up an O-6 SEAL, who played a key planning role and knows the operators and story well. Would appreciate any guidance on how we should proceed, if at all, i.e., will SD meet with them after he retires? CJCS? Mark would like to talk to me, and perhaps others, the last week of June when he comes back to DC

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to talk to CIA. I obviously do not want to be out of step with the few other seniors who were involved in the operation. Thanks, Mike

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From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 8:45 AM
To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI; Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

+ Geoff. So far, from how Mark has described the project, we are providing initial assistance to him in connecting with you and others. He has not asked, nor have we volunteered, talking to SD, CJCS or (b)(3):U.S.C. at this point. I would be very interested to learn your findings from DD/CIA. In addition, WH is compiling list of similar requests to get a handle on quantity and quality to make assessments. All that said, Boal is a quality guy and has checked in with us re all his appt requests.

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From: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 8:22 PM
To: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

Doug,

Is the DoD going to cooperate with Mark in his research for the film? Will SD, CJCS, (b)(3):U.S.C. talk to him? CIA has already met with Mark on their part. I will find out from DD/CIA how forthcoming they were.

Thanks, Mike

Sent from my wireless handheld

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

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Bob,

The 27 June-1 July period works better for me. Should have an answer on whether JSOC will provide a rep by then as well.

MV

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From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 02:34 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
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Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Thanks, Bob. Ok to set up the second session with Vickers. I am getting additional guidance from WH

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From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 12:19 PM
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Sir, From Mark Boal. Have you heard anything from leadership yet about how we want to proceed? I believe this is still in the research phase, but need to be clear on the approach we are taking before we schedule.

Vr/Bob

CDR Bob Mehal
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-----Original Message-----

From: M B [mailto:mark (b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 12:07 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Bob:

Good afternoon. Following up on the meeting with Dr Vickers, my take away is that we'd try to find some time to sit down again before the summer holidays. My dates when I'll next be in D.C. are:

20-21 June

27 June - 1 July.

Please let me know if any of those fit in Dr Vickers schedule.

Additionally, wanted to let you know that we anticipate making formal request for DOD support in early July. We are also talking to WH.

Thanks again for setting all this up.

Best,

Mark

On Jun 9, 2011, at 8:02 AM, Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA wrote:

- > Mark, Great! I can start breathing again... I was worried we were going to lose the spot.
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- > I will be waiting at the Pentagon's Visitor's Center (Metro Entrance), please allow a few minutes for security screening.
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- > We will meet with Dr Vickers at 1215 and he has a hard 1300 stop.
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- > See you then.

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> Resp,
> Bob
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> Commander Bob Mehal
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Mark Boal [mailto:mark@(b)(6)]
> Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 10:56 AM
> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
> Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie
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> Yes I can be there at noon
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Jun 9, 2011, at 9:59 AM, "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil> wrote:
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>> Mark, Please let me know if you can be here by 1200; trying to hold the spot.
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>> Mark, Is there any chance we can move up the meeting to 1200 or 1215? Dr Vickers is back today and his schedule is really full. He is willing to use his lunch to meet.
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>> Resp,
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>> From: mark(b)(6) [mailto:mark(b)(6)]

>> Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 5:57 PM

>> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

>> Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

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>> Roger

>> Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil>

>> Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2011 16:23:27

>> To: 'mark(b)(6)' <mark(b)(6)>

>> Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

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>> Mark, Meet at the visitors' center at the Metro entance at 1230 pm Thursday. We have a 1245 with Dr Vickers.

>> Let me know if you have any questions.

>> Bob

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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

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>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: mark(b)(6) [mailto:mark(b)(6)]

>> Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:13 PM

>> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; 'mark(b)(6)'

>> <'mark(b)(6)'

>> Cc: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI;

>> Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI

>> Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

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>> Bob,

>> Thank you. Thursday is good for me, I'm in D.C, and available at your convenience.

>> Mark

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>> Subject: Bin Laden Movie

>> Sent: Jun 6, 2011 10:06 PM

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>> Mark, Hello, I am Dr Vickers Public Affairs Officer. He will be in on Thursday if you are still going to be in town. If not we could look at doing something the next time you are in DC. He has agreed to meet with you, but you just caught him at a time when he has travel scheduled.

>> Resp,

>> Bob

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>> Cc: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 4:25 PM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Cc: Gentile, Philip D COL OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
Subject: Scheduling items

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Doug, Here is the list of items that we need to try and schedule;

1. Mark Boal (UBL Movie) - will be in town (from LA) the week of 27 Jun-1 Jul (will need 30-45 minutes)(can do it over lunch if the Boss agrees).
2. Elisabeth Bumiller (NYTs) - USD(I) Profile article - 45-60 minutes (she'll be back from traveling with Panetta on 13 July)
3. OSS Award Video, taping session - Need to have done by end of July. 1 hour block of time - likely will only use about 30 minutes (Room 1E782).
4. Michael Bronner (CT Book) - 30-45 minutes the last week of July.
5. David Martin (CBS News) 20 minutes (works in the building can do on short notice)
6. Jim Miklaszewski (NBC News) 20 minutes (works in the building can do on short notice)
7. Barb Starr (CNN) TBD
8. Kim Dozier (AP) TBD

Will provide detailed info on each as we schedule them.

Resp,
Bob

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

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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 4:14 PM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

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(b)(5)

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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 4:58 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: FW: Boal/Bergen
Signed By: douglas.weinstein@osd.mil

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Bob,

FYSA from the WH.

Doug

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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 3:40 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Schedule

Bob,

I will check with Todd about the (b)(5) when they return from the Hill at 1700. No news yet.

Doug

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 03:38 PM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Subject: Schedule

Doug, I called but missed you. Checking to see what you may have come up with tomorrow. Mark Boal indicated he would make himself available tomorrow afternoon - if the Boss's schedule opens up.

Bob

Commander Bob Mehal
Public Affairs Officer
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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 9:53 AM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Cc: Gentile, Philip D COL OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
Subject: FW: Vickers Scheduling this week

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Doug, I swear Dr Vickers has a 6th sense. He asked me about the meeting with Mark Boal when I spoke to him Tues after the staff mtg. Is there any chance you could find about 45 minutes on his schedule on the 15th? I know he is TDY the week of 18-22 Jul.

R,
Bob

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1400 Defense Pentagon (Rm 2D961)
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-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Boal [mailto:mark(b)(6)]
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 5:32 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Vickers Scheduling this week

Bob,
Good afternoon.

During our previous attempt to schedule a meeting, you'd asked when I'd be back in town. I now have an answer: July 15- July 22.

Please let me know if anything in that span works for Dr. Vickers. Apart from scheduled meetings on the afternoon of 15 July, I am open to anytime.

Last, Kathryn Bigelow, who directed Hurt Locker and is directing this film, will also be in D.C. in that timeframe.
I wonder if you agree that it would be advisable for her to join the meeting?

As always, Bob, Thanks very much for your work on this. Looking forward to talkin and seeing you soon.

Best,

Mark

Sent from my iPhone

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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 2:23 PM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Subject: RE: Vickers request WSJ profile
Signed By: robert.mehal@osd.mil

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Doug, Checking. Also Mark Boal confirmed Fri, 15 Jul at 1700.

Thanks.
Bob

Commander Bob Mehal
Public Affairs Officer
Defense Press Operations
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-----Original Message-----

From: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 2:07 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: RE: Vickers request WSJ profile

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Bob,

Recommend we look at 1745-1800 on Thursday 14 July.

Doug

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 3:04 PM
To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Cc: Ferguson, Thomas A CIV, OSD OUSDI; Gentile, Philip D COL OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Subject: FW: Vickers request WSJ profile

Sir, Turnaround is fair play when it comes to profiles. Recommend we try to find 15 minutes late next week for you to speak with Siobhan on the phone in support of DepDir Morell. This is icw with a WSJ profile on him - I confirmed with George Little they are participating. Below is a glimpse of what she is interested in discussing. Sorry to disturb you on leave, but thought you might want to think about some anecdotes.
Vr/Bob

CDR Bob Mehal

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OASD(PA)
703-697-4162

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

From: Gorman, Siobhan [<mailto:Siobhan.Gorman@wsj.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 2:47 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: RE: Vickers request

Bob,

Thanks very much. If it's possible to chat by phone at the end of next week, that would be ideal because it's a little hard to do profile-type questions in written form.

But if he's not able to squeeze in a 10-minute conversation between trips, I'm mainly looking for his take on experiences working with Mr. Morell. I'm most interested in anecdotes that reflect how Mr. Morell thinks, manages, operates, etc. Any examples Mr. Vickers has of times when Mr. Morell has contributed a unique perspective or expertise in decision making or other types of meetings would also be of great interest, as would examples of how Mr. Morell has worked with the military, perhaps an example from the bin Laden raid planning, or even better, some other recent experience that is less well known.

Does that give you a feel for what I am looking for?

Thanks,
Siobhan

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Siobhan Gorman
Intelligence Correspondent
The Wall Street Journal.
(202) 862-9234 (w) | (202) 374-9781 (c)

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA [<mailto:Robert.Mehal@osd.mil>]
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 1:54 PM
To: Gorman, Siobhan
Subject: RE: Vickers request

Siobhan, I am sure he would be happy to do it, but he is currently out of the office on leave until next Thursday. He is back for two days and then on travel the following week. If you have some basic questions you could email me I might be able to get them to him and provide some written responses (not ideal I know), or we could try and do something next week (possibly on the phone). His schedule is always a major problem. What is does your deadline look like?

Resp,
Bob
Commander Bob Mehal
Public Affairs Officer
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From: Gorman, Siobhan [<mailto:Siobhan.Gorman@wsj.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 1:07 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Vickers request

Cdr. Mehal,

I am working on a profile of Mike Morell, and I was told Mr. Vickers would be a very good person to speak with about Mr. Morell.

Do you think Mr. Vickers would he have 15 minutes sometime in the next few days to talk about his experiences with Mr. Morell?

Thank you,
Siobhan

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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: Mark Boal [mark (b)(6)]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 5:52 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Cc: Sarah Zukowski; Benner, Thomas K CIV, OSD OUSDI; (b) (3) (b) (6) Redding, Gregory Mr OSD PA; Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Subject: Re: Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow 7/15 Meeting at Pentagon
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Pulling up now

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 15, 2011, at 9:45 AM, "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil> wrote:

> Sarah, Car and passengers are cleared for the meeting this afternoon at 1800 (see below). I will meet them on the steps at the River Entrance.

> Tom, As discussed, could you please provide some short driving directions to be passed to Mr Virk - they will be coming from the agency to the River Entrance.

> R, Bob

> -----Original Message-----

> From: (b)(6)
> Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 6:37 PM
> To: Redding, Gregory Mr OSD PA
> Subject: RE: Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow 7/15 Meeting at Pentagon

> Gregory,

> Our Chief of Parking, (b)(6) took care of it. Here is his message:

> Mr. Boal and Ms. Bigelow have been cleared to be dropped off on 7-15-11 at River Entrance to meet with the Undersecretary.

> Their driver - Mr. Virk - has also been cleared to remain with the vehicle (b)(6)
(b)(6) He can park and remain with the vehicle in the River Triangle area, spaces 163 - 172.

> RM
> (b)(6)

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Sarah Zukowski [<mailto:szukowski@gloverparkgroup.com>]
> Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 2:04 PM
> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

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> Cc: Redding, Gregory Mr OSD PA
> Subject: RE: Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow 7/15 Meeting at Pentagon
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> Great, thank you so much, Commander. The driver is (b)(6) and he will be bringing Mark Boal and Kathryn Ann Bigelow on Friday.

> Car info:

> (b)(6)

> (b)(6)

> Do you need any other details such as DOB, SSN, etc for them? Also, are there any specific directions as to where they should go to enter the complex/building? They will be coming from the Agency in Langley if that makes a difference.

> Thanks again,

> Sarah

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA [<mailto:Robert.Mehal@osd.mil>]
> Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 1:41 PM
> To: Sarah Zukowski
> Cc: Redding, Gregory Mr OSD PA
> Subject: RE: Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow 7/15 Meeting at Pentagon

> Sarah, Please pass along the Car info: Year, Make and Model, and State and Plate number.

> Names of visitors and driver and we should be able to clear them at the River Entrance.

> Hit reply to all and I will ensure Mr Redding takes care of it.

> Commander Bob Mehal

> Public Affairs Officer

> Defense Press Operations

> 1400 Defense Pentagon (Rm 2D961)

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> -----Original Message-----
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> Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 10:25 AM
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> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
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> Subject: Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow 7/15 Meeting at Pentagon
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> Hi Robert,
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> I'm coordinating arrangements for Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow's meetings this Friday,
> July 15th at the Agency and the Pentagon and Mark said you are the person he has been in
> touch with regarding his meetings at the latter.
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> Given your correspondence with Mark, are you the appropriate person to give their security
> clearance information to? I also have the information for the car and driver that will be
> bringing them to the Pentagon and assume I need to provide that as well. Please let me know
> who I should send these details to at your earliest convenience.
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> Thanks in advance, Robert, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.
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> All the best,
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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

Subject: Interview w. Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow
Location: 3E834

Start: Fri 7/15/2011 6:00 PM
End: Fri 7/15/2011 7:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Required Attendees: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

7/8/11 DEW

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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

Subject: Interview w. Mark Boal
Location: 38E834
Start: Thu 6/9/2011 12:15 PM
End: Thu 6/9/2011 1:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Meeting organizer
Organizer: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
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6/7/11 DEW
POC: CDR Bob Mehal, 697-4162

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Subject: Re: Bin laden movie

Mr Morrell, Do you have contact info? Or if not, I can just use his e-mail to see if we can schedule something for Thursday or a later date...

Vr/Bob

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

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If he's still in DC, happy to meet on Thurs. If not, can provide dates when I'll be in the Pentagon this summer.

Sent from my wireless handheld

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From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 06:59 AM
To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
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Sir, Only issue will be timing. When are you back - before you head to NC?

Vr/Bob

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Cc: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
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Mark
Bob Mehal will assist you with this.
Best, Geoff

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Gregory, James LTC OSD PA

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 11:27 AM
To: Rigler, Tara CIV OSD PA
Cc: Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Robbins, Elizabeth L LTC OSD PA;
James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA; Turner, James Mr OSD PA; Strub,
Philip Mr OSD PA; Lapan, David COL OSD PA
Subject: Bin Laden Movie

Tara, Please add this to the events calendar:

INTERVIEW: Dr Michael Vickers, USD(I), background discussion with Mark Boal, Writer/Producer of the upcoming Bin Laden Movie. 1245-1330, Thursday 9 Jun, 3E834.

Note: He has already spoken with DepDir CIA Morrell.

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Gregory, James LTC OSD PA

From: mark@
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 11:01 AM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Yes, I can make 12:00
I missed your email until now
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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

From: "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil>
Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 09:59:52
To: 'mark' <[\(b\)\(6\)](mailto:mark(b)(6))>
Subject: RE: Bin Laden Movie

Mark, Please let me know if you can be here by 1200; trying to hold the spot.

Vr/Bob

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

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 8:42 AM
To: 'mar'
Subject: RE: Bin Laden Movie

Mark, Is there any chance we can move up the meeting to 1200 or 1215? Dr Vickers is back today and his schedule is really full. He is willing to use his lunch to meet.

Please let me know soonest.

Resp,
Bob

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Roger

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Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2011 16:23:27
To: 'mark(b)(6)' <mark(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

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Bob

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Mike, many thanks. Copying John Kirby, top comms advisor to CJCS, on this. I think this looks very good as a way forward, and agree particularly that we need to be careful here so we don't open the media floodgates on this. I'm going to check with WH to update them on status, and will report back. Geoff or you will be in best position to find out if SD will talk to Boal after he retires, although I understand he liked "The Hurt Locker". At this point, suggest you keep plans to meet with Boal when he returns, and I'll provide any additional context I get from WH. Thanks--Doug

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Mark Boal, Writer/Producer of "Hurt Locker", is working on a Sony Pictures Movie portrayal of the hunt for UBL.

The meeting lasted 45 minutes and Mark spent most of the time laying out his way ahead.

**They were just about to begin filming a movie focusing on the Battle of Tora Bora (2001) when 1 May changed everything.

- TIMELINE:

-- Next two months will be spent on research/background to reconstruct as much as possible

-- Start Shooting in Fall of 2011

-- Release date set for 4th Qtr 2012 (Sep-Dec)

-- Boal indicated:

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

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

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

-- He plans to return in late June, early July for some more in depth meetings (USDI indicated he would be willing to meet with him, but could not say at this point how much he would be able to discuss)

-- To Date:

-- To date has spoken with CIA pers to include DD Mike Morrell. (indicated he was going back tomorrow and would be returning the end of Jun)

-- Has not yet spoken to WH

-- Has not yet requested formal DoD support (realizes that will require a script for review)

USDI:

-- Recommended looking at it from 3 main components CIA, DoD, WH.

-- There was a 60-80% of certainty based on the Intell

-- Was a "Gutsy Decision" by the POTUS (WH involvement was critical)

-- Involved developing options, evolving and refining plans, rehearsing OP, and finally execution of OP

-- Asked if Boal had asked to speak with WH, SECDEF, CJCS, VCJCS, or (b)(6) (b) (3)

-- Response was not yet, but certainly something he would be looking at doing - possibly when he returns to DC late Jun/early Jul.

POST Meeting:

-- I suggested he reach out to the WH to get a sense of their position/support for the project.

-- Also, recommended at the very least an informal request to OSD PA in regard to DoD participation in the research phase

** (prior to a formal request for DoD support).

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> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
> Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

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Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 9:05 AM
To: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA; Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Cc: (b)(3):U.S.C. 403g James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA
Subject: RE: Mark Boal - UBL film
Signed By: douglas.wilson@osd.mil

(b)(5)

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

From: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 9:04 AM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Cc: (b)(3):U.S.C. 403g James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA
Subject: RE: Mark Boal - UBL film

Bob,

Stop by the front office today and let's lock in a time.

Best,

JM

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Copy all Sir. VR, Bob

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Cc: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA; (b)(3):U.S.C. 403g James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA

Subject: RE: Mark Boal - UBL film

Sir, We are looking at a 29 or 30 June follow-up meeting between Dr Vickers and Mark Boals. Vr/Bob

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

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Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 7:50 AM
To: (b)(6) (b)(3):U.S.C. 403g Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Cc: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA; 'Rhodes, Benjamin J.'
Subject: Mark Boal - UBL film

Mark Boal will be here briefly next week (at times I can't do a meeting), but is back again June 27-July 1. June 30 and July 1 are likely to be crazy with farewell to SD Gates and beginning of SD-designate Panetta tenure on July 1. But if we can find a time for George and me to bring (b)(5) (and whomever else you will include in that meeting) between June 27 and 29, that would be great. I'd like to bring Bob Mehal of our Pentagon press office, who is POC on intelligence matters, with us. Copying COL Jeremy Martin of my office who is my gatekeeper and who can help lock this on the schedule. If we can come up with a date and time soon, I'll coordinate with Boal.

Many thanks,

Doug

Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

From: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 2:36 PM
To: Nye, Edward T COL JISSOCOM HQ; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; (b)(3):U.S.C. 403g
Subject: FW: bin Laden movie

Gentlemen, FYI

Best,

Phil

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Department of Defense
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Washington, DC 20301-1400
P (703) 695-2936
F (703) 692-5294

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

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Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 8:52 AM
To: 'M B'
Cc: (b)(6) Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; Farnsworth, Sarah S Ms OSD PA; Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: bin Laden movie

Hi Mark,

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Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 7:13 PM

To: StruB, Philip Mr OSD PA

Cc: (b)(6) Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA

Subject: bin Laden movie

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Gregory, James LTC OSD PA

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To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: RE: bin Laden movie

Will do.

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From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 4:10 PM
To: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: bin Laden movie

Please let me know how it goes.

Vr/Bob

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>> From: "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil>

>> Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2011 16:23:27

>> To: 'mark(b)(6)' <mark(b)(6)>

>> Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

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>> Mark, Meet at the visitors' center at the Metro entance at 1230 pm Thursday. We have a 1245 with Dr Vickers.

>> Let me know if you have any questions.

>> Bob

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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

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>> From: mark(b)(6) [mailto:mark(b)(6)]

>> Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:13 PM

>> To: Mehال, Robert S CDR OSD PA; 'mark(b)(6)'

>> <'mark(b)(6)'

>> Cc: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI;

>> Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI

>> Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

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>> Mark

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>> Subject: Bin Laden Movie

>> Sent: Jun 6, 2011 10:06 PM

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>> Subject: Re: Bin laden movie

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>> Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 11:30 PM
>> To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
>> Cc: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
>> Subject: Fw: Bin laden movie
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Gregory, James LTC OSD PA

From: Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 10:07 AM
To: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Hope there's no fallout with Sarah that you shared this with me, showing Doug's Ps that it should be you, not me, to meet with MB.
Sent from my BB device.
Vicente.ogilvie@osd.mil

----- Original Message -----
From: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 09:12 AM
To: Farnsworth, Sarah S Ms OSD PA
Cc: Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: Bin Laden Movie

Thanks, Sarah. I've heard nothing from Mark as yet. Will keep you informed if/when I do.

Best,

Phil

-----Original Message-----
From: Farnsworth, Sarah S Ms OSD PA
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 6:27 AM
To: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
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Fyi

----- Original Message -----
From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2011 06:25 AM
To: Farnsworth, Sarah S Ms OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Lapan, David COL OSD PA
Cc: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA
Subject: RE: Bin Laden Movie

Phil should definitely meet with Mark and get his own sense of the film. We have been supportive to date, as has Director Panetta, but I will be interested in Phil's views on this one in particular. Thanks--Doug (PS -- It should be Phil that meets with Mark)

-----Original Message-----
From: Farnsworth, Sarah S Ms OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 2:59 PM
To: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Lapan, David COL OSD PA
Cc: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA
Subject: FW: Bin Laden Movie

Hi Doug - this can wait but Vince/Phil forwarded your note to me regarding guidance from the WH as they were just contacted by Mark Boal so were looking for some guidance as how to proceed.

Appreciate the guidance - Sarah

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

From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 02:34 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Cc: Ferguson, Thomas A CIV, OSD OUSDI; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Lapan, David COL OSD PA; James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Robbins, Elizabeth LTC OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI; (b)(3):U.S.C. 403g

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(b)(6) Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA; Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA

Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Thanks, Bob. Ok to set up the second session with Vickers. I am getting additional guidance from WH

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Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 12:19 PM
To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Cc: Ferguson, Thomas A CIV, OSD OUSDI; Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Lapan, David COL OSD PA; James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Robbins, Elizabeth LTC OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI;

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(b)(6) Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA; Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA

Subject: FW: Bin Laden Movie

Sir, From Mark Boal. Have you heard anything from leadership yet about how we want to proceed? I believe this is still in the research phase, but need to be clear on the approach we are taking before we schedule.

Vr/Bob

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

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To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Bob:

Good afternoon. Following up on the meeting with Dr Vickers, my take away is that we'd try to find some time to sit down again before the summer holidays. My dates when I'll next be in D.C. are:
20-21 June
27 June - 1 July.

Please let me know if any of those fit in Dr Vickers schedule.
Additionally, wanted to let you know that we anticipate making formal request for DOD support in early July. We are also talking to WH.
Thanks again for setting all this up.
Best,
Mark

On Jun 9, 2011, at 8:02 AM, Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA wrote:

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> We will meet with Dr Vickers at 1215 and he has a hard 1300 stop.
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> See you then.
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> Resp,
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Subject: RE: Mark Boal conversation

Sounds good. Do you want to set a time?

Phil

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Phil - Bob, thanks for the info.

(b) (5)

Nye

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Phil, That is completely consistent with what I provided after his discussion with Dr Vickers.

Vr/Bob

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FYI,

I got a call yesterday from Mark Boal. He explained what had already been in the trade press, that he'd been working on a Tora Bora script when the Bin Laden operation took place, and now they've switched to that story. He mentioned the interviews here and at CIA, and hoped I would be in on these (at least at DoD) in the future. He said he expects to complete the script this summer, and was still wondering about potential filming locations. He intends to ask for DoD production assistance, TBD. The picture is expected to have a 4th quarter 2012 release. They are financing independently with Sony doing the distribution. He agreed to keep me up to date with his research efforts. Of course at some point he hopes to interview SEALs, and whether SOCOM/ would be amenable to this kind of research remains to be seen.

Best,

Phil

Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

From: Woog, Carl R Mr OSD PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 5:34 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA
Cc: James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA
Subject: RE: WH meeting with Mark Boal
Signed By: carl.woog@osd.mil

Bob,

We've got the green light to proceed with this at the schedule best for Vickers and us. The White House does want to engage with Mark but it probably won't be for a few more weeks. We should provide them a read-out of the session you do with Vickers.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Carl

 Carl Woog
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To: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA
Cc: James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Woog, Carl R Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: WH meeting with Mark Boal

Thanks sir. I am meeting with Dr Vickers at 0745 tomorrow and was hoping to have an answer when it comes up - i.e., his meeting with Boal, again.

If pressed I will tell him we will put it on the schedule tentatively and react to whatever happens with the WH mtg.

Vr/Bob

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From: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 12:54 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

Cc: James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Woog, Carl R Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: WH meeting with Mark Boal

Hey Bob,

(b)(5)

Will follow up with you soonest.

JM

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From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 12:47 PM
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holder on Dr Vickers' calendar.

Need to try to put a place

Vr/Bob

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From: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 4:58 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: FW: Boal/Bergen
Signed By: douglas.weinstein@osd.mil

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Bob,

FYSA from the WH.

Doug

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From: (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 4:14 PM
To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Subject:

You should be hearing from Mark Boal, screenwriter for the UBL movie being directed by Katherine Bigallo, to request time with Dr Vickers for an interview/backgrounder. I'm getting a copy of the request from our WH press, and am not exactly sure how it was conveyed to us.

Peter Bergen is also interested in contacting your office for the book he's writing on UBL.

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Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

From: Mark Boal [mark (b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 7:14 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Vickers Scheduling this week

310 773 1869
Am free:
9:30- 10:30, or anytime after 1400

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 28, 2011, at 6:46 PM, "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil> wrote:

> Mark, What number and give me a time window.
> Bob

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> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Mark Boal [mailto:mark (b)(6)]
> Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 06:32 PM
> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
> Subject: Re: Vickers Scheduling this week

> Hey, I understand.
> I'll let u know as my schedule firms up, and thanks for trying.

> Btw , if you get a chance to talk for a few minutes tomorrow, that would be great. would like to give a quick progress report

> Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 28, 2011, at 5:24 PM, "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil> wrote:

>> Mark, Bad news from the schedulers. Dr Vickers mtg that we were hoping would be cancelled tomorrow afternoon is going to happen. So, at this point there is not a 30 minute window between now and Friday night - I don't know how he does it.

>> Are you planning to come back to town anytime soon?

>> Resp,
>> Bob

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>> From: mark (b)(6) [mailto:mark (b)(6)]
>> Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 6:29 PM
>> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

>> Subject: Re: Vickers Scheduling this week

>> Yes, I am available Wednesday

>> Thank you for navigating this thru

>> Mark

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

>> To: mb User

>> Subject: Vickers Scheduling this week

>> Sent: Jun 27, 2011 6:05 PM

>> Mark, We are trying to shift around Dr Vickers schedule to try and find a window for you to speak with him. I will know better tomorrow, but if we can, would you be available Wed afternoon?

>> Resp,

>> Bob

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From: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:55 AM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: RE: UBL Movie

Thanks! At least I'd hear some of what's been discussed.

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From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:51 AM
To: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Cc: Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: UBL Movie

Good to know. I will push to include you. Vr/Bob

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Thanks, Bob, I should be here.

Best,

Phil

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Cc: Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA
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Vr/Bob

Bin Laden: The Movie

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Cc: Gentile, Philip D COL OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
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To: Lapan, David COL OSD PA; Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA
Cc: James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA; Turner, James Mr OSD PA; Parker, Tamara LTC OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Robbins, Elizabeth L LTC OSD PA
Subject: FW: UBL Movie

Col Lapan, FYI/SA. Boal and Bigelow are scheduled to meet with DepCIA on the 15th and I am trying to get them on Dr Vickers schedule - will work to include Phil in that meeting as well.

Col Martin, Please feel free to forward to Mr Wilson at your discretion - he has personally been involved with this project.

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Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 11:12:07
To: 'mark (b)(6)' <mark (b)(6)>
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-----Original Message-----

From: mark (b)(6) [mailto:mark (b)(6)]
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:51 AM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Vickers Scheduling this week

Would 1pm work
- or 5pm?

We have a Langley meeting with acting DCIA at 3pm.

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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

From: "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil>
Date: Fri, 8 Jul 2011 10:17:21
To: 'Mark Boal' <mark (b)(6)>
Subject: RE: Vickers Scheduling this week

Mark, The only day the Boss might be available is Friday 15th, but I think his schedule may only be open in the afternoon. What time are your meetings on Friday?

He is out of the office the entire next week, so this may be the only opportunity for a while. Also, don't see an issue with including Kathryn in the meeting.

Let me know soonest, because once folks find out he is going to be here on Friday his schedule will fill up quickly.

Resp,
Bob

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From: Mark Boal [mailto:mark(b)(6)]
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 5:32 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Vickers Scheduling this week

Bob,
Good afternoon.

During our previous attempt to schedule a meeting, you'd asked when I'd be back in town. I now have an answer: July 15- July 22.

Please let me know if anything in that span works for Dr. Vickers. Apart from scheduled meetings on the afternoon of 15 July, I am open to anytime.

Last, Kathryn Bigelow, who directed Hurt Locker and is directing this film, will also be in D.C. in that timeframe. I wonder if you agree that it would be advisable for her to join the meeting?

As always, Bob, Thanks very much for your work on this. Looking forward to talkin and seeing you soon.

Best,

Mark

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 28, 2011, at 2:24 PM, "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil> wrote:

> Mark, Bad news from the schedulers. Dr Vickers mtg that we were hoping would be cancelled tomorrow afternoon is going to happen. So, at this point there is not a 30 minute window between now and Friday night - I don't know how he does it.

> Are you planning to come back to town anytime soon?

> Resp,

> Bob

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: mark(b)(6) [mailto:mark(b)(6)]
> Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 6:29 PM
> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

> Subject: Re: Vickers Scheduling this week

> Yes, I am available Wednesday

> Thank you for navigating this thru

> Mark

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

> To: mb User

> Subject: Vickers Scheduling this week

> Sent: Jun 27, 2011 6:05 PM

> Mark, We are trying to shift around Dr Vickers schedule to try and find a window for you to speak with him. I will know better tomorrow, but if we can, would you be available Wed afternoon?

> Resp,

> Bob

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Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

From: mark (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 3:09 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Cc: 'Sarah Zukowski'
Subject: Re: Meeting with Dr Vickers 15 July

No problem at all

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
To: mb User
Cc: 'Sarah Zukowski'
Subject: Meeting with Dr Vickers 15 July
Sent: Jul 13, 2011 11:37 AM

Mark, Is there any possibility of sliding our meeting Friday to a 6 p.m. start time? I know that is late, but the Boss has just been called out of the building for a 5:00-5:30 mtg over in DC. He could be back in the building for a 6 p.m. meeting, but wanted to see what your availability would be before we propose it to him.

My problem is he out of the office all next week on travel.

Resp,
Bob

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Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

From: Mark Boal [mark (b)(6)]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 5:52 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Cc: Sarah Zukowski; Benner, Thomas K CIV, OSD OUSDI; (b)(6) Redding, Gregory Mr OSD PA; Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Subject: Re: Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow 7/15 Meeting at Pentagon

Pulling up now

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 15, 2011, at 9:45 AM, "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil> wrote:

> Sarah, Car and passengers are cleared for the meeting this afternoon at 1800 (see below). I will meet them on the steps at the River Entrance.

> Tom, As discussed, could you please provide some short driving directions to be passed to Mr Virk - they will be coming from the agency to the River Entrance.

> R, Bob

> -----Original Message-----

> From: (b)(6)
> Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 6:37 PM
> To: Redding, Gregory Mr OSD PA
> Subject: RE: Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow 7/15 Meeting at Pentagon

> Gregory,

> Our Chief of Parking, (b)(6) took care of it. Here is his message:

> Mr. Boal and Ms. Bigelow have been cleared to be dropped off on 7-15-11 at River Entrance to meet with the Undersecretary.

> Their driver - Mr. Virk - has also been cleared to remain with the vehicle (b)(6) He can park and remain with the vehicle in the River Triangle area, spaces 163 - 172.

> (b)(6)

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Sarah Zukowski [mailto:szukowski@gloverparkgroup.com]
> Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 2:04 PM
> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
> Cc: Redding, Gregory Mr OSD PA
> Subject: RE: Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow 7/15 Meeting at Pentagon

> Great, thank you so much, Commander. The driver is (b)(6) and he will be bringing Mark Boal and Kathryn Ann Bigelow on Friday.

> Car info:

> (b)(6)

> Do you need any other details such as DOB, SSN, etc for them? Also, are there any specific directions as to where they should go to enter the complex/building? They will be coming from the Agency in Langley if that makes a difference.

> Thanks again,

> Sarah

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA [<mailto:Robert.Mehal@osd.mil>]

> Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 1:41 PM

> To: Sarah Zukowski

> Cc: Redding, Gregory Mr OSD PA

> Subject: RE: Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow 7/15 Meeting at Pentagon

> Sarah, Please pass along the Car info: Year, Make and Model, and State and Plate number.

> Names of visitors and driver and we should be able to clear them at the River Entrance.

> Hit reply to all and I will ensure Mr Redding takes care of it.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Sarah Zukowski [<mailto:szukowski@gloverparkgroup.com>]

> Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 10:25 AM

> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

> Subject: Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow 7/15 Meeting at Pentagon

> Hi Robert,

> I'm coordinating arrangements for Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow's meetings this Friday, July 15th at the Agency and the Pentagon and Mark said you are the person he has been in touch with regarding his meetings at the latter.

> Given your correspondence with Mark, are you the appropriate person to give their security clearance information to? I also have the information for the car and driver that will be bringing them to the Pentagon and assume I need to provide that as well. Please let me know who I should send these details to at your earliest convenience.

> Thanks in advance, Robert, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

> All the best,

> Sarah

> Sarah Zukowski

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Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

From: mark (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 10:40 AM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Follow up

Bob,
Thanks. I'll give you a shout this afternoon.
Mark

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
To: mb User
Subject: RE: Follow up
Sent: Jul 19, 2011 10:05 AM

Mark, I have as of yet been able to link up with our 06 contact. Let's see if we can try and schedule something the next time you are going to be in town.

Resp,
Bob

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

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

From: mark (b)(6) [mailto:mark (b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 10:43 AM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Follow up

Thanks, Bob.

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
To: mb User
Subject: Re: Follow up
Sent: Jul 16, 2011 5:54 PM

Mark, Will get the info from Mr Vickers and engage on Monday.
R/Bob

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

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

From: Mark Boal [mailto:mark (b)(6)]
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2011 04:50 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Follow up

Bob,

Thanks again for your work on the meeting yesterday.

To recap, I am in D.C. through Tuesday, and so if (b)(6) has any availability in that span, that would be great and I will find time at his convenience.

Please feel free to pass along my contact information.

Thanks again

Best
Mark

Sent from my iPhone

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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"We have no additional operational details, or comments on operational details, to make at this time."

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- One team began the operation on the first floor of the bin Laden house and worked their way to the third floor. A second team cleared the separate building.
- On the first floor of bin Laden's building, two al Qaeda couriers were killed, along with a woman who was killed in crossfire. Bin Laden and his family were found on the second and third floor of the building. There was concern that bin Laden would oppose the capture operation -- operation rather, and, indeed, he did resist.
- In the room with bin Laden, a woman -- bin Laden's -- a woman, rather, bin Laden's wife, rushed the U.S. assaulter and was shot in the leg but not killed. Bin Laden was then shot and killed. He was not armed.
- Following the firefight, the noncombatants were moved to a safe location as the damaged helicopter was detonated. The team departed the scene via helicopter to the USS Carl Vinson in the North Arabian Sea.
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Narrative of Events

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From: Ferguson, Thomas A CIV, OSD OUSDI

Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 2:33 PM

To: 'Long Letitia A NGA-D USA CIV'; 'Rowland Lloyd B Mr NGA-DD USA CIV'; Burgess Jr., LTG Ronald L.; 'david.shedd@dia.mil'; 'Bruce.Carlson@nro.mil'; Sapp, Betty, Ms. NRO; 'Kbalex2@nsa.gov'; 'Inglis, John C'

Cc: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI; Gentile, Philip D COL OSD OUSDI; Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Smith, Heidi A CIV, OSD OUSDI

Subject: Recent Media Leaks

All,

While we are past the initial media blitz that followed the successful [REDACTED] operation, we are now seeing an increase in detailed requests in conjunction with books, documentaries, and film projects. These requests are being sent directly to the CSAs and are being sent simultaneously to multiple agencies. On behalf of Secretary Gates and Dr. Vickers, I request that you decline any direct requests for information regarding the UBL operation, current or previous CT operations, or any other operational issues related to CT activities.

Recently there have also been a number of sensitive items appearing in the press, which is quite troubling. We need your assistance in stopping such information from appearing in the news. Even the simplest of comments, taken out of context or as an accumulation of information, can be extremely damaging to OPSEC. The guidance from the Secretary Gates and Dr. Vickers has been very clear--such unauthorized releases are unacceptable.

Therefore, I ask before you engage with the news media, publishing or the entertainment industry, please ensure that all engagements/information requests are thoroughly coordinated with the Department of Defense Public Affairs Office. The OSD Public Affairs Officer for OUSD(I) is CDR Bob Mehal (703-697-4162 or robert.mehal@osd.mil). I also request that you remind your respective workforces and senior leadership of appropriate media engagement policies.

Tom Ferguson
PDUSD(I)

Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA

From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 7:13 AM
To: 'Rhodes, Benjamin J.'
Cc: Smith, Jamie; (b)(3):U.S.C. 403g
Subject: UBL Film
Signed By: douglas.wilson@osd.mil

Need your guidance: Mark Boal, the Oscar-winning screenplay writer for "Hurt Locker", is teaming again with "Hurt Locker" director Kathryn Bigelow (the first woman to win an Academy Award for film direction) on "The Hunt for UBL". Both Boal and Bigelow are well-known to both Geoff and me. Both Geoff and I highly respect both of them. (FYI, Bigelow is actively assisting in Hollywood on "Joining Forces" and other military family issues.) SD Gates shares that admiration for their previous film efforts.

Boal has been working with us and with CIA (via George Little) for initial context briefings -- at DoD this have been provided by Mike Vickers, and at CIA by relevant officials with the full knowledge and full approval/support of Director Panetta.

I know that Jamie is keeping an informal list of press and film requests on this topic. Boal and Bigelow are pretty far along on their research, and will soon be engaging with the Pentagon's film liaison (who works for me).

Our overall engagement with Boal and Bigelow to date has been pretty general. But as this progresses, Mike Vickers and I (and I'm sure George as well) would welcome guidance regarding parameters, in particular those for Boal and Bigelow. My recommendation would be for us to link by phone sometime in the next couple of weeks with you and with John Brennan. Let me know your thoughts.

Thanks,

Doug

DoD:

This film project is only in the script development phase, and DoD is providing assistance with script research, which is something we commonly do for established filmmakers. Until there is a script to review, and a request for equipment or other DoD support, there is no formal agreement for DoD support. When people working on articles, books, documentaries or movies that involve the Department of Defense request assistance, we do our best to accommodate them to make sure the facts are correct. We do not discuss classified information.

CIA:

"As part of our public outreach, this Agency - like others in our government - has over the years engaged with writers, documentary filmmakers, movie and TV producers, and others in the entertainment industry. Our goal is an accurate portrayal of the men and women of the CIA, their vital mission, and the commitment to public service that defines them."

WH:

"These claims are ridiculous. When people working on articles, books, documentaries or movies that involve the President ask to speak to administration officials, we do our best to accommodate them to make sure the facts are correct. That's hardly a novel approach to the media. We do not discuss classified information. I'd hope that as we face a continued threat from terrorism, the House Committee on Homeland Security would have more important topics to discuss."

EXCERPTS FROM: THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS BRIEFING

For Immediate Release, August 10, 2011, 12:46 P.M. EDT

BY PRESS SECRETARY JAY CARNEY

ON OBL RAID MOVIE:

Q Peter King, the congressman, is calling for an investigation based on a report in Maureen Dowd's column today saying that Sony Pictures moviemakers doing the OBL raid movie have been given top-level access to the most clarified -- classified mission in history from an administration that's tried to throw more people in jail for leaking classified administration than the Bush administration. I think Mr. King is less involved, less concerned about the last part. But what's your response to that report -- both King's interest and also the inherent criticism that Maureen Dowd is --

MR. CARNEY: Well, I do have a response to that. First of all, the claims are ridiculous. When people, including you, in this room are working on articles, books, documentaries or movies that involve the President, ask to speak to administration officials, we do our best to accommodate them to make sure the facts are correct. That is hardly a novel approach to the media.

We do not discuss classified information. And I would hope that as we face a continued threat from terrorism, the House Committee on Homeland Security would have more important topics to discuss than a movie.

The information that this White House has provided about that mission has been focused on the President's role in -- there is no difference in the information that we've given to anybody who is working on this topic from what we gave to those of you in this room who worked on it in the days and weeks after the raid itself. In fact, the most specific information we've given from this White House about the actual raid I read to you from this podium. So it's simply false.

Parker, Fatima Ms OSD PA

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 11:05 AM
To: Lapan, David COL OSD PA; Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA
Cc: James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA; Turner, James Mr OSD PA; Parker, Tamara LTC OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Robbins, Elizabeth L LTC OSD PA
Subject: FW: UBL Movie

Col Lapan, FYI/SA. Boal and Bigelow are scheduled to meet with DepCIA on the 15th and I am trying to get them on Dr Vickers schedule - will work to include Phil in that meeting as well.

Col Martin, Please feel free to forward to Mr Wilson at your discretion - he has personally been involved with this project.

Vr/Bob
CDR Bob Mehal
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Bin Laden: The Movie

<http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://www.bostonreview.net/BR36.4/alan_a_stone_bin_laden_movie.php&ct=ga&cad=CACQAhgAIAAoATAFOAVA5-fy8ARIAVAAWABiAmVu&cd=bqkBMhy_paE&usg=AFQjCNEurQvOsuHwwULxGw24XREfDhAiaw>

Boston Review

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Bin Laden: The Movie

The director of The Hurt Locker takes on the 9/11 mastermind Alan A. Stone Jonathan Olley / Summit Entertainment The first account of Osama Bin Laden's death was like the screenplay for a John Wayne movie. A team of highly trained special forces—Navy Seals willing to die for their country—had helicoptered deep into Pakistan and entered Bin Laden's secret compound in a late-night surprise attack. A firefight with Bin Laden's armed bodyguards followed, in which amazingly none of the Seals were injured or killed. The stronghold was secured. When the Seals reached Bin Laden's living quarters, the armed leader of al Qaeda tried to use one of his wives as a human shield, so a sharp-shooting Seal aimed high and blew away the top of his head.

Old-fashioned justice was served, not the law on the books, but the law of the Western frontier that has long been cinema's stock and trade. The villain dies with a gun in his hand, and the hero in the white hat, honest and honorable, overcomes impossible odds. The familiar narrative sent people out into the streets waving American flags in triumph and chanting, "U.S.A., U.S.A.," as Americans reportedly first did when our ragtag hockey team upset Soviet professionals in the 1980 Winter Olympics. This is the version of Bin Laden's death that most Americans wanted to hear, having waited for a decade after 9/11 to get the guy who did it.

In the days that followed, we learned that this story was far from the truth, which emerged more slowly and disjointedly. The raid had not been flawless: one of the high-tech choppers had gone down for unexplained reasons and had to be destroyed; the Seals faced almost no armed resistance; Bin Laden himself was not armed, nor did he use his wife as a shield; and

two Seals shot him at close range, one bullet hitting him in the head, the other in the chest. Many in the Muslim world thought he died a martyr.

Which version of the story will take its place in popular history? No doubt Hollywood will have something to say about that. Only days after Bin Laden's corpse slid into the Arabian Sea, a Hollywood director, Kathryn Bigelow, announced that a screenplay was underway and the first actor had been cast. In fact Bigelow and writer Mark Boal had already been working on a screenplay dealing with the search for Bin Laden. Now they had an ending.

Bigelow and Boal have collaborated before—on the screenplay and as co-producers of *The Hurt Locker*, which earned Bigelow an Oscar for direction, the first ever won by a woman. In an emotionally charged Oscar night, Bigelow took Best Picture from her former husband and collaborator James Cameron, whose 3D blockbuster *Avatar* was favored. Bigelow had tried a blockbuster herself, the confusingly titled *K-11: The Widowmaker* (2002), based on a true story about a Soviet atomic submarine that nearly exploded in 1961. When the sub's cooling system was compromised, Soviet officers faced an impossible dilemma: risk deadly radiation or allow a nuclear explosion that would surely lead to the third world war. Bigelow had a \$100 million budget, a first-rate cast, and an interesting idea: ordinary, even politically placed, officers with all the petty interests of self-serving human beings would unexpectedly do the right thing and save the world. According to the Web site Box Office Mojo, the film lost about \$35 million in theaters. So a few years later, while her ex-husband was making one of the most expensive movies in Hollywood history, Bigelow looked for a low-budget project.

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She found Boal, a journalist who had worked for *Playboy* and written about the Iraq War. That tragic, senseless slaughter of Iraqis and the sacrifice of young American lives grinds on under the Petraeus military strategy that asks our troops to bribe their way into the good graces of people whose lives we have ruined. If this were the plot for a Hollywood movie, no one would believe it.

American movie audiences have little interest in films based on the Iraq War. But they do care deeply about the soldiers who have fought there. And Boal's reporting focused on the plight of our soldiers, not the progress of our war. His first screenplay seems to have been based on the work of other reporters who tracked down a series of ghastly murders committed by soldiers returned from Iraq. The message of that film, *In the Valley of Elah* (2007), was that the horror of Iraq was turning our soldiers—our children—into monsters. Boal carefully stayed away from the psychiatric jargon of post-traumatic stress disorder, instead focusing on how the war was destroying the humanity of our soldiers: they had become lost souls, a price too high even in the name of god and country. The film was a succès d'estime mostly because of Tommy Lee Jones's performance as the father of a veteran murdered by other soldiers. It is an important antiwar film.

When Boal connected with Bigelow, he was working on a screenplay about his experience as a journalist embedded with a bomb-defusing squad in Baghdad in 2004. Bigelow—who resists the stereotypes about female directors saving us from the male “gaze” and the Y chromosome's preoccupation with violence—was interested. Her fascination with violence emerged in film school at Columbia, where her student project seems almost prophetic: a fifteen-minute sequence of two men (one apparently Gary Busey) beating each other, while on the soundtrack two semioticians theorize about the endless appetite for violence in films. It is not clear whether Bigelow, whose background is in avant-garde conceptual art, wanted to make a point about violence or whether the film was a kind of conceptual art with images and sounds approaching the same subject via different tracks—the thing itself and the discourse about it. Bigelow moved on to Hollywood and made films that she characterizes as “pushing the

medium." Near Dark (1987), about teenage vampires in Oklahoma, became a cult film, and Point Break (1991) is an action classic. She also earned the respect of critics and cineastes as one of the serious people in Hollywood.

Jonathan Olley / Summit Entertainment

Today Bigelow is so famous that the Museum of Modern Art recently announced a retrospective. In that announcement a discerning anonymous critic writes of Bigelow, "Her characters, often operating in an arena of adrenaline, straddle the line between superhero and heartbreakingly human." There can be no better description of The Hurt Locker's Sergeant William James, played by Jeremy Renner. (Here in Cambridge, one cannot help but wonder how Boal and Bigelow chose that name for their protagonist.) Psychologists have many good explanations for cowardice but almost none for courage, and thus Sergeant James is a psychological mystery. Bigelow has always been interested in warriors, and Sergeant James may be her most intriguing, someone who cannot be compassed in the standard categories.

The Hurt Locker is a series of incidents involving a three-man team tasked with dismantling improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in and around Baghdad at the height of the insurgency. There is no orienting description of the military situation, geography of the city, or reasons for the war: the audience is left to supply its own. The film begins with the line, "war is a drug," so the subject, it seems, is addiction. The first scene appears to be filmed by a bystander using a smart phone—it has that kind of grainy quality and amateurish framing. We slowly realize we are watching a robotic device that has been dispatched to detonate what may be a bomb. The weapons of choice for insurgents in Iraq, IEDs are primitive devices that can nonetheless inflict considerable damage, allowing an unknown killer to retaliate against high-tech American weapons and soldiers. The robot gets stuck in rubble and comes to a halt; that image alone might be a metaphor for the Iraq War. Sergeant Matthew Thompson (Guy Pearce), head of the bomb squad, dons his protective armor and waddles toward the IED. The suspense mounts not with the subtle manipulation of Hitchcock but with heart-in-your-throat terror. The robot does not work, the armor offers no protection, and Thompson's team—Sergeant JT Sanborn (Anthony Mackie) and Specialist Owen Eldridge (Brian Geraghty)—watch their friend killed as the bomb explodes. They are stunned, as we are. Bigelow makes us believe that what we are seeing is real.

The Hurt Locker thus begins as a story of ineptitude and futility. These are not invincible soldiers like John Wayne. In every scene of soldiers risking their lives to defuse bombs, Iraqi civilians look on without sympathy or concern, their apathetic silence proclaiming the hollowness of this war. The insurgents who planted the bomb may even be there among the onlookers hoping to see a slaughter. The American troops recognize this disdain, and they fear that every Iraqi civilian—man or woman or child—may be a suicide bomber. The mutual hatred and contempt are palpable.

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Thompson's death leaves his men shaken to the core. Sanborn, a career soldier who does everything by the book, desperately tries to find safety in the words of his Army instruction manuals. He is almost immobilized by fear. For Eldridge the sergeant's death is the trauma that pushes him over the edge. Alarm bells keep going off in his brain; the slightest noise startles him. He can no longer trust his own senses to sort out the dangers he faces, nor can his fellow soldiers trust him.

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Old-fashioned justice was served, not the law on the books, but the law of the Western frontier that has long been cinema's stock and trade. The villain dies with a gun in his hand, and the hero in the white hat, honest and honorable, overcomes impossible odds. The familiar narrative sent people out into the streets waving American flags in triumph and chanting, "U.S.A., U.S.A.," as Americans reportedly first did when our ragtag hockey team upset Soviet professionals in the 1980 Winter Olympics. This is the version of Bin Laden's death that most Americans wanted to hear, having waited for a decade after 9/11 to get the guy who did it.

In the days that followed, we learned that this story was far from the truth, which emerged more slowly and disjointedly. The raid had not been flawless: one of the high-tech choppers had gone down for unexplained reasons and had to be destroyed; the Seals faced almost no armed resistance; Bin Laden himself was not armed, nor did he use his wife as a shield; and two Seals shot him at close range, one bullet hitting him in the head, the other in the chest. Many in the Muslim world thought he died a martyr.

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Bigelow and Boal have collaborated before—on the screenplay and as co-producers of *The Hurt Locker*, which earned Bigelow an Oscar for direction, the first ever won by a woman. In an emotionally charged Oscar night, Bigelow took Best Picture from her former husband and collaborator James Cameron, whose 3D blockbuster *Avatar* was favored. Bigelow had tried a blockbuster herself, the confusingly titled *K-19: The Widowmaker* (2002), based on a true story about a Soviet atomic submarine that nearly exploded in 1961. When the sub's cooling system was compromised, Soviet officers faced an impossible dilemma: risk deadly radiation or allow a nuclear explosion that would surely lead to the third world war. Bigelow had a \$100 million budget, a first-rate cast, and an interesting idea: ordinary, even politically placed, officers with all the petty interests of self-serving human beings would unexpectedly do the right thing and save the world. According to the Web site Box Office Mojo, the film lost about \$35 million in theaters. So a few years later, while her ex-husband was making one of the most expensive movies in Hollywood history, Bigelow looked for a low-budget project.

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American movie audiences have little interest in films based on the Iraq War. But they do care deeply about the soldiers who have fought there. And Boal's reporting focused on the plight of our soldiers, not the progress of our war. His first screenplay seems to have been based on the work of other reporters who tracked down a series of ghastly murders committed by soldiers returned from Iraq. The message of that film, *In the Valley of Elah* (2007), was that the horror of Iraq was turning our soldiers—our children—into monsters. Boal carefully

stayed away from the psychiatric jargon of post-traumatic stress disorder, instead focusing on how the war was destroying the humanity of our soldiers: they had become lost souls, a price too high even in the name of god and country. The film was a succès d'estime mostly because of Tommy Lee Jones's performance as the father of a veteran murdered by other soldiers. It is an important antiwar film.

When Boal connected with Bigelow, he was working on a screenplay about his experience as a journalist embedded with a bomb-defusing squad in Baghdad in 2004. Bigelow—who resists the stereotypes about female directors saving us from the male “gaze” and the Y chromosome’s preoccupation with violence—was interested. Her fascination with violence emerged in film school at Columbia, where her student project seems almost prophetic: a fifteen-minute sequence of two men (one apparently Gary Busey) beating each other, while on the soundtrack two semioticians theorize about the endless appetite for violence in films. It is not clear whether Bigelow, whose background is in avant-garde conceptual art, wanted to make a point about violence or whether the film was a kind of conceptual art with images and sounds approaching the same subject via different tracks—the thing itself and the discourse about it. Bigelow moved on to Hollywood and made films that she characterizes as “pushing the medium.” *Near Dark* (1987), about teenage vampires in Oklahoma, became a cult film, and *Point Break* (1991) is an action classic. She also earned the respect of critics and cineastes as one of the serious people in Hollywood.

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>> Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 11:27 PM
>> To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
>> Subject: Bin laden movie

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>> Hi Geoff,

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>> Regarding our upcoming film about the hunt for OBL -- which Kathryn Bigelow is directing and I am writing and producing, as our follow-up to The Hurt Locker -- am thinking that it would be wise for me to touch base with Under Secretary Mike Vickers.... Naturally, I understand the sensitivities, and more than anything, am simply hoping for an opportunity to briefly tell him about the project's scope....

>> Please let me know if you would you be up for facilitating an introduction. I'll be in D.C. for at least a few more days.

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>> Thanks,
>> Mark Boal

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(15 Jul 2011)**

Mike Vickers – MV
Phil Strub – PS

Mark Boal – MB
Bob Mehal – BM

Katherine Bigelow – KB

MB – Katherine is going to somehow figure out how to turn my disorganized screenplay into a terrific movie – and a great recreation of the events

So since we last talked, just to catch you up, to speak, on what I have been doing. I took your guidance and spoke to the WH and had a good meeting with Brennan and McDonough and plan to follow up with them; and they were forward leaning and interested in sharing their point of view; command and control; so that was great, so thank you.

I met with Acting Director Morrell today at Langley and continued to talk to various people in the IC.

MV- This was a follow-up? You've met with him before – correct?

MB- Yes correct; this was a follow-up.

MB – So intel stuff is going great and pretty well along on that, before I talked with you; but let's say between 2nd and 3d base on that. The WH stuff, I think is in good shape as well, so the last leg of the stool is obviously DoD. So that's what, hopefully we can talk about some of that here, but I wanted to give you sort of inside baseball.

One of the things we had talked about was eventually I will be going, hopefully going, down to SOCOM and talking to somebody down there – maybe McRaven or whoever-still on the horizon.

MV- I have some news for you on that front. So, and have you talked to Sec Panetta – as the Director, though.

MB- Yes.

MV- I know he is very interested in supporting.

MB- We're going to have dinner at some point, but I didn't want to interrupt - travel plan to Afghanistan.

BM- Part of that discussion was from the last movie.

MV- I'm sorry, what?

BM- Part of those discussions, were in reference to the movie they were planning on making.

MV- Yes, okay; but I know he is interested and supportive.

MV- So from the DoD point of view, here is what we can do, first off to just give you some context; the people who were involved, were very few, so to put them in categories: You had the very, very top of the Pentagon, so Secretary Gates, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs and me – initially, and that was sort of the first four and then ADM McRaven was actually number five (who becomes the Operational Commander) and then you have the cast of operators and planners. And then, the only other two DoD people, who end up getting involved from the senior point of view are my colleague the Under Secretary for Policy, Michelle Flournoy; reasonably later in the game like maybe a month or six weeks before (something like that) and then our General Council, kind of at the very end on one issue; but that's it at the senior level. And then, Adm Olson, toward the very, very end, the SOCOM Commander, Admiral McRaven's Boss, and then the rest are really planners or operators. And that, just to give you the context.

MB- We've talked about this before, because I brought it up at dinner with a few Army Generals that I know and said Gen Casey, give me some stuff on this and he said I didn't know (shit) and I said to Gen Corelli, common Pete tell me something and he said that's Title 10 (I believe he meant Title 50) and I didn't know anything about it.

MV- So that literally is the roadmap. So now here is what we're going to do for you, at least for now. With me, I will try to be as forthcoming as I can, but you are going to get a little bit of operational stuff but more really policy, like how did we make the decision, the risks, that kind of stuff. But then the other people that are really central to this obviously are Secretary Gates, Adm Mullen, Hoss Cartwright; in that regard, we are all kind of in the same boat if you will, but that's between you and them about them talking to you.

MB- Gates is on my short list; again...he's got a lot on his (inaudible)

MV- He did the 60 minutes thing, I know you said down the road after he is retired, and try to get him...

MB- Give the guy a break.

MV- Give the guy a break, but that's between you and him now that he is retired. What I can't promise you really is at the DoD senior level, whether I'll be it or if there will be a few others, but I wanted to give you the roadmap.

MB- Uh-huh.

MV- I've been told to do for you what Michael Morrell and others, so that's what I'm going to try to do for you tonight and others. Now on the operators side; Adm McRaven and Adm Olson do not want to

talk directly, because it's just a bad, their just concerned as commanders of the force and they're telling them all the time – don't you dare talk to anybody, that it's just a bad example if it gets out – even with all sorts of restrictions and everything.

MB- Uh-huh.

MB- I'll take (b)(3)-10 U.S.C. -130 (b),(b)(6) or someone like that.

MV- Well the basic idea is they'll make a guy available who was involved from the beginning as a planner; a SEAL Team 6 Operator and Commander.

MB- Are you talking about (b)(3)-10 U.S.C. 130(b),(b)(6)

MV- A guy name (b)(3)-10 U.S.C. 130(b),(b)(6) And so, he basically can probably give you everything you would want or would get from Adm Olson or Adm McRaven.

MB- That's dynamite - by the way.

KB- That's incredible.

MB- This is me happy.

MV- And so, he'll speak for operators and he'll speak for senior military commanders, because their all the same tribe and everything, and so you should get most of what you need from him. Now, again the reason Adm Olson and Adm McRaven didn't want to talk is this command conflict of interest. And then with (b)(3)-10 U.S.C. 130(b) the only thing we ask is that you not reveal his name in any way as a consultant, because again, it's the same thing, he shouldn't be talking out of school, this at least, this gives him one step removed and he knows what he can and can't say, but this way at least he can be as open as he can with you and it ought to meet your needs and give you lots of color.

KB- Fabulous

MB- That's dynamite.

MV- So we'll put you in touch with him or have him get in touch with you - at the end of this meeting. And whatever your schedule is we'll make that work, I just haven't had a chance to talk with him.

KB- Is he located in the Washington DC area?

MV- He's in the Washington DC area. He travels some, but when we get out of here I can try to arrange that. OK? So, that's it.

MB- Thank you very much!

KB- That's incredible

MB- You delivered.

MB- Do you have some time, I can throw a few questions at you?

MV- I do.

MB- We'll take 10-15 minutes?

MV- I could stay as much 45 minutes. I apologize for keeping you waiting.

MB- I don't want to suck up all your time, but I am greedy.

MV- But if you want to come back, but you're here, I know you traveled, so whatever, the time is yours.

MB- Just in a very general sense, there is obviously momentum coming from the agency, I'm talking about the month leading up to this raid, there is momentum coming from the agency that this seems like something that is going to be a worthwhile target to do something with, right? You have the President's stated intention to make catching OBL one of his priorities. If you look back at when you're first hearing about this and even going into Feb and Mar; and I'm asking you this because you navigated many, many Washington sort of complicated - joining of different forces. Did this feel like an inevitable outcome? I don't mean a helo borne or B2, but that something was going to be done, did it seem to you when you first heard about this that something was going to be done - was that inevitable sort of outcome or was there a moment or many moments where you felt like, God I could see this thing going either way, I could see the agency spending another six months on collection or this or another year?

MV- Sure.

MV- So when we really get the intelligence break that locates the person at this compound, which is in late August 2010, then, the first thing is that this is a huge intelligence break and biggest secret of the US government. First I'm going to try to put context into this and tell you how I come into this and how I felt about it, then, try to answer your question. You probably got this from CIA, but as all the people who worked this so hard for so many years, then they know, initially I think, wow, I'll give you my own perspective on this at this period, this is the biggest intelligence lead we've had in a decade, but at this

point it is still fundamentally an intelligence problem and an incredible secret. So through the end of 2010 basically, this is a period of okay, who do I have to tell at this point. So the President, Vice President, National Security Advisor (Brennan), McDonough, etc. but a handful of people in the White House, literally just five, six people and then, the four I talked about here in Defense, and Director Panetta is making all these decisions in consultation with the White House, you know the Secretary, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and me, and then the DNI and that's kind of it for a while. And so it's, okay this is unbelievable, it's a big secret – keep working; so that's generally people's reaction, so after the jaw dropping moment, and then a number of us have been intensively focused on this for a long time, but after we had gotten a glimpse of this guy a year earlier and then lost him. I remember specifically, vividly, at the time of that glimpse, “wholly crap we are on to something” and then “oh man we lost him.” Cause it was clear this guy might lead us to something big. But then - how we going to get him again? This mirage that popped up one time and was gone in two seconds, but now we had at least one location for a fleeting moment in time, so then 12 months later when now we got him a lot more finitely and we got him at a location or fix, then it's - my own reaction was right at the time was “ah hah” a year's work or we got lucky a year later and now we got the son-of-a-bitch and let's see where it goes and there was enough initially that there was something there, but it wasn't clear that it was actionable. So the idea, still an intelligence problem, so continue to work the intelligence problem. At least from my own perspective, yah you start to think about things, but the first thing you got to do is develop the intelligence and everybody else is pretty much in that mode. The other thing I would want to convey to you is it's extremely closely guarded, but also the pace at this point is kind of development - every month or couple of weeks or something – it's not the intense pace that comes later. So yes, there is the President's guidance, but that's still more in the back of the mind at this point, no one's decided to do anything of any kind except try to develop the intelligence picture better.

PS- Excuse me, but after the intelligence you received in Aug of last year, the group, and there was such a high degree of confidence in identification, was there a shift from this uncertainly, to more of a well now this is set, now it's a matter of the nuts and bolts of continuing to collect intelligence that would lead towards the possible action - outcome.

BM- The way you laid out the phases yesterday was really good.

MV- Again, what I would say is it's a big deal and it's an incredibly big secret, that's so closely held. I guess what I would say is that my interactions with all the people at CTC and everything was “okay,” What else have we learned? How are we moving this along? What else do we need to do - that refine the picture? But as we talk among the inner circle about what this means, it really isn't until early in the year where we start thinking - okay we need to develop options, and so then - Bob was reminding me about – the “First phase” is kind of intelligence development from the last four months of 2010. Now this is on my mind like nothing else, just speaking for me personally, but it's at a slower pace. Then, coming back from the holidays in January, I had a real sense of you know we are shifting into a new phase and we are going to develop options and so then that “Second phase” is kind of okay well now we

are pretty sure we got something here, but not sure anyone wants to do anything or that its good enough to do anything about, but let's start developing what we could do. So the way that proceeds is first a tiny little group, mostly CIA, and me, and then this one Navy Seal - at this point who is given to us by Adm McRaven, but the first step is really all just CIA. So, in January, they internally come up with five or so options, various ways we could do this, with the government's assistance, without, and various operational means, but in any event, they're very broad courses of action. You can kind of do it this way - with them - without them, but it literally is basic very broad descriptions - this sounds plausible, sort of a 50,000 foot level; and so then that takes another month of okay some of these look plausible, some maybe less so, we debate them, and think about how we want to refine them. But then we think, Panetta decides, I need to bring in Adm McRaven, and so that's roughly about mid-Feb.

MB- And that's specifically for the helo version of this?

MV- That's for his portions, but his portions are a lot of variants on a theme; so I don't want to go into real specific details, I'll leave that to the SEALs - but again you can do it with the PAKs, without, bigger force, smaller force, go in this way, go in that way, and so - but in any event a number of those would have involved him, not all the courses of action, but a number. And so the desire is to first bring him in just him and nobody else and then - okay now what we need from you is, here's how we are going to proceed, we need a planner, one guy to help us flush out a few of these with CIA, but if that then looks promising and we decide we are going down this path then we'll bring in more people to help flush it out even more. It's all kind of sketched out as I talked to him, kind of sketched out here is where we might need this thing, or this thing in the next month or two - just notionally.

MV- Then the next phase that I would describe; so that sort of takes us from Valentine's Day essentially to mid Mar; So then in mid-Mar is where you then swing into - now these phases become parallel at this point - but you go from Intelligence (keeping the big secret), to concept develop (broad course of action development) a little more refinement and then now in mid March you start a series of Presidential meetings and senior White House meetings - there's five meetings with the President between mid-Mar and the end of Apr and multiple meetings with Brennan, Morrell and me and others - Cartwright - and McRaven. And so that then becomes okay - Which options do we like better? Which paths do you start to go down? Are we going to do this sooner rather than later? Are we going to do this at all? Nobody is going to make that decision until they have to, but if we are going to do it, when do we want to be ready to do it - is it sooner rather than later, which options, is it ground or air, with the Paks, or without, so you don't rule things out, but you start to sorting more and figure okay these few I am going to develop probably heading down this path, and so there's a period of kind of initial Presidential guidance that results in, I want to do this sooner rather than later, probably unilateral, but I haven't decided to do it, but I want to keep my options open, so any plausible option I want to look at. So there is still more than one option. And so planning teams then are told to develop their things further, basically in March, the second half of March and those are presented at the White House and flushed out and refined and

refined and refined. One air option is rejected and replaced with another and then that one is carries through to the end but ultimately not decided on.

MB - At this point, again given your experience...

MV – And air meaning an airstrike...

MB – Right, I understand, meaning a B2 or more precise version. Are you, your 25,000 view, is it hey we're moving toward action here, that something is going to happen, I can't put money on is it a helo borne or the precision strike, or something, but we're moving toward something? That's what I'm trying to ...

MV – So again as you start then sort of ...

MB - Or could it have still been nothing?

MV - Well it still could have been nothing. But I guess, as I say, from the turn of the year on, where I started intensely engaging every week on concept development, because that was when the decision was made okay let's start thinking about how we're going do this. Then, from mid-Feb on, it became very, very intense; okay time to call in Adm McRaven, and we got to bring, and he doesn't know any of this stuff for six months, and so bring him up to speed, and here's what we want from you, and an intense series of White House meetings through March. So then, by mid-March when the meetings with the President start and sort of a six weeks period to get the decision and narrowing down the decision; it becomes increasingly intense and that there is now a pretty high probability we might do something, in other words we might not, we might delay, we might choose this or that – but this is now moved into lets develop really serious options.

MB – Uh-huh

MV - And so as I said, that winnowing peoples' opinions, change about what the majority favors, initial reaction is I like this and we end up doing something else, they initially weren't too wild about what we ended up doing.

MB – You're talking about the White House?

MV – No, not just the White House, but senior policy makers – senior policy makers. You know, opinions shifted as things got examined in much greater detail. You could be for something conceptually, because it sounded simple and elegant and it's going to do the job, but then when you examine and all the ramifications of it you say, that doesn't look good take that off the table.

MB – A B2 sounds good until you think of the collateral damage?

MV – Among other things, but lots of reasons that what looks good initially, may not so good after. What will happen when you can't prove that you got the guy, etc... so then a number of issues... what will happen to relationship afterwards. Again, we're trying to keep every viable option on the table. So as one air option goes away, another gets substituted in - and then that planning team is a totally separate group, a very tiny group, but they've got to be brought into this, a couple of people, and plan all this with a different instrument. But meanwhile, as we're narrowing down Adm McRaven's options; he is refining and refining his plan and then by the end of March early April, we narrow it down to essentially two options and with a target the end of April or that window that was actually done very, very late April to very early May. CIA had the great foresight of building a mock-up of the facility; we started that actually in January, before we had decided to do anything and even bring in Adm McRaven, and so it was ready when the time came that that was going to be a viable option. And then in early April, probably the second or third... I think we met with the President in mid March and then the end March and the other three meetings were in April, including right before, a couple the week before. So in any event, then it is basically, okay these two options, still not sure we are going to do this, but sooner rather than later, target the end of the month, we'll make the decision the end of the month, but proceed as if we're doing it – go get ready. So at that point then...

MB – What was the other option aside from the Helo borne assault that was on the table?

MV – An airstrike of one form, but not....

MB – But not the B2?

MV – Not the B2.

MV – So then, we swing into high gear of bringing in basically all the operators and planners who are actually going to do – for the air option it doesn't require a lot, requires a handful of people to plan – for the ground option, that we actually did, it required not only the people who executed the mission but all sorts of staff and so by the end of this thing we had gone from, not counting CIA, so if you exclude CIA I think there were like eight or nine people outside of CIA, who actually knew about this last Fall... not counting the Intelligence Community, because there's some at NSA, at NGA a couple, but not a lot... in order of CIA, NSA, NGA, but the policy makers I talked about it was very, very small and then there's a few that are added toward the end, I mentioned the DoD side but the Secretary of State is a couple of weeks before, the Attorney General, Homeland Security, the FBI, that's all the weekend of and so...

MB – And Secretary of State is brought in, is that partly because there is a concern about embassies and State should really have a heads-up that their embassy might get stormed on Monday?

MV – Yes, but also as a National Security policy maker, if you are going to do something like that she has a major vote in whether you do it or not, the President is going to turn to her immediately and say should we do this or not, but then there is all this stuff... but again the problem is then even at the end there is only a handful of people in these organizations that know about it, so you have to answer those kinds of questions from the very the top. You don't have all your bureaucracy to work with; you got a Secretary, and a Deputy, a person who worries about security and maybe an Ambassador, but that's it. So you've got to transmit this - okay be prepared to do this, plan, as well as for policy making, and again, I don't want to speak for her or anybody else but myself.

MV - But the SEALS and JSOC, Adm McRaven's organization, now have to start doing rehearsals and doing detailed planning and everything else, so that starts in April; 7-8 April and another big one the week after that, what we call full mission rehearsal where you're doing everything, flying, not just what you're going to do on the target, but how you get to the target, and the time it takes and everything, as realistic conditions as we can do. So Adm Mullen and I flew out West for that to watch that full profile and flew back, and....

MB – By the way, when you saw it, you thought this is going to work this is pretty cool?

MV – Yes. I mean it was a big change in just a week of practicing just seeing doing it on the mock-up facility versus the whole thing, an enormous, enormous change from the first time you try it to I've done it for a week straight and now, I'm putting all the pieces together...

KB - Oh, that's interesting

MV - Even for these experts, it's kind of - crawl, walk, run, - you're watching crawl the first time and then walk, and by the end they're running, it's almost what it's exactly going to look like two weeks later. Then after that is done, back to the policy making side that goes over six weeks. In probably late April, 18-21 April there's another meeting with the President and that's the decision, well still haven't decided to do this and I haven't decided which option I am going to do, but I could do one of these things in two weeks, and I want to be ready and so then there's the decision to posture the force, and so that has to take place kind of the week prior. And so people get deployed, now again, not a lot of people know about this at this point, so people are being told right as, hey guess what some guys are going to show up in your country and you as the four star commander probably ought to at least know about this, but that's probably all you need at this point. Then there's the final decision to go, which is made the Thursday/ Friday before that Sunday - Friday morning actually, but Thursday night was the last big meeting with the President and Secretary Gates and the Chairman. I guess in the period between the 15th of March or 15 to 20-something March, I can't remember, I guess around the second meeting, around the end of March, the 28th of March; between that period, there's going confidence in Adm McRaven's mission or option and then I would say that builds as they rehearse and we get results and the plan gets refine and you make changes to it; I'm still not comfortable at how you are going to this, if things go bad

- how are you going to get out? Okay, I got your guidance, now I got to plan to do that, now we got to come back and show you that, okay now I like that and so confidence rises, but even at that point as I said, thru sort of mid April to the end of April there are divided views among the deputies and the principals whether to do this, which way to do it, and again there's more people shifting toward Adm McRaven, but it is still divided camps maybe half on one side and half, it goes from more people, an overwhelming majority in favor of an option that ultimately never even made to the end to maybe half and half at some point, at the very end it becomes more I'd say 85 to 15 (or maybe a little more than that) in favor of Adm McRaven, but there are some people who recommend don't do it at all, or don't do anything, if you've got to do it choose the one that we don't end up doing, so that is why the common story that this is intelligence ten years in the making, a real remarkable story over the last year or last ten months in piecing it together and then Special Operations both planning and adaptive execution, because what they do on the target wasn't their primary plan and had to change in a couple of ways and hardly looked like it did, but also why Secretary Gates and others said a gutsy decision by the President. Again, he had very senior people telling him don't do this Mr. President. I mean he had a majority who said did (sic) it, but still an incredibly gutsy decision; and people passionately arguing for another course of ... you know senior advisors.

MB – My understanding is you liked the helo from the beginning or let me say that you were an early adapter on that; can you...?

MV – Well my view is keep all your options open, everything, so this is what I started with because there is pros and cons of everything and then continue to refine and analyze there's innumerable details you have got to work out, like okay, if I go with this Adm McRaven option - what do I do with the body? Who do I notify afterwards? That takes a lot of time, to work out all those details and then you start thinking this a good idea and then you think no it's not a good idea, I'm going to go this way and eventually ended up where we did, but it took awhile. So yes, I would say by the end of March I was clearly in Adm McRaven's camp; he said I was an early adopter and persuaded others, but, by the end there was a strong majority both in the deputies and the principals.

MB – And your reasoning for that is based on...?

MV- One, I felt more and more confident that we had a really good plan, that we could actually get in and we could...

MB - But you would say that the principal thing is that you got the body?

MV- Yes, that was the dispositive, all the critical things that could go wrong, and there is some operation risk, but the critical strategic and political things that could go wrong, really revolved around, they weren't operational questions, they were could I prove this and the end of the day; and if could I do that and then also too, once you had enough confidence that you could potentially get in and out

undetected, then there was the question - What if he's not there? Then obviously a ground raid looks a lot better than an air strike when you're not killing people you don't need to.

I go there he's not there and nobody dies theoretically and we'll wonder what the hell happened, but there was a reasonable probability that we could... and also too there might be reasons to keep it quiet; which is one of the reasons we did it through the CIA at the end of the day; we could have done it with the Secretary in charge rather than a dual relationship.

MB - Let's say the worse thing, so they go there...?

MV - So, this whole thing about (85) 95 percent down to forty, let me just talk about that for a second...

MB - You're talking about the range of views on the probability that he is actually there?

MV - Yes, yes, because I mean...

MB - You already told me you thought that....

MV - So basically, just as a safety check, the National CounterTerrorism Center, Mike Leiter, and company are brought in very late in the game, like two weeks before, and the poor guy was getting married the day before, ruined/cancelled his honeymoon and other stuff. But first he's told here is the big secret in the US government and the second thing is he volunteers to have a red team to just reassess the intelligence, because NCTC kind of completes in terrorism intelligence with CIA. And so, in any event, they bring in some analysts from CIA but also from DIA and others at NCTC and they do this red team and they try to come up with all alternative hypotheses and everything else, and one of those guys was "Mr Forty Percent," now that was still very strong, but he was kind of a naysayer, and then the others were 60-70, but also people like Morrell were 60; some of the others at CTC were in the 80 camp, I considered myself in the 80 camp, but as I was saying 80, 40, it's still the same evidence it's a circumstantial case and you know that's why it's a gutsy decision by the President.

MB - Let's say....

MV - Now I would say on the intel.

MB - Okay...

MV - The number of people, who they were, where they were, was all 100 percent spot on, 100 percent spot on. The identities of people and where they were, which house, which floor, etc. was all spot on. So that was pretty good. Now, there were a few other surprises, like all the crap he had that we took off the target and others and a few other things, but you couldn't know that in advance...

KB – Right.

MV – You couldn't know he was there and turned out to be probably stronger than...

MB – They understated...

MV- Yes.

MB – Now let me ask you a hypothetical? Let's say the worse case happens during the raid there is a firefight the SEALs get pinned down they shoot their way, in your mind in terms of worst casing this, what is the worst possible strategic... are we at war with Pak..., could that happen? What is the worst outcome here of the raid?

MV – Well...

MB – Obviously the guys die; but I mean it terms of the big strategic picture of the country?

MV – So one, I mean having lots of messy things go bad; so having helicopters crash - big fear...

MB – Well I mean, say a guy comes out from the neighborhood shoots an RPG, they shoot back, he turns out ...

MV – Yah, you get a Blackhawk down or something, where things just go terribly bad on the objective or on route to the objective, I mean it's less of a problem because at that point you don't know where you are going but you are still violating somebody's territory, but again, depends, as long as I can get the force out, and then I just got a wreckage – you know as Desi Arnaz, "I got some splaining to do," or Lucy does, or whatever it is; but it is less bad, than if I've just got a bunch of people dead and stuff on the objective; and so the worst case is where you actually have a big fight with the Pakistani Security Forces, so a critical consideration is, as I say – one, what if he is not there; can I get in and out, essentially surgically, without killing anybody or without them really knowing I was there; a good probability of that but not a hundred percent. And then second, if I got in there and things were a little messier than I thought, can I at least extract myself before they really go bad. So say I had again a downed helicopter, I got to think, could I get everybody out of there and just... rather than I holed up in the Alamo and then I've got to negotiate their way out or something, so that's where it really turned bad

MB - And did you game out what happens if there is a big fight with Pak Security Forces?

MV – Yes, but we tried to develop a plan as I say that would avoid that, which would get us out well before they could react under any

MB - And you had high confidence?

MV - We had high confidence we could do that.

MB - In being able to assess their ability, given what you knew about quickly they could...?

MV - Yes, we knew where everybody was and what their likely reaction times were and we had enough redundancy that we were confident that we could get out if we had to and a lot of protection, and turned out we didn't need any of that.

MB - Was there a turning... You mentioned the January period as sort of like one of these transitions between... As January being a sort of transition between phase one and phase two as you described them, is there... I know there was that November phone call where the intercept says I'm still working for the same brothers as before?

MV - Yah, it gives you higher confidence as you build the case, but again part of the period, the reason I divide it that way is you know, other than okay Mr. President we're going to tell you this big secret; and okay, well continue to develop it and keep me informed, okay keep you informed; it isn't until mid February when it's, or even really with the President mid... I mean he is kept advised by Donilon and Brennan and stuff, but really it isn't until mid March when okay, lets assess the strength of this case. So that's when you are really putting it together and you're refining that, you know, why do you have confidence in this, what are plausible alternative explanations, what more can you do to collect to narrow the uncertainty, which again, is it worth delaying, what am I going to get if I try this or this to... you know, so there are all these discussions going on about try to convince me that this is really what you think it is and not something else, and then secondarily, convince me of your plan, or which option is the right one. But, there's a period between mid March, and I would say, early April where you are still trying to make the case, so you can look back at evidence like hey we got this and we got this, but it took more than that it took, even if a piece of evidence is consequential its well how can I test this hypothesis that it's not some drug lord or whatever it is you know to what would I see if that were the case fitting of all the evidence.

KB - Hum, Right.

MB - Could be communicating with his supplier or something like that?

MV - Yah, right; or it's someone else, number two or something else. So there is a lot of that but at the end of the day once it gets very refined and there's not additional opportunities for collection without risk, then it's, okay what do you make of it. It is what it is; and then what do you make of the plan or plans, which one do you like. So that's where we ended up.

MB – Great, yes.

MV – You got fifteen more minutes if you want, but you ask I've been talking too much, so go ahead.

MB – No, no.

KB – You've been so incredible.

MB – You've been great.

MB – (to KB) did you?

KB – No you asked the one that I was curious about what happened...

MB – The Pak... Obviously part of the challenge for us is to capture how difficult this was because there is a version of it that in hindsight, it just looks like it fell into place, right so, that is why I just wanted to ask you hypothetically about what could have happened wrong, because it makes it more dramatic when it all goes right

MV – I guess I would say that even though there was a majority at the end that felt the same way I did, a strong majority, that we ought to do the raid for the variety of reasons; to get the body because it dealt with all the bad contingencies in the right way and we could do it. And I felt we ought to do it, many others did too, at the very end there was still a wonder, are we going to go with option A or option B, are we going to delay further and just collect more intelligence and you know in hindsight you could see the President was extremely determined to move this as... when it was ready to move it, as fast as humanly possible and not take any chances that it would leak out or anything, so from 15 Mar to May 1st, I mean that, in hindsight like April 1st; it was very clear what he was going to do, but it wasn't clear on April 28th.

MB – Right.

MV – So, the next morning when he decided, 100 percent Friday morning; we had our last big meeting with him Thursday night and then the inner White House circle Saturday morn... Friday morning, he issued the order and stuff like that, and I still didn't know which way he was going to go; I mean a high probability I thought he would go the way he did, but as you say things look clearer in hindsight then they actually were at the time.

MB – Uh-huh, Uh-huh. And was part of the reason that you didn't do the more surgical strike just not having as much confidence in that technology working or was it again going back to the verification issue?

MV – It's a mixture; so once you get away...once it becomes surgical then you're less worried about killing lots of people that you didn't mean to kill, but then there's the issue of number one, did I really get my guy and....

MB – As opposed to he's just in a tunnel somewhere...

MV – Yah, or just you missed. Like if we had to abort for some reason in route to the target, without a crashed helicopter, they never would have been the wiser. A very strong very high probability that we could have gone in three quarters of the way, turned around come back and tried again...

MB – A couple weeks later... a month later...

MV – A month later... and you needed everything, temperature and those sorts of things, but I mean you could have had a second chance. If you did the raid on the target it would of spooked them; even if he was there or others were there, whatever if we missed for some reason you probably don't get a second chance. But clearly if you strike and miss, you're done. Even if the security forces don't figure it out, the guys who are there clearly figure it out and so the same thing, if you kill the wrong person, any kind of miss you're finished. It's one shot. And then, as I said the trouble is okay, I did get him but I really didn't know it was him 100 percent, and now how can I prove it, afterwards, what do I say, what do I do, I mean how do I know that I really did get him, even if I have a high confidence I think I did.

MB – Uh-hum.

MV - And then, if you have the diplomatic problem of what the hell are you doing bombing my country; even if it's with small bombs and only a few people or something, if there is any women... the idea that you could get just him and not someone else dashing out, because there's kids and women periodically with him and stuff like that...

MB – Was the idea that you would literally just strike the third floor?

MV – No.

MB – So, it was take the whole building?

MV – No, not the whole building, but to try to get just him if possible. But it probably wasn't possible to get just him. So again, there is a series of things that make that risky both strategic and tactical. But again, there were some people who were for it, but let them speak for themselves.

KB – So extraordinary, just extraordinary.

MV – A very intense period.

MB – Yah; well thank you for taking the time.

MV – Well again, with some of this, provided you don't drop bombs, it's repeatable and so that's what attracted some people to it. So I could fly over....

MB – But why would you pull them back in the middle of the flight? What are you going to find out on midnight on Sunday?

MV – Because, the period that you might be there, the limited window, he may not be available and so in that sense you could try again, but on the other hand, once you drop that bomb you don't get to try it again. And then even if you hit him you don't know that you have strategic success and so that is ultimately the problem.

MV – So should I have (b)(3)-10 U.S.C.
130(b), (b)(6) reach out to you or?

MB – I'll call him, however you want to play it. I take your guidance...and very grateful.

MV – And what's your schedule look like?

KB – We leave early Wednesday morning and go back to Los Angeles but we could come back or ...

MV – Because I am going off to Afghanistan/Pakistan on Sunday.

MV – So we'll try to arrange it, if he's here, before Wednesday; and if not we'll at least establish a mechanism to where you guys can work it out.

MB – Okay; thank you, have a good weekend.

KB – So wonderful meeting you.

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2	Shoukat Virk	Self--Mark Boal's dr

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DATE Tuesday, May 10, 2011

TO George Little c/o [redacted]

FAX # [redacted]

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MESSAGE: Letter from Filmmakers Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow

Dear [redacted]

Attached please find a letter from writer/producer Mark Boal and director/producer Kathryn Bigelow that was emailed to George Little this afternoon. Can you confirm receipt of this letter? If so, I am reachable via phone at [redacted] or via email at [redacted]

Thanks,

[redacted]
Jonathan Leven

Assistant to Mark Boal

VIA EMAIL

May 10, 2011

Mr. George Little
Central Intelligence Agency
Office of Public Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Little,

Please consider this brief note an introduction and a request for information.

As you may know, as a follow up to our film *The Hurt Locker*, Kathryn Bigelow and I are making a feature film about the extraordinary effort to capture or kill Usama Bin Laden. Given the historical nature of the subject matter, we intend to make accuracy and authenticity hallmarks of the production, for we believe that this is one of those rare instances where truth really is more interesting than fiction.

At this point, we have discussed the film with DCIA and Jeremy Bash, and we hope that now is an appropriate time to engage with your office and discuss the parameters of our research. If you agree, we would very much appreciate your guidance, and look forward to talking at your convenience about the appropriate next steps.

I can be reached by phone at [] or [] or via email at mark@[]

Sincerely,

[Signature box for Mark Boal]

Mark Boal

[Signature box for Kathryn Bigelow]

Kathryn Bigelow

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Date: 06/28/2011 09:21 PM

Subject: [redacted] Re: wp article

To: [redacted]

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Marie / Prestonian—hope you're having fun Boaling.

--George

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From: mark [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 10:46 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Morell

Pls shoot me his email, I lost his card from yesterday , and want to thank him.
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 11:47 AM
To: mark@[redacted]
Subject: Potentially useful New York Times coverage of UBL's death

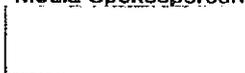
The Times has a pretty useful page with maps of the compound, graphics about the operation (including the 7 steps in the raid), and a timeline of the intel case:

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2011/05/02/world/asia/abbottabad-map-of-where-osama-bin-laden-was-killed.html>

This is the general NYT site on UBL's death. There's some other good stuff on here too:

http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/people/b/osama_bin_laden/index.html?scp=1-spot&sq=osama%20bin%20laden&st=cse

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson



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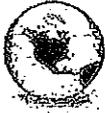
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From: [redacted] Subject: [redacted] Mark Boal info
Date: 06/09/2011 06:33 PM To: [redacted]
Please respond to: [redacted]

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Preston,

Mark is going to be there at 1030 tomorrow. I just sent [redacted] his driver's info - it's the same guy as earlier in the week.

If you need to reach him, his email is mark [redacted]

He'll chat with you and then George, and then Y and T in OPA's conference room.



I'm so happy you're back!!
Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson



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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 9:05 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: CIA driver - mark boal

Awesome, sounds good! Thanks for all your help on this :)

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 09:02 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: CIA driver - mark boal

Perfect, I will just clone the request. Have fun!

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 6:26 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fw: CIA driver - mark boal

Just landed in ATL and had this. It's the same driver as earlier this week.

Thanks!

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

[redacted]

From: Marie Harf [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 06:24 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fw: CIA driver - mark boal

[redacted]

From: Sarah Zukowski [redacted]
Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 20:35:55 +0000
To: Marie Harf [redacted]
Subject: RE: CIA driver - mark boal

Hi Marie,

Everything is arranged for Mark's car tomorrow; it will be the same driver he had on Monday and Tuesday, whose information is below:

Name: Shoukat Ali Virk



Don't hesitate to let me know if there's anything else I can do help.

Best,
Sarah

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

From: markboal [mailto:markboal@cia.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 3:51 PM
To: Sarah Zukowski
Cc: Marie Harf
Subject: CIA driver - mark boal

Sarah
when you have the driver's info for tomorrow, please pass it along to Marie.
thanks
mark

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 3:53 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE:

What is his assistant's email address?

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 3:50 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re:

Nope, not yet... I just emailed and called him again.

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 03:48 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject:

Hi, any word from Marc Boal's assistant yet?

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

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

Mark Boal, Writer/Producer of "Hurt Locker", is working on a Sony Pictures Movie portrayal of the hunt for UBL.

The meeting lasted 45 minutes and Mark spent most of the time laying out his way ahead.

**They were just about to begin filming a movie focusing on the Battle of Tora Bora (2001) when 1 May changed everything.

- TIMELINE:

-- Next two months will be spent on research/background to reconstruct as much as possible

-- Start Shooting in Fall of 2011

-- Release date set for 4th Qtr 2012 (Sep-Dec)

-- Boal indicated:

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

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

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

-- He plans to return in late June, early July for some more in depth meetings (USDI indicated he would be willing to meet with him, but could not say at this point how much he would be able to discuss)

-- To Date:

-- To date has spoken with CIA pers to include DD Mike Morrell. (indicated he was going back tomorrow and would be returning the end of Jun)

-- Has not yet spoken to WH

-- Has not yet requested formal DoD support (realizes that will require a script for review)

USDI:

-- Recommended looking at it from 3 main components CIA, DoD, WH.

-- There was a 60-80% of certainty based on the Intell

-- Was a "Gutsy Decision" by the POTUS (WH involvement was critical)

-- Involved developing options, evolving and refining plans, rehearsing OP, and finally execution of OP

-- Asked if Boal had asked to speak with WH, SECDEF, CJCS, VCJCS, or [redacted]

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-- Response was not yet, but certainly something he would be looking at doing - possibly when he returns to DC late Jun/early Jul.

POST Meeting:

-- I suggested he reach out to the WH to get a sense of their position/support for the project.

-- Also, recommended at the very least an informal request to OSD PA in regard to DoD participation in the research phase

** (prior to a formal request for DoD support).

Vr/Bob

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

~~SECRET~~ [redacted]



From: [redacted]
CTC
Date: 06/10/2011 08:58 AM

Subject: Re: Meeting tomorrow with Mark Boal
To: Marie E. Harf
Cc: [redacted] Preston B. Golson, [redacted]

This message is digitally signed.

hey mariel thanks for arranging all of this. i'll def be there to see mark.



Marie E. Harf Hi guys! Thank you so much for your great work. 06/09/2011 12:57:24 PM

From: Marie E. Harf
To: [redacted]
Cc: Preston B. Golson
Date: 06/09/2011 12:57 PM
Subject: Meeting tomorrow with Mark Boal

Hi guys!

Thank you so much for your great work talking to Mark Boal earlier this week. After talking to you, he was so impressed -- he told me that you were both a screenwriter's dream in terms of compelling characters. I thought that was a pretty good compliment.

He'll be coming into HQs tomorrow for a few hours to chat before he heads back to LA on Saturday. If you are both free around 11:30, we have the OPA conference room reserved [redacted] We only have it for two hours, so don't worry about this turning into another marathon session :)

I will be out of town at a wedding tomorrow, so my one or both of my OPA colleagues CC'ed on this email (Preston Golson [redacted] was the one in the meetings with me on Monday...) will be there. Please let one of them know if there are any issues with this timing tomorrow.

Thanks again SO much!
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Re: Confirmation of meeting at 1400 tomorrow

To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Date: 06/21/2011 11:15 AM

Thanks for the note! I'm sorry your schedule is so crazy, but I know that goes with the territory.

Absolutely, we can reschedule for next week -- I'll ping you to set something up when I have a sense for Mark's schedule!

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Marie: Something has come up that requires... 06/21/2011 11:12:03 AM

From: [Redacted]
To: Marie E. Harf
Cc: [Redacted]
Date: 06/21/2011 11:12 AM
Subject: Re: Confirmation of meeting at 1400 tomorrow

Marie,
Something has come up that requires my presence elsewhere at 1400 today (two other places, actually, but I had to pick one). Could we reschedule this for next week sometime?

Marie E. Harf This email is to confirm a m... 06/20/2011 05:25:12 PM

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From: [redacted]
Date: 06/21/2011 11:12 AM

Subject: **Re: Confirmation of meeting at 1400 tomorrow** [icon]
To: Marie E. Harf
Cc: [redacted]

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History: This message has been replied to.

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Marie E. Harf

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From: Marie E. Harf
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Date: 06/20/2011 05:25 PM
Subject: Confirmation of meeting at 1400 tomorrow

This email is to confirm a meeting with screenwriter Mark Boal at 1400 tomorrow (Tuesday, June 21) in the OPA conference room. [redacted]

Please let me know if anything changes; otherwise I will see [redacted] at 1400 tomorrow!

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: [redacted]
Date: 06/20/2011 05:30 PM

Subject: **Re: Confirmation of meeting at 1400 tomorrow** [icon]
To: Marie E. Harf
Cc: [redacted]

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Thanks, Marie. I'll see you then. [redacted]

Marie E. Harf [redacted] This email is to confirm a meeting with screenwriter Mark Boal at 1400 tomorrow (Tuesday, June 21) in the OPA conference room. [redacted] 06/20/2011 05:25:12 PM

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Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 6:45 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Mark Boal at CIA tomorrow
Attachments: image001.jpg

Thanks Sarah!

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

From: Sarah Zukowski [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 06:06 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Mark Boal at CIA tomorrow

Hi Marie,

Here are the details of Mark Boal's driver and car for his visit to the Agency tomorrow:

Shoukat Ali Virk



Let me know if you need anything else. Thanks!

Sarah



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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 6:45 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fw: Mark Boal at CIA tomorrow
Attachments: image001.jpg

Fyi
Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson
[redacted]

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Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 06:06 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Mark Boal at CIA tomorrow

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From: Mark Boal [mark@]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 4:22 PM
To:
Subject: Re: Details for tomorrow

changed my mind , will take a car service
will be same driver
info to follow

...
sent by ipad

On Jun 23, 2011, at 3:51 PM, < > wrote:

Yeah, of course. Do you need me to give you directions?

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson



From: mark@ [mailto:mark@]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 3:50 PM
To:
Subject: Re: Details for tomorrow

Thx
Can I take my own vehicle, rental car?

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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From: [redacted]

Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2011 15:23:29 -0400

To: <mark@[redacted]>

Subject: Details for tomorrow

Mark,

Tomorrow's event begins at 1:30 at CIA Headquarters. Everyone needs to be seated by 1:15, and the tent opens at 12:30, so you can plan to get here any time after noon. Let me know when you'll be arriving so I can meet you.

Can you also have GPG let me know about your driver?

Thanks!

Marie

Marie E. Harf

Central Intelligence Agency

Media Spokesperson



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From: [Redacted]

Subject: **Re: Recommendation from [Redacted] - UBL movie**
To: Marie E. Harf

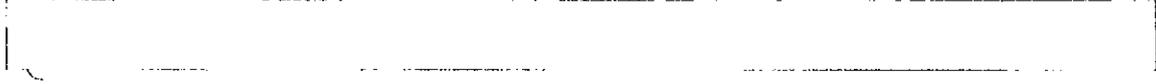
Date: 06/17/2011 03:59 PM

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Hi-
Thanks for reaching out! I don't mind chatting with him at all, and next Tuesday would probably work for me.

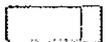
Sounds very interesting!

Thanks!



Marie E. Harf | I'm one of the media spokespeople in OPA | 06/17/2011 03:26:29 PM

From: Marie E. Harf
To: [Redacted]
Date: 06/17/2011 03:26 PM
Subject: Recommendation from [Redacted] - UBL movie



I'm one of the media spokespeople in OPA, and we've been informally working with movie producer and screenwriter Mark Boal, who is making a movie about the UBL operation. As you may know, Mark won two Academy Awards for "The Hurt Locker," which focused on an Army bomb diffusion team that he was embedded with in Iraq. Mark is a serious filmmaker who's looking to do an accurate portrayal (at least as far as Hollywood goes) of UBL and the operation. He's been working on this movie for some time and has met with a number of your colleagues in CTC and throughout the Agency.

One of those folks he's chatted with is [Redacted] who recommended you as someone else who might want to sit down with Mark. This discussion won't be for attribution in any way. Basically, he's spoken to a number of folks who worked on the operation from HQs, and to your predecessor [Redacted] but he's looking for more color about what it was like to be working this from the field.

He's going to be at HQs next Tuesday afternoon (this time, chatting with [Redacted]), and I thought if you were interested you chat with him then too.

Don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions! It's totally up to you whether or not you want to participate. I know this isn't the typical CIA experience :)

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Fw: [redacted] Driver Information for Mark Boal 's meeting tomorrow - [Link to Attachment (s)]

Date: 06/20/2011 02:29 PM

[redacted]

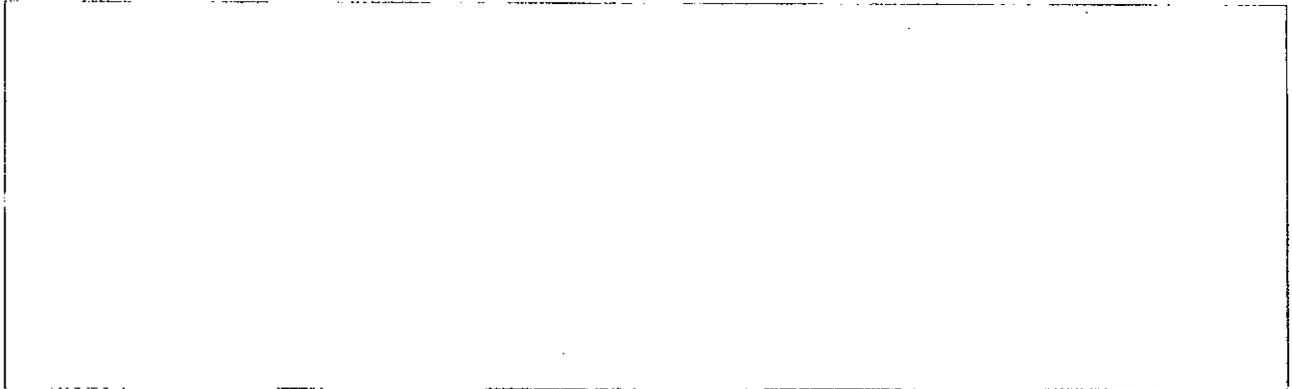
Driver info for tomorrow!

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Forwarded by Marie E. Harf on 06/20/2011 02:26 PM

From: Sarah Zukowski
To: [redacted]
Date: 06/20/2011 02:08 PM
Subject: [redacted] Driver information for Mark Boal's meeting tomorrow - [Link to Attachment(s)]

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED



Hi Marie,

Here is the information for the driver that is bringing Mark to the Agency for his Noon meeting tomorrow:

Driver Name: Shoukat Ali Virk



Do you need the car make/model and license plate number as well? I am more than happy to get that if necessary. Thanks so much and let me know if you need anything else.

Best,

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From: Sarah Zukowski
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2011 2:08 PM
To:
Subject: Driver Information for Mark Boal's meeting tomorrow
Attachments: image003.jpg

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Driver Name: Shoukat Ali Virk



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Best,
Sarah



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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 8:09 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] mark@ [redacted]
Subject: Re: From Mark Boal's office - Production Attorney Contact Info

Thanks Jonathan!

Mark, good talking to you today. Thanks for the update.

G



From: Jonathan Leven [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 08:04 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] mark@ [redacted]
Subject: From Mark Boal's office - Production Attorney Contact Info

Hi George,

Per your conversation with Mark, below is contact information for production attorney, Irwin Rappaport:

Irwin M. Rappaport, P.C.



Best Wishes,

Jonathan Leven
Office of Mark Boal



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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Re: Folks for Mark Boal
To: [Redacted]

Date: 06/15/2011 11:15 AM



Thanks so much for the additional suggestions for folks to chat with Mark Boal -- they all make a lot of sense. This is so helpful. Mark is actually going to be back in DC on June 20 and 21, and then for the week of the 27th as well. I will work to get these three lined up to chat with him on one of those dates.

I can't tell you enough how much we appreciate you and all your colleagues working on this project with us. We really do have a sense that this is going to be *the* movie on the UBL operation - and we all want to CIA to be as well-represented in it as possible.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted] Team OPA; In thinking of good folks for Mark Boal 06/10/2011 08:53:47 AM

From: [Redacted]
To: Marie E. Harf, Preston B. Golson
Cc: George E. Little, Jennifer N. Youngblood
Date: 06/10/2011 08:53 AM
Subject: Folks for Mark Boal

Team OPA;

In thinking of good folks for Mark Boal to possibly talk with [Redacted]



[Redacted] All these folks are either in HQS or the HQS area, and could likely meet Mark here w/o too much effort. Thanks, [Redacted]



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Visitor Request Summary

Status: Complete

Visit Details

Date(s) of visit: 08/21/2011
Buildings to visit: Headquarters
Parking Required: VIP East (OHB)
Purpose of visit: Meeting with Media Spokesperson Marie Harf

Sponsor Information

Office: DIR/OPA

Visitors

View Details

#	Name	Representing
1	Mark Boal	Self
2	Shoukat Virk	Self-Mark Boal's dr

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 12:55 PM
To: 'Mark Boal'
Subject: FW: Fact Sheet: National Strategy for Counterterrorism

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson
[redacted]

From: White House Press Office
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 12:53 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fact Sheet: National Strategy for Counterterrorism

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 29, 2011

Fact Sheet: National Strategy for Counterterrorism

"As a country, we will never tolerate our security being threatened, nor stand idly by when our people have been killed. We will be relentless in defense of our citizens and our friends and allies. We will be true to the values that make us who we are. And on nights like this one, we can say to those families who have lost loved ones to al Qaeda's terror: Justice has been done."

--President Barack Obama
May 1, 2011

The National Strategy for Counterterrorism, found here, http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/counterterrorism_strategy.pdf formalizes the approach that President Obama and his Administration have been pursuing and adapting for the past two and half years to prevent terrorist attacks and to deliver devastating blows against al-Qa'ida, including the successful mission to kill Usama bin Laden.

Rather than defining our entire national security policy, this counterterrorism strategy is one part of President Obama's larger National Security Strategy, which seeks to advance our enduring national security interests, including our security, prosperity, respect for universal values and global cooperation to meet global challenges.

This Strategy builds upon the progress we have made in the decade since 9/11, in partnership with Congress, to build our counterterrorism and homeland security capacity as a nation. It neither represents a wholesale overhaul—nor a wholesale retention—of previous policies and strategies.

Threat—This Strategy recognizes there are numerous nations and groups that support terrorism to oppose U.S. interests, including Iran, Syria, Hezbollah and HAMAS, and we will use the full range of our foreign policy tools to protect the United States against these threats.

However, the principal focus of this counterterrorism strategy is the network that poses the most direct and significant threat to the United States—al-Qa'ida, its affiliates and its adherents.

- Al-Qa'ida has murdered thousands of our citizens, including on 9/11.
- Al-Qa'ida affiliates—groups that have aligned with al-Qa'ida—have attempted to attack us, such as Yemen-based al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula's (AQAP) failed attempt to bomb a Detroit-bound airliner on December 25, 2009.
- Al-Qa'ida adherents—individuals, sometimes American citizens, who cooperate with or are inspired by al-Qa'ida—have engaged in terrorism, including the tragic slaughter of our service members at Fort Hood in 2009.

Our Ultimate Objective—This Strategy is clear and precise in our ultimate objective: we will disrupt, dismantle, and ultimately defeat al-Qa'ida—its leadership core in the Afghanistan-Pakistan region, its affiliates and adherents to ensure the security of our citizens and interests.

Our Posture—We are at war. We are waging a broad, sustained, integrated and relentless campaign that harnesses every element of American power to defeat al-Qa'ida.

Our Goals--To defeat al-Qa'ida, we are pursuing specific counterterrorism goals, including:

- Protecting our homeland by constantly reducing our vulnerabilities and adapting and updating our defenses.
- Disrupting, degrading, dismantling and defeating al-Qa'ida wherever it takes root.
- Preventing terrorists from acquiring or developing weapons of mass destruction.
- Eliminating the safehavens al-Qa'ida needs to train, plot and launch attacks against us.
- Degrading links between al-Qa'ida, its affiliates and adherents.
- Countering al-Qa'ida ideology and its attempts to justify violence.
- Depriving al-Qa'ida and its affiliates of their enabling means, including illicit financing, logistical support, and online communications.

Our Principles—Our pursuit of these goals is guided by several key principles, including:

- Upholding core American values, including rule of law and the privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties of all Americans;

- **Harnessing every tool** at our disposal, including intelligence, military, homeland security and law enforcement, and maximizing cooperation between communities;
- **Building partnerships** to with international institutions and partners so that nations can take the fight to al-Qa'ida, its affiliates and adherents in their own countries;
- **Applying tools appropriately**, recognizing that different threats in different regions demand different tools;
- **Building a culture of preparedness and resilience at home** to prevent terrorist attacks and ensure we can quickly should an attack occur.

Devastating Blows Against Al-Qa'ida—guided by this Strategy, we have achieved significant progress against al-Qa'ida over the past two and a half years.

- We have put al-Qa'ida under more pressure than at any time since 9/11, affecting its ability to attract new recruits and making it harder for al-Qa'ida to train and plot attacks.
- Al-Qa'ida's leadership ranks have been decimated, with more key leaders eliminated in rapid succession than at any time since 9/11.
- Virtually every major al-Qa'ida affiliate has lost its key leader or operational commander.
- More than half of al-Qa'ida's leadership has been eliminated, including Usama bin Laden

"On a Path to Defeat"—As President Obama stated in his June 22 remarks on our way forward in Afghanistan, "we have put al Qaeda on a path to defeat, and we will not relent until the job is done."

- Information seized from his compound reveals bin Laden's concerns about al-Qa'ida's long-term viability.
- Bin Laden clearly saw that al-Qa'ida is losing the larger battle for hearts and minds.
- Bin Laden knew that he had failed to portray America as being at war with Islam.
- He knew that al-Qa'ida's murder of so many innocent civilians, most of them Muslims, had deeply and perhaps permanently tarnished al-Qa'ida's image in the world.

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From: mark@[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 2:22 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Jonathan Leven
Subject: Movie project

Jennifer,
Thanks for all your help so far with the research on this project. I'll be in touch in the coming weeks.
Wishing you a happy July 4th!
Best,
Mark

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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[Redacted]

From:

[Redacted]

Date: 07/11/2011 01:11 PM

Subject: upcoming visit from mark boal and kathryn bigelow

To: Marie E. Harf

Cc: George E. Little, Jennifer N. Youngblood, Preston B. Golson

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marie, et al opa, i understand from [Redacted] we'll have a visit later this week from our hollywood friends. i wanted to let you know that i'm taking some A/L starting this wednesday, and returning late in the day monday. [Redacted] are available to coordinate whatever is needed for this visit, as i suspect there will be some moving parts to work through. i will be around all day tomorrow so if there's anything we need to discuss i'm happy to help, otherwise hit up [Redacted]

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From: M B [markboal]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 1:45 PM
To:
Subject: Friday meeting

Marie,

Good morning.

Am just confirming 15 July, 3pm with Acting DCIA.

The Vickers meeting came through so have to be at the Pentagon at 4:45.
Think we can make it if we leave Langely at 4pm?

Could we come in before 3pm to meet with G, and S, and do tour of CTC?

Mark

From: M B [mark@]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 1:21 PM
To: []
Subject: bin laden movie

Hi there,
Hope you had a happy 4th.
Just wondering if the dates I'd proposed for Kathryn to come in will work out.
Either 14, 15th, or 18th?
Mark

From: M B [mark@]
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 12:05 PM
To: []
Subject: Re: Confirmation of meeting with Acting DCIA Michael Morell

yes, thanks.

wanted to talk to you about it.

just tried your office

give me a shout when you can [] []

On Jul 7, 2011, at 8:42 AM, [] [] wrote:

Just want to make sure you saw this...

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson

From: []
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2011 7:25 PM
To: 'M B'
Subject: Confirmation of meeting with Acting DCIA Michael Morell

Hey,

I just got confirmation that Michael is available to meet with you and Kathryn on Friday, July 15, at 3:00 pm. We can work around that time to set up the tour and other meetings we discussed Kathryn having while she's at HQs. Let me know if that works in both of your schedules.

I'm glad the visit is coming together --

Marie

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson

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Michael J. Morell
Acting Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Friday, 15 July 2011

1500 – 1545

Courtesy Call with Katherine Bigelow (Director of UBL movie)

Attendees: Mark Boal (screenwriter), [redacted]
Marie Harf

--- Forwarded by [redacted] on 01/26/2012 05:35 PM ---

From: Marie E. Harf [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: 07/06/2011 07:26 PM
Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL Movie Director Kathryn Bigelow

Thank you! :)

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Thank you! From: Marie E. Harf [redacted]

07/06/2011 07:24:42 PM

From: [redacted]
To: Marie E. Harf [redacted]
Date: 07/06/2011 07:24 PM
Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL Movie Director Kathryn Bigelow

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Thank you!

Marie E. Harf

[redacted]

Marie E. Harf

[redacted] Thanks so much! We really appreciate you...
Hi, Marie. AD/CIA is available for a courtesy call...
All, Academy Award-winning Director Kathryn Bi...

07/06/2011 07:22:30 PM

07/06/2011 07:18:08 PM

07/06/2011 10:19:54 AM

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From: [redacted] Special Assistant to Deputy Director, CIA
Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL Movie Director Kathryn Bigelow
To: Marie E. Harf

Date: 07/06/2011 07:24 PM

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Thank you!

Marie E. Harf [redacted] Thanks so much! We really appreciate yo... 07/06/2011 07:22:30 PM

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Cc: [redacted]
Date: 07/06/2011 07:22 PM
Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL Movie Director Kathryn Bigelow

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CIA Office of Public Affairs

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Marie E. Harf All, Academy Award-winning Director Kathryn Bi... 07/06/2011 10:19:54 AM

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Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Hi, Marie: AD/CIA is available for a courtesy call on Friday, 7/8/11 at 10:00 AM. 07/06/2011 07:18:08 PM

From:
To:
Cc:

Marie E. Harf

Date:

07/06/2011 07:18 PM

Subject:

Re: Meeting with UBL Movie Director Kathryn Bigelow

Hi, Marie. AD/CIA is available for a courtesy call with Ms. Bigelow on Friday, 15 July, 3:00-3:30, in his office. AD/CIA would like an OPA representative to attend as well. Please confirm that time will work for Ms. Bigelow's schedule and advise if anyone else will be accompanying her when she visits.

Thanks!

Marie E. Harf

All: Academy Award-winning Director Kathryn Bigelow on Friday, 7/15/11 at 3:00 PM. 07/06/2011 10:19:54 AM

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From: [redacted] Special Assistant to Deputy Director,
CIA

Subject: **Re: Meeting with UBL Movie Director Kathryn Bigelow**

To: Marie E. Harf

Cc: [redacted]

Date: 07/06/2011 07:18 PM

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History: This message has been replied to.

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Thanks!

[redacted]

Marie E. Harf All: Academy Award-winning Director Kathryn Bigelow 07/06/2011 10:19:54 AM

From: Marie E. Harf

To: [redacted]

Date: 07/06/2011 10:19 AM

Subject: Meeting with UBL Movie Director Kathryn Bigelow

All,

Academy Award-winning Director Kathryn Bigelow, who is directing the upcoming UBL movie, will be visiting Washington, DC from July 14th through 18th. As you know, we (and other USG entities, to include the White House) have been engaging with the film's screenwriter, Mark Boal. (Mark met with Mr. Morell a few weeks ago.) Both Mark and Kathryn have told us how impressed they are with the Agency's work in the UBL operation and how eager they are to bring that to the screen.

When Kathryn is in town, we are planning to bring her into Headquarters for a tour. We think it would be nice if she could have a meet and greet with Mr. Morell when she's here. She's expressed her gratitude for his and the Agency's assistance with this project, and she would like to thank him in person and give him an update on where the movie stands.

Would any of these days work for a quick meeting?

I really appreciate your assistance!

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 3:59 PM
To: 'M B'
Subject: RE: Monday meetings

Great, thanks.

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson

[redacted]

From: M B [mailto:mark@]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 3:58 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Monday meetings

yes thanks

On Jul 12, 2011, at 12:50 PM, [redacted] wrote:

I'm assuming Kathryn is going to be in the meetings on Monday or Tuesday as well, right? I just want to let our people know who'll they be meeting with next week.

Thanks,
M

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson

[redacted]

From: Sarah Zukowski [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 9:17 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Details for Mark Boal/Kathryn Bigelow Friday, 7/15 visit
Attachments: image001.jpg

That would be great—all I got from Mark was the name. Thanks so much!

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 09:11 PM
To: Sarah Zukowski
Subject: Re: Details for Mark Boal/Kathryn Bigelow Friday, 7/15 visit

Ok, great. Do you need Bob Mehal's contact info? I have it...

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson
[redacted]

From: Sarah Zukowski [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 08:54 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Details for Mark Boal/Kathryn Bigelow Friday, 7/15 visit

My pleasure! I just got word that Mark set up his meeting there through Robert Mehal; not sure if this is useful but figured it wouldn't hurt to pass along.

Thanks so much, Marie!

Sarah

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 06:25 PM
To: Sarah Zukowski
Subject: RE: Details for Mark Boal/Kathryn Bigelow Friday, 7/15 visit

Hi Sarah!

You're the best! Thanks for getting this to me so quickly.

I should be able to find someone for you at the Pentagon – I'll be in touch soon with that info.

Thanks,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency

Media Spokesperson
[Redacted]

From: Sarah Zukowski [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 6:16 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Details for Mark Boal/Kathryn Bigelow Friday, 7/15 visit

Hi Marie,

Hope you are well. I just coordinated travel for Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow's trip to the Agency this Friday and wanted to pass them along to you.

Transportation details for their driver and car:

Name: Shoukat Ali Virk
[Redacted]

This is the first I'm aware of Kathryn going to the Agency for this project, so passing along her info for security clearance (and Mark's for convenience):

Kathryn Ann Bigelow
[Redacted]

Mark Boal (no middle name)
[Redacted]

I think this is everything but let me know if there's anything I missed. One quick question – they are going to the Pentagon after their meeting in Langley and asked me to help with car/security clearance there as well. Do you know who I should/can contact at the Pentagon for help with this? Any help would be much appreciated. Thanks so much!

Best,
Sarah



Sarah Zukowski Assistant [Redacted]
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www.gloverparkgroup.com

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From: [redacted]
 To: Marie E. Harf [redacted]
 Cc: [redacted] George E. Little [redacted] Jennifer N. Youngblood [redacted]
 Date: 07/13/2011 06:39 PM
 Subject: Re: Closing the Loop re: Admin Details for Kathryn Bigelow Visit with AD/CIA on Friday, 15 July

Many thanks, Marie!

Marie E. Harf [redacted] Absolutely, we're more than happy to help! 07/13/2011 06:27:53 PM

From: Marie E. Harf [redacted]
 To: [redacted]
 Cc: [redacted] George E. Little/STF/AGENCY@WMA, Jennifer N. Youngblood [redacted]
 Date: 07/13/2011 06:27 PM
 Subject: Re: Closing the Loop re: Admin Details for Kathryn Bigelow Visit with AD/CIA on Friday, 15 July

Absolutely, we're more than happy to help!

We will clear Ms. Bigelow and Mark Boal (the movie's screenwriter, who met with AD/CIA several weeks ago) into the building. They will both be attending the meeting. Their driver information is below:

Name: Shoukat Ali Virk

[redacted]

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She will be receiving an OPA-led tour before her meeting with AD/CIA, so I'll be escorting them the entire time and will bring them to the suite, show her to the anteroom, and let your office know when we're there.

Don't hesitate to let me know if there's anything else you need me to do!

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Marie, Since all of our Protocol officers will be i... 07/13/2011 01:35:07 PM

From: [Redacted]
 To: Marie E. Harf
 Cc: George E. Little

Date: 07/13/2011 01:35 PM
 Subject: Closing the Loop re: Admin Details for Kathryn Bigelow Visit with AD/CIA on Friday, 15 July

Marie,

[Redacted]
we'll be short-staffed here in AD/CIA's office on Thursday and Friday, I need to enlist OPA's assistance with admin details for AD/CIA's courtesy call with Kathryn Bigelow on Friday afternoon. Please confirm that OPA has or will take care of the following:

- Submit a visitor access request for Ms. Bigelow and anyone else accompanying her (and please advise AD/CIA of additional attendees). Protocol already has her on the list for DV parking for Friday. Please let us know if any vehicle information is provided for Ms. Bigelow so we can pass that on to [Redacted]
- Meet/escort Ms. Bigelow to the Director's suite for the meeting with AD/CIA, [Redacted]
- Please have Ms. Bigelow wait in the anteroom here in the D/CIA suite and let AD/CIA's staff know she is here. Someone from AD/CIA's staff will come to get her when he's ready for the meeting.
- Escort Ms. Bigelow either to her next meeting here at HQ or back to the lobby for departure. [Redacted]

Thanks!

[Redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Outreach Coordinator
Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]
Date: 07/13/2011 10:15 AM

Subject: Re: Tour on Friday [icon]
To: Marie E. Harf
Cc: [redacted]

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Yep we can take care of this. [redacted] has a tour that morning but the museum looks unscheduled for the afternoon, so that should work well. Thanks for the heads up.

Marie E. Harf [redacted] UBL movie director Kathryn Bigelow 07/13/2011 09:58:53 AM

From: Marie E. Harf
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Date: 07/13/2011 09:58 AM
Subject: Tour on Friday

UBL movie director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal are coming into HQs this Friday to meet with the AD/CIA, and Kathryn would like a tour similar to the one [redacted] gave Mark a few weeks ago. It's going to be around 1230 PM. Is one of you free to do this?

Thanks!
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: mark@
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 3:42 PM
To:
Subject: Friday

Marie,
Quick heads up that our Pentagon meeting pushed to 6pm Friday... so if you need to schedule something between 4-5, we could stay and make it...no worries if not...just updating you.
Mark
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: mark@
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 6:59 PM
To:
Subject: Re: Fwd: Bin Laden Project - release

Sorry discon

Call me on my cell pls

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

From: Marie Harf
To: mb User
Subject: RE: Fwd: Bin Laden Project - release
Sent: Jul 13, 2011 1:02 PM

Thanks for sending. The lawyers are going to take a look at it shortly, and I or they will be back in touch with any issues.

There was one potential already raised here -- do you want to chat on the phone about it? It pertains to para 2.

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson

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

From: mark@ [mailto:mark@]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 3:10 PM
To:
Subject: Fw: Fwd: Bin Laden Project - release

Here's the release

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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

From: "Irwin M. Rappaport" < >
Date: Wed, 13 Jul 2011 12:04:15
To: Mark Boal <mark@ >
Subject: Fwd: Bin Laden Project - release

Hi - resending the release, please see below and attached.

Please send me contact info for the CIA lawyers, thanks!

best,

Irwin M. Rappaport, P.C.

[Redacted signature block]

Fax 323-443-3631
irwin@imrlaw.com

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> From: "Irwin M. Rappaport" <irwin@imrlaw.com>
> Date: July 12, 2011 5:50:27 PM PDT
> To: Mark Boal <mark@markboal.com>
> Subject: Bin Laden Project - release

> Hi - as discussed, here is a revised release (clean and redline)

> best,

> Irwin M. Rappaport, P.C.
> 1664 Mountcrest Ave.
> Los Angeles, CA 90069
> Tel. 323-822-7478
> Fax 323-443-3631
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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings
To: George E. Little, Jennifer N. Youngblood, Preston B. Golson, []

Date: 07/14/2011 03:33 PM

All,

Below is the final schedule for tomorrow's visit:

12:30: Arrival; tour with [] of lobby, Afghan exhibit, and NHB atrium

Approximately 1:00 / 1:15: Tour of CTC []

1:30: Briefing on AC1 model by []

Approximately 2:00 / 2:15: Tour of [] building

3:00: Meeting with AD/CIA Michael Morell

-They have a 4:45 meeting with Dr. Vickers, so they will leave immediately following their meeting with Mr. Morell.

Saturday TBD:

-Kathryn chat with [] Kathryn is not interested in doing the deep dives that Mark did; she simply wants to meet the people that Mark has been talking to.

Monday TBD:

Kathryn would like to sit down for brief chats with the other folks Mark has talked to, to include [] is organizing the timing for this):



**These meetings will take approximately 2.5 hours total. Again, Kathryn is not interested in doing the deep dives that Mark did; she wants to meet these folks and tell them a bit about the movie.

I sent D/CTC an email so he was up-to-speed, and CTC [] has said they will do the same [] has sign off from her management on her participation. Mark will be present at these meetings as well.

Thanks!
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 4:01 PM
To: 'mark@ [redacted]
Subject: Schedule for Friday

Here's the schedule for tomorrow:

- 12:30: Arrival at HQs; tour of Afghan exhibit and New HQs atrium
- 1:00: Tour of CTC
- 1:15 / 1:30: Briefing on compound model
- 2:00: Tour of printing press building
- 3:00: Meeting with Michael Morell

I'll see if I can get anything else added onto the schedule at 4.

Have a great flight!
Marie

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson



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From: [redacted] Chief, NCS

Subject: Re: CORRECTION: Re: [redacted] Space? Now at 1400

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."
-- George Washington

To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Marie E. Harf, [redacted]

Date: 07/14/2011 03:00 PM

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No problem! We'll have it open for you. Please advise who the visitors are so that I can advise mgmt.

[redacted]

Hi [redacted] If possible, we need to slide the sche... 07/14/2011 02:50:58 PM

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Marie E. Harf, [redacted]
Date: 07/14/2011 02:50 PM
Subject: CORRECTION: Re: [redacted] Space? Now at 1400

Hi [redacted]

If possible, we need to slide the schedule up about 30 minutes. Would it be possible to have the [redacted] vault open and accessible by 1400 tomorrow. The whole walk-through should take no more than 20 minutes.

Please let me know if this is doable.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Hi [redacted] No problem on it being in its original t... 07/14/2011 02:20:02 PM

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: Marie E. Harf, [redacted]

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~~SECRET~~ [redacted]

Date: 07/14/2011 02:20 PM
Subject: Re: [redacted] Space? 1430?

Hi [redacted]

No problem on it being in its original layout. Is it possible to have it opened and ready for display tomorrow at 1439? 1400

[redacted] Of course this is doable, however please note w... 07/13/2011 10:03:02 AM

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: Marie E. Har [redacted]
Date: 07/13/2011 10:03 AM
Subject: Re: [redacted] Space?

Of course this is doable, however please note we have already returned it to it's original layout. If you still want to tour it, please let me know and the time so that I can have it opened for you.

[redacted] Hi [redacted] I was given your name as the POC in... 07/13/2011 09:04:39 AM

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted] Marie E. Har [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Date: 07/13/2011 09:04 AM
Subject: [redacted] Space?

Hi [redacted]

I was given your name as the POC in [redacted] who could determine the feasibility of having a potential walk-through of the your Vault in the [redacted] building that was used for some of the tactical planning in the Bin Ladin Raid. In consultation with the Office of Public Affairs and as part of the larger chronicling of the Bin Ladin raid, OPA will be hosting some visitors sanctioned by ODCIA this Friday afternoon. The plan is to tour [redacted] spaces, but they are also very much interested in seeing the [redacted] spaces that were used in the months leading up to the Bin Ladin Raid if such a thing is permissible.

Is such a thing doable?

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From: Jonathan Leven
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 3:48 PM
To:
Subject: Mark & Kathryn's meetings on Friday

Hi Marie,

It's Jon, again. I just wanted to mention that Mark & Kathryn can stick around CIA HQ until 5pm on Friday if there are any other people they could meet with that afternoon.

Thanks!

Jonathan Leven
Office of Mark Boal

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[redacted]



From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: **Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings**

To: [redacted]

Date: 07/14/2011 03:47 PM

First of all, thank you to you both for all your hard work on this. I know Kathryn is really excited about the visit, about meeting you guys, and seeing where all the magic happens.

Below is the final schedule for tomorrow's visit:

12:30: Arrival; tour with OPA of lobby, Afghan exhibit, and NHB atrium

Approximately 1:00 / 1:15: Tour of CTC [redacted]

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3:00: Meeting with AD/CIA Michael Morell

--They have a 4:45 meeting with Dr. Vickers, so they will leave immediately following their meeting with Mr. Morell.

Saturday TBD:

--Kathryn chat with [redacted]

Monday TBD:

Kathryn would like to sit down for chats with the following folks that Mark has talked to:

[redacted]

[redacted] You had mentioned the possibility of getting the timing set up for this. I don't mind doing that, just let me know what works easiest for you -- I don't want you to have to do a lot of leg work on this. I believe that [redacted] knows a Monday meeting is on the books and is awaiting word on timing. I don't know exactly how long each meeting will take (and I think they wanted to do them separately), but potentially 30-45 mins a piece? Does that work? If not, let me know what works best on your end.

And for your SA, Mark will be in these meetings as well.

Thanks!
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: mark
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 12:29 PM
To:
Subject: Here

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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From: [redacted] Special Assistant, D/CTC
Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL movie Director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal
To: Marie E. Harf
Cc: [redacted]
Date: 07/18/2011 11:26 AM

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Hi Marie - DCTC will meet them in his office [redacted]

Thank you and have a wonderful day!!!

[redacted]

Marie E. Harf [redacted] Thanks, that's perfect! 07/15/2011 06:58:26 PM

From: Marie E. Harf [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Date: 07/15/2011 06:58 PM
Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL movie Director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal

[redacted]

Thanks, that's perfect!

If that conference room next to his office is open, that might be good so he doesn't have to travel far for the meeting. If that's not free, he can come here to the OPA front office in [redacted]

Have a great weekend!
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

- [redacted] Hi Marie - Unfortunately Monday will not work. ... 07/15/2011 01:55:00 PM
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From: [redacted]
Special Assistant, D/CTC

Subject: **Re: Meeting with UBL movie Director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal** [icon]

To: Marie E. Harf

Cc: [redacted]

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." Martin Luther King, Jr.
NCS/CTC

Date: 07/15/2011 01:55 PM

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Hi Marie -

Unfortunately Monday will not work. So Tuesday at 11:00am - where would you like DCTC to come to for the meeting?

Thank you and have a wonderful day!!!

[redacted signature block]

Marie E. Harf

Thanks so much!

07/15/2011 10:59:02 AM

From: Marie E. Harf
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Date: 07/15/2011 10:59 AM
Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL movie Director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal

[redacted]

Thanks so much!

Tuesday at 11 will work, absolutely. Kathryn and Mark will be in the building on Monday for other meetings, so if he has some time free on that day, they'll already be here. But, if not, Tuesday works too!

Thanks,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL movie Director Kathryn Bigelow and
screenwriter Mark Boal

To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Date: 07/15/2011 10:59 AM

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Thanks,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted] Good Morning Marie - D/CTC is available to m... 07/15/2011 10:30:50 AM

From: [redacted]
To: Marie E. Harf
Cc: [redacted]
Date: 07/15/2011 10:30 AM
Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL movie Director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal

Good Morning Marie -

D/CTC is available to meet with Kathryn Bigelow and Mark Boal on Tuesday, 19 July 2011 at 11:00am. Please let me know if their schedules can accommodate this date/time and if I need to book a conference room for the meeting or if you have a location already available.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!!!

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Special Assistant, D/CTC

Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL movie Director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." Martin Luther King, Jr.
NCS/CTC.

To: Marie E. Harf

Cc: [redacted]

Date: 07/15/2011 10:30 AM

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Good Morning Marie -

D/CTC is available to meet with Kathryn Bigelow and Mark Boal on Tuesday, 19 July 2011 at 11:00am. Please let me know if their schedules can accommodate this date/time and if I need to book a conference room for the meeting or if you have a location already available.

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[redacted]

[redacted]

Marie E. Harf [redacted] Thanks so much! I'll stand by to hear ab... 07/15/2011 09:25:27 AM

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To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Date: 07/15/2011 09:25 AM
Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL movie Director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal

[redacted]

Thanks so much! I'll stand by to hear about Monday or Tuesday.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Marie E. Harf [redacted] D/CTC is unavailable on Friday... for A... 07/14/2011 06:04:25 PM

From: [redacted]
To: Marie E. Harf
Cc: [redacted]
Date: 07/14/2011 06:04 PM

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Subject: Re: Meeting with UBL movie Director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal

Marie -

D/CTC is unavailable on Friday. I or [] will get back to you tomorrow to let you know about Monday or Tuesday.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!!!

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[]

Marie E. Harf Hi Kathryn Bigelow -- the Academy Awar... 07/12/2011 04:05:20 PM

From: Marie E. Harf
To: []
Cc: []
Date: 07/12/2011 04:05 PM
Subject: Meeting with UBL movie Director Kathryn Bigelow and screenwriter Mark Boal

Hi []

Kathryn Bigelow -- the Academy Award-winning Director of "The Hurt Locker" and the Director of the UBL movie -- will be visiting HQs this Friday for a meet-and-greet with Michael Morell and next Monday or Tuesday (we're still working out timing) for a tour. She will be accompanied by the movie's screenwriter, Mark Boal.

I wanted to give D/CTC the opportunity to do a meet-and-greet with them when they're at HQs if he's interested. Both Kathryn and Mark have told us how impressed they are with the Agency's work in the UBL operation, and I thought D/CTC might be interested in talking to them about the movie and where they see it going.

Please let me know if you would like to schedule a meet-and-greet on any of those days. If not, no worries.

Thanks,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Meeting with UBL movie Director Kathryn Bigelow and
screenwriter Mark Boal

To:
Cc:

Date: 07/12/2011 04:05 PM

Hi

Kathryn Bigelow – the Academy Award-winning Director of "The Hurt Locker" and the Director of the UBL movie – will be visiting HQs this Friday for a meet-and-greet with Michael Morell and next Monday or Tuesday (we're still working out timing) for a tour. She will be accompanied by the movie's screenwriter, Mark Boal.

I wanted to give D/CTC the opportunity to do a meet-and-greet with them when they're at HQs if he's interested. Both Kathryn and Mark have told us how impressed they are with the Agency's work in the UBL operation, and I thought D/CTC might be interested in talking to them about the movie and where they see it going.

Please let me know if you would like to schedule a meet-and-greet on any of those days. If not, no worries.

Thanks,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Hello Marie - Unfortunately, D/CTC is unavailable. 06/30/2011 01:45:22 PM

From: [Redacted]
To: Marie E. Harf
Cc: [Redacted]
Date: 06/30/2011 01:45 PM
Subject: Re: Meeting with Hollywood screenwriter tomorrow (Friday)?

Hello Marie -

Unfortunately, D/CTC is unavailable to meet with Mr. Boal tomorrow. Please let me know when he will be back in town and I will schedule the meeting.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!!!

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Marie E. Harf

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From: Marie E. Harf
 To: [REDACTED]
 Cc: [REDACTED]
 Date: 06/30/2011 01:31 PM
 Subject: Meeting with Hollywood screenwriter tomorrow (Friday)?

As I believe you know, we in OPA have been engaging with Hollywood screenwriter Mark Boal on his movie about the hunt for UBL. (He wrote and co-produced the Hurt Locker.) He's sat down with DDCIA, Jeremy Bash, [REDACTED] and a few other folks to talk through the intelligence case, the operation, and their roles in it. As a Agency, we've been pretty forward-leaning with Boal, and he's agreed to share scripts and details about the movie with us so we're absolutely comfortable with what he will be showing. As he did with the Hurt Locker, he's very concerned about operational security and will take any of our concerns into account.

We think it would make sense, if you're willing to do so, if you would sit down and chat with Boal as well. He's in town through this weekend, so if you would like to meet with him, tomorrow would work well. If not, he'll be back in town later in the summer as well. I know this is a little outside what we typically do as CIA officers, but Boal seems committed to representing the Agency well in what is a multi-million dollar major motion picture.

(And for your SA, we're trying to keep his visits at HQs a bit quiet, because of the sensitivities surrounding who gets to participate in this types of things. I'm sure you understand...)

Please advise if you'd like to meet with Boal and, if so, what your schedule looks like.

Marie

Marie E. Harf
 CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Re: Meeting with Hollywood screenwriter tomorrow
(Friday)?

To:
Cc:

Date: 06/30/2011 01:47 PM

Thanks for the note! He's tentatively scheduled to be in town the week of July 11th, so maybe we can set something up then.

Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Hello Marie - Unfortunately, D/CTC is unavailable... 06/30/2011 01:45:22 PM

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To: Marie E. Harf/
Cc: [redacted]
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From: [redacted] EA ODCIA

Subject: Re: Q re: Fw: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings

To: Marie E. Harf

Cc: [redacted] Jennifer N. Youngblood, [redacted]

Date: 07/15/2011 12:02 PM

This message is digitally signed.

Thank you!

Marie E. Harf [redacted] Of course!

07/15/2011 12:01:58 PM

From: Marie E. Harf

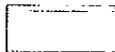
To:

Cc:

Jennifer N. Youngblood [redacted]

Date: 07/15/2011 12:01 PM

Subject: Re: Q re: Fw: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings



Of course!



Thanks!

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted] Marie, one more question -- could you please gi...

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Re: Q re: Fw: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings

To: []

Cc: []

Jennifer N. Youngblood []

Date: 07/15/2011 12:01 PM

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Thanks!

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: []

To: Marie E. Harf

Cc: [] Jennifer N. Youngblood []

Date: 07/15/2011 11:56 AM

Subject: Q re: Fw: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings

Marie, one more question -- could you please give us the list of people that the visitors are planning to (or have requested to) meet with today and early next week? ADCIA will want to know before he speaks with the visitors this afternoon.

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From: []

To: []

Cc: Marie E. Harf

Date: 07/15/2011 11:42 AM

Subject: Fw: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings

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Jennifer Youngblood
Deputy Director
Office of Public Affairs

— Forwarded by Jennifer N. Youngblood, [redacted] on 07/15/2011 11:36 AM —

From: Marie E. Harf [redacted]
To: George E. Little [redacted] Jennifer N. Youngblood [redacted] Preston B. Golsor [redacted]
Date: 07/14/2011 03:33 PM
Subject: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings

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Thanks!
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: [redacted] EA ODCIA

Subject: Re: Fw: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings

To: Jennifer N. Youngblood

Cc: [redacted] Marie E. Harf

Date: 07/15/2011 11:43 AM

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Thank you!

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To: [redacted]
Cc: Marie E. Harf
Date: 07/15/2011 11:42 AM
Subject: Fw: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings

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Jennifer Youngblood
Deputy Director
Office of Public Affairs

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Thanks!

Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Fw: Draft Schedule for Monday 7/18 Meetings with OPA
To: George E. Little, Jennifer N. Youngblood, Preston B. Golson

Date: 07/15/2011 06:52 PM

FYI - schedule for Monday is set. We're going to be in the OPA conference room.

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Forwarded by Marie E. Harf [redacted] on 07/15/2011 06:51 PM

From: [redacted]
To: Marie E. Harf
Cc: [redacted]
Date: 07/15/2011 05:39 PM
Subject: Draft Schedule for Monday 7/18 Meetings with OPA

Hi Marie,

How does the below proposed schedule work for you?

- [redacted] 1300 - 1345
- [redacted] 1345-1430
- [redacted] 1430 - 1515
- [redacted] 1515-1600

[redacted]

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Re: Draft Schedule for Monday 7/18 Meetings with OPA

To:
Cc:

Date: 07/15/2011 05:58 PM

We're confirmed to be in the OPA conference room in

Thanks - have a great weekend!
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: **Re: Draft Schedule for Monday 7/18 Meetings with OPA**

To:
Cc:

Date: 07/15/2011 05:43 PM

Looks perfect to me! Thank you so much for putting this together.

Where are we going to do the meetings?

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Hi Marie, How does the below proposed sche... 07/15/2011 05:39:52 PM

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[Redacted]

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From: Mark Boal [mark@]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 10:47 AM
To:
Subject: Re: Meeting with c/ctc

Perfect

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 15, 2011, at 10:38 AM, wrote:

Mark,

Chief CTC is available to meet on Tuesday at 11am. Let me know if that works for you. I can see if he has some time on the schedule for Monday, so you can knock that out while you're here chatting with people then, but I'm guessing he doesn't if they offered Tuesday...

Marie E. Harf

Central Intelligence Agency

Media Spokesperson



From: Sarah Zukowski
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 9:18 AM
To:
Subject: RE: Car for Mark and Kathryn today?

Marie,

They will have a driver today and tomorrow and it will be Shoukat, who Mark has had for all his previous visits. Here is car and driver info for your reference:

Driver:
Shoukat Ali Virk

Let me know if you need anything else. Thanks!

Sarah

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

From:
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 8:11 AM
To: Sarah Zukowski
Subject: Re: Car for Mark and Kathryn today?

Sarah,

Thanks! I really appreciate your help.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

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

From: Sarah Zukowski
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 08:00 AM
To:
Subject: Re: Car for Mark and Kathryn today?

Hi Marie!

Hope you had a great weekend. I haven't heard anything from Mark about needing a car but I just emailed him asking about it so I'll let you know what he says.

If he does ask for a car, I will be sure to get the same driver as Mark has always had (Shoukat) so all the info will be the same.

Thanks for checking in and I'll let you know when I hear from him!

Best,
Sarah

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

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 07:26 AM
To: Sarah Zukowski
Subject: Car for Mark and Kathryn today?

Hi Sarah!

Mark and Kathryn will be back at CIA today and tomorrow for meetings (today they begin at 1, and tomorrow at 11). Do you have driver info for them? Is it the same guy again?

Thanks - hope you had a great weekend!

[redacted]
CIA Spokesperson
[redacted]

From: mark@
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 11:02 AM
To:
Subject: Please gimme a call

If you have a chance
Forgot to ask u something

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 6:17 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow
Attachments: GL Letter.pdf; ATT00001..txt

What about giving these kinds of requests to [redacted] to manage?

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

From: Jonathan Leven [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 5:58 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: mb User
Subject: Letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow

Dear George,

Attached please find a letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow.

If you could confirm receiving the attachment, it would be much appreciated. Should you have any difficulty opening the attached .pdf file, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone @ [redacted]

Best Regards,

Jonathan Leven
Assistant to Mark Boal

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 7:36 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Mark Boal

Ok will do

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

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 07:35 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Mark Boal

If you get a response from the UBL team about when works best to meet with Mark, let me know and I can circle back with him.

Thanks!
Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Mark Boal
To: [redacted]

Date: 06/06/2011 11:47 AM

Mark Boal, the screenwriter from "The Hurt Locker" who's currently working on a UBL movie, will be in HQs today and tomorrow meeting with folks. I believe last time he was at HQs he met DDCIA briefly, so I wanted to check and see if he would like to say hi to him when he's in the building this week. Today, he'll be here from noon until about 2 or so. And then tomorrow, he'll be here at 1 for a lunch.

Thanks much!
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 9:18 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: ?

No clue...

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

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 09:13 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: ?

Is Marie still at work? Wonder what happened to Boal's driver.

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Re: Meeting with Mark Boal

To:
Cc: George E. Little

Date: 06/03/2011 09:10 AM

Yep, that's perfect!

Thanks so much.

Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Hello, Marie - I've scheduled Mr. Mark Boal to... 06/03/2011 09:02:05 AM

From:
To: Marie E. Harf
Cc: George E. Little
Date: 06/03/2011 09:02 AM
Subject: Meeting with Mark Boal

Hello, Marie I've scheduled Mr. Mark Boal to visit with
on Monday, 6/6 at 1pm. Hope this time works for Mr. Boal's schedule. We are located in
Many thanks.

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Visitor Request Summary Status: Complete	
Visit Details Date(s) of visit: 08/08/2011 Buildings to visit: Headquarters Parking Required: VIP East (OHB) Purpose of visit: Meeting with Media Spokesperson Marie Harf	
Sponsor Information Office: DIR/OPA	
Visitors	
View Details	
# Name	Representing
1 Mark Boal	Self
2 Shoukat Virk	Self-Mark Boal's dr

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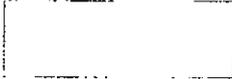


From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Meeting with Mark Boal

To: [redacted]

Cc: George E. Little



Date: 06/01/2011 05:53 PM

All,

Thank you very much for agreeing to chat with movie producer and screenwriter Mark Boal, who is making a movie about UBL. As you may know, Mark won two Academy Awards for "The Hurt Locker," which focused on an Army bomb diffusion team in Iraq. Mark is a serious filmmaker who's looking to do an accurate portrayal (at least as far as Hollywood goes) of UBL and the operation. He's been working on this movie for some time.

Mark is in DC through next Tuesday and would love to sit down and chat with you guys -- and anyone else on your team you think should be there -- to give him some context for your office and your work. This discussion won't be for attribution in any way.

Does sometime on Monday work for you? If not, let me know what does work, and I can set it up.

And thank you in advance for your willingness to chat with him.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 9:22 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Driver Information for Mark Boal's Meeting on Mon, 6/6, 12pm
Attachments: image001.jpg

Sarah,

Thanks for the email! We'll get the driver's info in the system.

I hope you had a nice weekend as well.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

[Redacted]

From: Sarah Zukowski [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 05:20 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Driver Information for Mark Boal's Meeting on Mon, 6/6, 12pm

Hi Marie,

I hope you had a nice weekend. Mark informed me that he has another meeting at 1pm at the Agency tomorrow and for which I have scheduled another car. His driver will be the same (Driver Name: Shoukat-Ali Virk

[Redacted] Please let me know if I can provide you with any other information before his meeting tomorrow.

Thanks so much!

Sarah

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 4:53 PM
To: Sarah Zukowski
Subject: RE: Driver Information for Mark Boal's Meeting on Mon, 6/6, 12pm

Sarah,

Great, thanks! I really appreciate your help.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf

Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson

From: Sarah Zukowski
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 4:51 PM
To:
Subject: Driver Information for Mark Boal's Meeting on Mon, 6/6, 12pm

Hi Marie,

Apologies for the delay in getting you this information; the car service took longer than expected to send me the driver's necessary details. Here is the information of the person bringing Mark Boal to the Agency on Monday at noon:

Driver Name: Shoukat Ali Virk

Please let me know if I can provide you with anything else. Thanks so much and have a great weekend.

Best,
Sarah



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www.gloverparkgroup.com

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Fw: [redacted] Driver Information for Mark Boal 's Meeting on
Mon, 6/6, 12pm - [Link to Attachment (s)]

To: [redacted]

Date: 06/03/2011 04:53 PM

See info below for Mark Boal's driver for Monday.

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Hi Marie,

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Best,
Sarah

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Visitor Request Summary

Status: Complete

Visit Details

Date(s) of visit: 05/20/2011
Buildings to visit: Headquarters
Parking Required: General Parking
Purpose of visit: Meeting with D/OPA George Little and Chief of Staff Jeremy Bash

Sponsor Information

Office: DIR/OPA

Visitors

View Details

#	Name
1	Mark Boal
2	Michael Feldman
3	Shoukat Virk

Representing	
Hollywood screenwrit	*
Glover Park group	*
Driver	*

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Mark Boal at HQs today
To: Jeremy B. Bash

Date: 06/06/2011 11:14 AM

Jeremy,

Mark's coming into HQs today from noon until 2 to meet with CTC folks. If you want to say hi, we can swing by your office. I didn't know what your schedule was like or if you would have time, but I thought you might want to know.

Thanks,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 8:40 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Mark Boal

No problem. Glad to see that it's working out for the visit.

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

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 8:55 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Mark Boal

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for emailing Mark today about his visit on Monday. He and I were just at a social event together and discussed the details of his visit to HQs. Hopefully I can get the CTC folks pinned down tomorrow on timing.

Thanks again for reaching out to Mark while I was out today.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Monday meeting with Mark Boal

To: [redacted]

Cc: George E. Little, Jennifer N. Youngblood, [redacted]

Date: 06/03/2011 01:47 PM

[redacted]

We're all set for Monday's visit by screenwriter Mark Boal. His clearance info is below. I'll have his driver's info by the end of the day today.

Mark will be arriving around noon, when [redacted] (has another event on Monday at the same time) will do a tour of the lobby, Afghan exhibit, and other GWOT-related stuff. Then, at 1pm, he'll meet with the UBL team in CTC.

Thanks!
Marie

Mark Boal: [redacted]

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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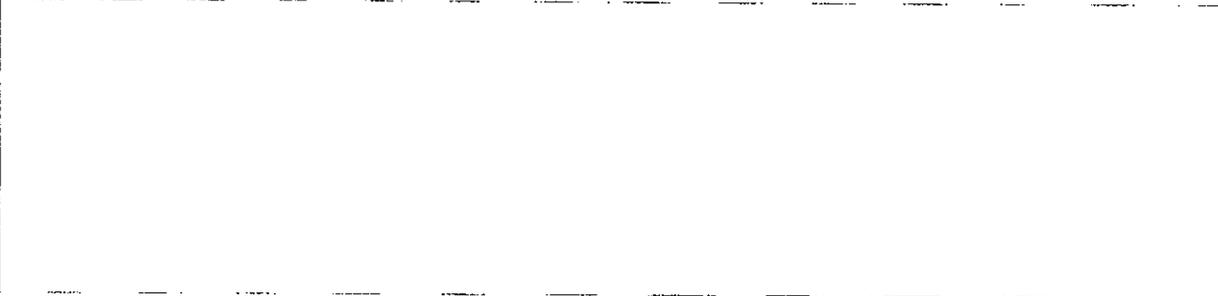
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From: [redacted]
Date: 05/31/2011 01:32 PM
Subject: [redacted] RE: Bin laden movie
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Please respond to [redacted]

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Hi George -- we can discuss this at today's mgr's meeting.

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

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2011 12:24 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Fw: Bin laden movie

[redacted] let's discuss tomorrow. Thanks!

George

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

From: Mark Boal [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2011 12:23 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Bin laden movie

Hi George,
Thanks for facilitating this...am just following up to see if you were able to get a sense if anyone in the building will be available any time June 2-6.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 23, 2011, at 9:20 PM, [redacted] wrote:

> Mark, it was great to meet you on Friday. We look forward to future discussions. I'll be in touch later this week after touching base with some key folks at the office.

>
> Take care,
> George

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: markboal [redacted]
> Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 07:15 PM

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> To: [redacted] Michael Feldman
> [redacted]
> Cc: Jonathan Leven [redacted]
> Subject: Bin laden movie
>
> Dear Jeremy and George,
>
> It was a pleasure seeing you both last Friday, and it was very
> generous of you to take the time out of a busy day. Thank you,
>
> As a follow up, if I may, I'd like to give you a sense of my travel
> schedule and let you know that I'll be in the D.C. on June 2-7, and so
> if that's a convenient time period to set any meetings, that would be
> great. If another time is better, I can adjust accordingly.
>
> Thanks again for engaging on this.
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> Mark
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(Untitled)

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 10:34 AM
To: mark@[redacted]
Subject: Wash Post series on hunt for UBL

Mark,

Here's a compilation of all the Post's stories about the killing of Bin Laden: http://www.washingtonpost.com/killing-osama-bin-laden/2010/07/06/AFCiwGpF_linkset.html. Some of them are pretty good.

For some of the best info on the Bin Laden hunt – especially the early years after 9/11 – the Washington Post also has a good series: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/projects/osama-hunt/?hpid=z13>. It's also pasted below. The story doesn't go into the operation or the intel case for Abbottabad itself, and you've probably read most of it elsewhere, but it's a fairly good series.

Marie

Introduction: Becoming more like him

by Peter Finn, Ian Shapira and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011

Finally, after weeks of searching the caves and mountains of Tora Bora for traces of Osama bin Laden, CIA field commander Gary Berntsen believed his men had a good peg on the terrorist. Berntsen called in the big bomb - the BLU-82, a 15,000-pound device the size of a car.

The bomb was pushed out of the back of a C-130 transport plane. It struck with such force that it vaporized men deep inside caves. The devastation spread across an area as big as five football fields, killing numerous al-Qaeda fighters - including, Berntsen believed, bin Laden.

It was three months after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and Berntsen thought, "I've got him now."

Six days later, two of Berntsen's men were listening to a radio they had picked up from a dead al-Qaeda fighter. They heard bin Laden addressing his troops in Arabic. The hunt went on.

Immediately after al-Qaeda's attack, America went after the world's most notorious terrorist with a quick-action injection of cash, commandos and massive firepower.

Within a few months, that first phase of the search for bin Laden would give way to a decade-long manhunt in which the tedious work of analysis and surveillance would eventually bag the target. To find bin Laden, who had declared holy war on the United States in 1996, the Americans needed to think more like him, to absorb the structures and rhythms of a terror network.

The search that ended Sunday with bullets to bin Laden's head and chest was the result of a new approach to finding an elusive target, the product of a few dozen analysts in Langley who refused to accept that their prey may have vanished forever.

Chapter 1: Cash in a Rubbermaid tub

by Peter Finn, Ian Shapira and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011

Less than a month after the Sept. 11 attacks, U.S. bombers began hitting Afghanistan, hoping to bring down the Taliban government for giving al-Qaeda sanctuary. On the ground, the hunt for bin Laden was also underway. A few dozen U.S. paramilitary troops, dressed as Afghans in beards and loose robes and accompanied by hired Afghan fighters, took up the chase.

The American presence at first was thin, and expertise was scarce. The CIA had had a team tracking bin Laden from back home at Langley since 1996, but now it scrambled to find officers who knew Afghanistan and could deploy immediately. Only about a dozen agency people were working in the country on Sept. 11, according to a former senior intelligence official who helped set up agency outposts there.

The first job was to identify tribal leaders and meet with them, always bringing gifts. "The message was 'We're your friends,'" said the senior intelligence official. "We're everyone's friends. But whoever hosts us is in line to get American money."

This account of the hunt is based on interviews with more than 20 senior political, military and intelligence officials from the Clinton, Bush and Obama administrations, some of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss operations.

CIA field commander Berntsen, who led a team charged with finding bin Laden, worked out of a Kabul guesthouse, fueling the hunt with several million dollars in cash that he kept stowed in a Rubbermaid tub. From that makeshift bank, he distributed payoffs in the thousands of dollars to informants in tribal villages where bin Laden sightings had been reported.

"I must have gotten eight reports at the time, saying he's in this village here or that village there," said Berntsen, who had investigated al-Qaeda's 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. "He was stopping and giving speeches."

Intelligence analysts would later learn where bin Laden was in the first weeks after the attack, mainly through interrogations of al-Qaeda operatives held at CIA "black sites" overseas and at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

But in the immediate aftermath of Sept. 11, the Americans had no idea that bin Laden and his chief deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, were on the move, traveling through Afghanistan by car, meeting frequently with followers and Taliban leaders. According to classified U.S. military documents obtained by the anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks, based on interviews with detainees, bin Laden held court at a secret guesthouse in or near Kabul.

Acting like an exiled head of state, he received terrorist operatives from Afghanistan, Malaysia and elsewhere, and met with leaders such as the Taliban's Jalaluddin Haqqani. He issued instructions for campaigns against Western targets, lectured on Islam and history, and sent out a video boasting about how pleasantly surprised he was that the attacks had claimed so many American lives.

In early October, Yunis Khalis, an elderly Afghan warrior who controlled a swath of territory in the country's east, including the regional capital of Jalalabad and the nearby cave complex at Tora Bora, sent a message to bin Laden telling him he could provide sanctuary for the al-Qaeda leader.

Bin Laden had friends and followers all along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. Even before the founding of al-Qaeda in 1988, bin Laden had spent years in the area, developing relationships with tribal and religious leaders, many of whom he worked with side by side in the Afghan mujaheddin's 1980s battles against the Soviet Union.

Khalis and bin Laden had known each other since those days, when Khalis, one of the most prominent leaders of the anti-Soviet resistance, had received tens of millions of dollars in guns and money from the CIA. He later introduced bin Laden to Mohammad Omar, the Taliban leader. After the United States began to bomb Afghanistan on Oct. 7, Khalis, then 82, called for jihad against the Americans.

Taking advantage of Khalis's hospitality, bin Laden arrived in Jalalabad just two months after the Sept. 11 attacks and immediately began to spread cash among local tribes, either directly or through trusted intermediaries.

When the bombing around Jalalabad intensified, bin Laden fled into the fortified caves of Tora Bora, about 35 miles south of the regional capital. Bin Laden knew the territory; as a young man, he had driven bulldozers there as Afghan resistance fighters excavated miles of tunnels.

In late November, probably within days after bin Laden had arrived in the area, Berntsen's team tracked him to a mountainous area called Milawa, just below the peaks of Tora Bora. Berntsen's men called in airstrikes - a barrage from B-52s, F-15s and plenty more - that lasted nearly 60 hours.

"Our guys were exhausted; they had been hammering Osama for days," Berntsen said. "Finally, bin Laden fled deeper into the mountains."

Berntsen, who was back in Kabul, summoned several members of his team to tell him what they would need to take down bin Laden now that they thought they knew where he was. The response: "We need 800 Army Rangers between bin Laden and the border."

Berntsen wrote to his superiors, begging for troops. His pleas went unanswered, according to a Senate Foreign Relations Committee report on Tora Bora. Without more manpower, Berntsen couldn't risk a ground assault.

Still, the Americans tried to stay close to bin Laden. Berntsen's deputy, a CIA paramilitary officer, recruited an Afghan to trek into the mountains and offer bin Laden and his followers food and water, then report back on the terrorist's location.

"The guy saw bin Laden and his son," Berntsen said. "When you're desperate, you're desperate. And when you don't have food and water, you'll take it."

As the United States carpet-bombed the cave complex, bin Laden and Zawahiri urged their fighters to carry on against the Americans. In the bitter cold of the caves, bin Laden sipped mint tea. He heard pleas from his fighters for medicine and, with ever-greater urgency, escape routes.

A videotape later obtained by the CIA shows bin Laden in that period, teaching followers how to dig holes where they could spend the night without being seen by U.S. spy planes. As bin Laden speaks, a U.S. bomb explodes in the background. The terrorist casually notes that "we were there last night."

Chapter 2: Lessons learned

by Peter Finn, Ian Shapira and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011

The American campaign was conducted primarily from the air. Despite the pleas from CIA operatives, U.S. officials were reluctant to send in ground troops to flush out bin Laden. They told officers on the ground in Afghanistan that Pakistani troops would help them, cutting off bin Laden if he tried to cross into their country.

But in early December, over lunch at his palace in Islamabad, Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf made it clear to U.S. officials that he didn't want to commit troops unless the Americans would help transport them to the border by air. According to Wendy Chamberlin, then the U.S. ambassador to Pakistan, Musharraf told her

and Gen. Tommy R. Franks, commander of U.S. Central Command: "I'd put the troops in trucks, but that'll take weeks. Could you give me air support?"

Franks would not comment for this article, but according to Chamberlin, he was noncommittal about air support. Only later did she learn that the general was already "planning for Iraq," she said. "Even if he could have helped out, he was already starting to have to reshuffle." Without the air support, the Pakistanis sent some soldiers to the border, but never enough to secure it.

Back in Tora Bora, a team from Delta Force - the military's secretive, elite Special Operations unit - planned to sneak up on bin Laden from behind, crossing into the terrorist's suspected lair from Pakistan, through an undefended back door. That would have required using supplemental oxygen to scale a 14,000-foot peak, but according to the leader of the Delta Force team, who later wrote a book under the pseudonym Dalton Fury, the plan had a better chance of succeeding than any frontal assault that relied on help from Afghan fighters.

Fury, the assault troop commander who retired from the Army as a major, said in an e-mail interview that the Pakistani forces who were supposed to seal the border "never made it there." He said his superiors told him to skip the border-side assault and instead "align our mission with the Afghan mujaheddin to put an Afghan face on killing" bin Laden.

Fury didn't trust the Afghans. "The mujaheddin were not very skilled or motivated fighters," he said. But following orders, the Delta Force team stayed on the Afghan side of the border.

On Dec. 10, Fury's team got a tip from a source who claimed to know bin Laden's general location in the Tora Bora area. Thirty members of the team launched a hasty assault, but when some of his men were abandoned by their Afghan allies behind enemy lines, the team halted its advance and spent two hours rescuing their mates. Fury aborted the mission.

The next summer, Fury's men returned to Tora Bora with a forensics team to search 80 graves of al-Qaeda fighters. None of the remains they dug up was a match for bin Laden.

The team stayed on the hunt. In December 2002, they conducted a nighttime raid on Tora Bora, capturing a man who had given medical care to bin Laden. But bin Laden himself was long gone. The trail had gone cold.

Tora Bora taught both sides important lessons. The Americans learned, as a top intelligence official said, "that it was a bad idea to 'outsource' something as important as capturing or killing bin Laden." Mutual mistrust kept the Pakistani military and Afghan fighters from embracing the Americans' search for bin Laden.

After Tora Bora, the Americans knew that "when the time came to move, we would do it ourselves," said the official, who was involved in the search for years.

Bin Laden, who took the U.S. bombing seriously enough to have written his will in mid-December of 2001, learned that he had lost his safe haven and was now a fugitive on the run. "Hiding and isolation from operatives and recruits transformed him from a hands-on leader into an almost mythical figure within al-Qaeda," the intelligence official said. That new mystique lent additional import to each video or audio transmission that bin Laden managed to smuggle out, but it also dampened al-Qaeda's fundraising and recruiting capacity.

Chapter 3: Somehow, he escapes

by Peter Finn, Ian Shapira and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011

The popular version of bin Laden's escape from Tora Bora was dramatic enough. Somehow, a hunted man made it over the mountains, south to the tribal areas of Pakistan.

But U.S. interrogators later learned from Guantanamo detainees that bin Laden had actually taken a more daring route, to the north toward Jalalabad, right past the approaching U.S. and British special forces and their Afghan allies. After resting there, he proceeded on horseback on a several days' journey into Konar province, in Afghanistan's far northeast. A U.S. intelligence official this week confirmed this account.

"It's still unclear who bribed who and who talked to who," the official said, but "bin Laden got out. Knowing the land, knowing the people who could direct you, he was able to get out to Konar," into valleys "that no one has subdued ... places the Soviets never pacified."

Bin Laden and Zawahiri next moved on to an "unknown location," according to military documents. Some detainees reported that the two had stayed in Konar for up to 10 months. Even bin Laden's closest followers didn't know where he had gone, according to U.S. analysts who mined the interrogations of al-Qaeda operatives.

"It became clear that he was not meeting with them face to face," said an intelligence official. "People we would capture had not seen him."

U.S. forces believed that at Tora Bora they had come within perhaps 2,000 yards of bin Laden. Yet he managed to slip away, vanishing so completely that several years went by without a single tip, surveillance photo or monitored transmission of any value. On the ground, American operatives continued to try to pry intelligence from "locals willing to talk for some pocket change," Fury said. "The CIA did a lot of this fishing. Mind-numbing. A million dead ends."

Chapter 4: 'You have to know the network'

by Peter Finn, Ian Shapira and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011

A few months after Tora Bora, as part of the preparation for war in Iraq, the Bush administration pulled out many of the Special Operations and CIA forces that had been searching for bin Laden in Afghanistan, according to several U.S. officials who served at the time.

Even the drones that U.S. forces depended on to track movements of suspicious characters in the Afghan mountain passes were redeployed to be available for the Iraq war, Lt. Gen. John Vines told The Washington Post in 2006. Once, when Vines's troops believed they were within half an hour of catching up to bin Laden, the general asked for drones to cover three possible escape routes. But only one drone was available - others had been moved to Iraq. The target got away.

Back home; frustration over the long search led to a debate between critics of the Bush administration's global war on terrorism, who argued that the cause of security would be better served by focusing on targeted strikes against bin Laden and al-Qaeda, and defenders of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, who said the best way to contain terrorism was to take the fight to where the enemy lived.

As that debate raged, the analysts in the CIA's HV Unit — dedicated to hunting for high-value targets (bin Laden was known in the agency as "HVT-1") — began to envision the search in a new way.

"The story of hunting bin Laden is a story of increased sophistication in thinking," said an intelligence official. Maybe bin Laden was in the mountains; maybe not. But that was the wrong question.

Even al-Qaeda's top guns didn't know where bin Laden was, yet they still managed to get instructions from him. So the most important question wasn't "Where is bin Laden?" but rather "How does he communicate?"

Interrogations determined that bin Laden got his orders out only once a month, by courier, and that led analysts to decide that, as the intelligence official said, "you have to know the network, the couriers and how that leads to the location."

At the White House, under pressure from mounting public skepticism about the hunt, Bush moved on a different track. He ordered up "Operation Cannonball," directing the CIA to "flood the zone," beefing up the number of officers on the hunt in Pakistan and Afghanistan. But there were no breakthroughs.

That didn't discourage the analysts at the HV Unit. They were learning more about how al-Qaeda worked, and that led them to think about networks in which information doesn't get passed up through a hierarchy but rather is shared across all ranks.

The network idea was catching on in the military as well. In 2006, Army Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal launched raids against al-Qaeda leaders in Iraq as well as in Yemen and Afghanistan, said a former White House official. To make those raids happen, McChrystal needed information to move in new ways, and he adopted a networked structure modeled on what he called al-Qaeda's "alarming" ability to grow quickly and shore up weak spots.

"To defeat a networked enemy," McChrystal wrote in Foreign Policy, "we had to become a network ourselves."

That meant instantly sharing intelligence with people throughout the battlefield rather than sending it up the chain of command. Video from drones was now delivered not just to analysts who controlled the unmanned flying cameras but also to combat teams on the ground. The result was a dramatic increase in the number of raids and their success rate.

At the CIA, analysts searched for clues not in caves but in books and interrogation transcripts. Even popular books such as "Growing Up Bin Laden," by the terrorist's wife Najwa and son Omar, were mined for insights. In the book, Omar says his father kept safe houses in Kabul because he believed the Americans would never bomb a big city for fear of killing innocent civilians. That got analysts thinking about urban hideouts.

"Finding bin Laden was not a problem susceptible to human-wave tactics," said an intelligence official who helped supervise the early years of the search. "Lots of people who knew little was almost certain to be less efficacious than a small, dedicated cadre of people with experience working the problem."

The slow, painstaking work of analyzing data met with impatience at the White House, where "a little fatigue had set in," said a former Bush White House official. "We weren't about to find him anytime soon. Publicly, we maintained a sense of urgency: 'We're looking as hard as we can.' But the energy had gone out of the hunt. It had settled to no more than a second-tier issue. After all, those were the worst days of Iraq."

The troubled war in Iraq, mounting concern about Iran's nuclear program, and the increasingly unstable situation in North Korea stole attention from the bin Laden hunt, White House and CIA officials said.

The search for bin Laden, once the clarion cry of a nation bent on striking back, morphed into a topic Bush and his top staffers sought to avoid.

Through the next few years, leaders of the hunt hoped that the drones surveying the tribal areas would generate new leads, "but it was just a hope," said Juan Zarate, Bush's deputy national security adviser for counterterrorism in the middle years of the search. "It was a very dark period."

Chapter 5: The strangely overbuilt house

by Peter Finn, Ian Shapira and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011

In the Bush White House, the lack of credible leads led to public statements designed to play down the individual and focus attention on the broader threat.

The idea was "not to overly aggrandize the man even as we tried to find him," Zarate said. Outside the HV Unit, the landscape looked grim: "I can't remember any single piece of intelligence that got us especially excited," Zarate said.

But even as the hunt became a political liability, the road to bin Laden's house in Abbottabad was being built, not "brick by brick," said former CIA director Michael V. Hayden, but "pebble by pebble."

Turning vague references to a courier into a verified name took upwards of four years, but that opened the way to discovering how he operated, and that led to the surveillance of the strangely overbuilt house that curiously had no phone or Internet service.

The couple of dozen U.S. commandos who dropped onto bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad last weekend had to complete their mission in minutes, but it had taken years to get them there. The analysts who built that road believe that in addition to getting their man, they learned an essential lesson in how to think like their adversaries.

In 2006, bin Laden swore "not to die but a free man." But Osama bin Laden died a prisoner in a jail of his own making, a man without a nation, living apart even from those who shared his belief that mass murder was the path to power.

In his final months, bin Laden could only watch as a wholly opposite force channeled the frustrations and aspirations of the Muslims for whom he claimed to act - a peaceful exercise of people power on the streets of cities across Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen and throughout the Middle East and North Africa, a stirring and decisive uprising by those who yearned for change, yet turned their backs on the ways and means of Osama bin Laden.

[redacted]
 From: [redacted]
 Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 2:22 PM
 To: 'Robert.Mehal@osd.mil'
 Cc: [redacted]
 Subject: Re: Mark Boal discussion

Bob,

Great, thanks much for the read-out. Glad it went so well.

Cheers,
 Marie

Marie E. Harf
 CIA Spokesperson

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA [mailto:Robert.Mehal@osd.mil]
 Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 02:18 PM
 To: [redacted]
 Cc: [redacted]
 Subject: RE: Mark Boal discussion

Marie, I will have an EXSUM done by COB today and will cc all.
 Dr Vickers basically said the three major components were CIA, DoD, and WH.
 Mark mentioned CIA has done a good job of also highlighting NSA and NGA roles.

Went well. Expect him back the last week of June.

Thanks.
 R/
 Bob

Commander Bob Mehal
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 To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
 Cc: [redacted]
 Subject: FW: Mark Boal discussion

Bob,

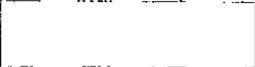
George forwarded me your email from this morning -- he's downtown at Director Panetta's confirmation hearing.

I was in the meeting with Mark Boal and DD/CIA Morell earlier this week. They talked about what it was like on a personal level to be Deputy Director of the CIA when we found UBL, and about some of DD/CIA's experiences at the Agency since 9/11. Mr. Morell emphasized the essential, close partnership between the CIA and our military partners in making this operation such a success. DD/CIA also talked about the kind of officers we had working on the UBL hunt and the level of tenacity that went into locating him at the Abbottabad compound.

I hope this is helpful and that Boal's meeting with your folks goes well today.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson



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From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA [<mailto:Robert.Mehal@osd.mil>]

Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 09:46 AM

To:

Subject: Mark Boal discussion

George, Anything worth noting from Mr. Boal's meeting with DD Morrell?

Vr/
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 12:35 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fw: Mark Boal discussion

Pls reach out to Bob

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From: [redacted] Subject: [redacted] mark Boal
Date: 06/09/2011 03:45 PM To: [redacted]
Please respond to JENNIYB

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AHA!

I searched through several old emails, and pieced together contact info for Mark Boal. His email is mark@[redacted]

And his phone numbers are: [redacted]

☺ Yea me!

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Subject:

[redacted] Call from Mark Boal

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From:

Date: 04/21/2011 05:40 PM

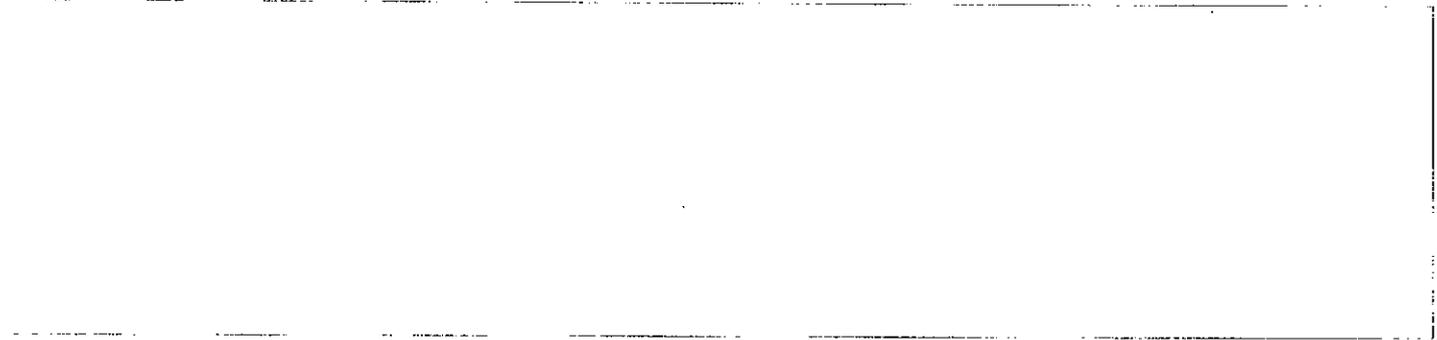
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Please respond to [redacted]

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Mark Boal, the screenwriter from The Hurt Locker, called for you. Said he had dinner with DCIA about a year ago and DCIA said to let you know if Boal was ever going to Afghanistan. He's going in about a week and is calling in as DCIA asked. [redacted]

2/22/2012

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From: [redacted] Subject: Re: meeting on wednesday regarding movie proposal
To: Marie E. Harf
Cc: [redacted]
NCS/CTC [redacted]
Date: 06/08/2011 12:04 PM

that works great [redacted] i do have some training in the last two weeks of june so please work with [redacted] on scheduling as the time gets close, if i'm not directly available to discuss. my training is just over at [redacted] so i can get over here very easily for a sit down. take care!

Marie E. Harf [redacted] It was SO nice meeting you yesterday! I k... 06/08/2011 11:26:53 AM

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Date: 06/08/2011 11:26 AM
Subject: Re: meeting on wednesday regarding movie proposal

It was SO nice meeting you yesterday! I know you're about to run off to catch a plane, so I wanted to update you on where things stand. Mark Boal's schedule got a little crazy, so he wasn't able to come back into the building today. But, he is coming back to DC at the end of the month, and there are several folks that he didn't get a chance to talk to this time -- you included -- that we'll loop into the process then.

Does that work for you? I'm really looking forward to hearing more about your story, and I know Mark is as well!

Safe travels!

Cheers,
marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

[redacted] hey marie! nice to meet you today. i wanted to l... 06/07/2011 07:35:30 PM

From: [redacted]
To: Marie E. Harf
Cc: [redacted]
Date: 06/07/2011 07:35 PM
Subject: meeting on wednesday regarding movie proposal

hey marie! nice to meet you today. i wanted to let you know that i have a morning 0900 followed by a 1000 that goes about 10 minutes. after that, i'll be available to meet with regarding the movie proposal. given my flight tomorrow, i pretty much need to be walking out of this building at 1230 at the very latest... hope that works. i've cc'd [redacted] on here who can help with any needed coordination while i'm in my

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morning meetings, if need be.

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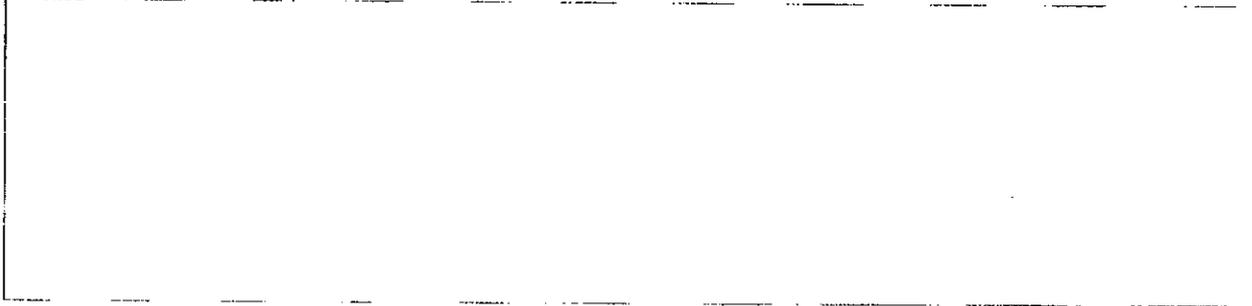
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From: [redacted] Subject: [redacted] FW: bin laden movie
Date: 05/18/2011 10:36 AM To: [redacted]

Please respond to [redacted]

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Your preference? Breakfast somewhere outside the bldg or meeting here?

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

From: mark@ [redacted] [mailto:mark@ [redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 10:17 AM
To: jeremy [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Jonathan Leven; Michael Feldman; [redacted]
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Yes, great. Breakfast, anything. Let me know what works for you.
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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

From: "JBB" [redacted]
Date: Wed, 18 May 2011 10:29:14
To: Mark Boal [redacted]
Reply-To: [redacted]
Cc: George Little [redacted]
[redacted] Michael
Feldman [redacted]
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Ok, can we shift to Friday am, then?

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

From: Mark Boal
To: Jeremy Bash
Cc: George Little
Cc: [redacted]
Cc: Michael Feldman
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: bin laden movie
Sent: May 17, 2011 11:08 PM

I'm doing a fundraiser for wounded military veterans 4pm -9 pm on Thursday, otherwise free on Thursday and totally free Friday. Hope we can find a time

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Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2011, at 7:22 PM, "JBB" [redacted] wrote:

> Can we do 430 pm?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: George Little

> To: mark@ [redacted]

> Cc: Jeremy Bash

> Cc: [redacted]

> Cc: [redacted]

> Cc: Michael Feldman

> Cc: [redacted]

> Subject: Re: bin laden movie

> Sent: May 17, 2011 10:19 PM

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> Mark --

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> Happy to help.

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> Can you swing by on Thurs to meet with [redacted] and me? What times are open on your calendar?

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> And Michael, can you join us, too?

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> Thanks,

> George

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: markboal [redacted]

> Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 07:44 PM

> To: [redacted]

> Cc: JBB [redacted] Kathryn Bigelow [redacted] Jonathan Leven [redacted] Michael Feldman [redacted]

> Subject: bin laden movie

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> George,

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> Thanks for the briefing just now.

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> I'll be in D.C. May 18-20

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> Mark

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From: Jeremy B. Bash
Chief of Staff
Subject: Friday at 9:30 am
To: George E. Little
Date: 05/18/2011 11:24 AM

George Little and I are hosting Mark Boal and Michael Feldman here at HQ at 930 am on Friday.

OPA will take charge of clearing folks in.

Can I use the DI conference room, [redacted] and can we get coffee?

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Re: Meeting with Hollywood screenwriter tomorrow (Friday)?

To:
Cc:

Date: 06/30/2011 01:47 PM

This message is digitally signed.

Thanks for the note! He's tentatively scheduled to be in town the week of July 11th, so maybe we can set something up then.

Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Hello Marie - Unfortunately, D/CTC is unavalla... 06/30/2011 01:45:22 PM

From: Marie E. Harf
To: Marie E. Harf
Cc:
Date: 06/30/2011 01:45 PM
Subject: Re: Meeting with Hollywood screenwriter tomorrow (Friday)?

Hello Marie -

Unfortunately, D/CTC is unavailable to meet with Mr. Boal tomorrow. Please let me know when he will be back in town and I will schedule the meeting.

Thank you and have a wonderful day!!!

Marie E. Harf As I believe you know, we in OPA have b... 06/30/2011 01:31:04 PM

From: Marie E. Harf
To:
Cc:
Date: 06/30/2011 01:31 PM
Subject: Meeting with Hollywood screenwriter tomorrow (Friday)?

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As I believe you know, we in OPA have been engaging with Hollywood screenwriter Mark Boal on his movie about the hunt for UBL. (He wrote and co-produced the Hurt Locker.) He's sat down with DDCIA, Jeremy Bash, [] and a few other folks to talk through the intelligence case, the operation, and their roles in it. As a Agency, we've been pretty forward-leaning with Boal, and he's agreed to share scripts and details about the movie with us so we're absolutely comfortable with what he will be showing. As he did with the Hurt Locker, he's very concerned about operational security and will take any of our concerns into account.

We think it would make sense, if you're willing to do so, if you would sit down and chat with Boal as well. He's in town through this weekend, so if you would like to meet with him, tomorrow would work well. If not, he'll be back in town later in the summer as well. I know this is a little outside what we typically do as CIA officers, but Boal seems committed to representing the Agency well in what is a multi-million dollar major motion picture.

(And for your SA, we're trying to keep his visits at HQs a bit quiet, because of the sensitivities surrounding who gets to participate in this types of things. I'm sure you understand...)

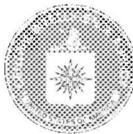
Please advise if you'd like to meet with Boal and, if so, what your schedule looks like.

Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

24 August 2012

Chris Fedeli
Judicial Watch, Inc.
425 Third Street, SW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20024

Re: *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. DoD, et al*, Case No. 1:12-cv-00049-RC (D.D.C.)

Dear Mr. Fedeli:

The Central Intelligence Agency (“CIA” or “Agency”) has conducted a supplemental search in response to your Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request, as a result of the discovery of responsive documents that were inadvertently overlooked during the CIA’s original search. The CIA has identified 54 additional responsive documents from the requested time period of January 1, 2011 to August 9, 2011. Enclosed please find 53 of those documents. Based on its own review of these documents and referrals made to other agencies, the CIA has made redactions to these documents pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(5), and (b)(6). Please note that the exemptions are listed on the first page of the document only, and that “NR” means “Not Responsive.”

Exemption (b)(1) has been claimed to protect the identities of CIA officers and other classified information relating to intelligence activities, sources, and methods. Exemption (b)(3) has been claimed to protect information exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, 50 U.S.C. § 403-1(i)(1) (the “National Security Act”) and Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, 50 U.S.C. § 403g (the “CIA Act”). The National Security Act protects information concerning intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure, and the CIA Act exempts the names of CIA officers from disclosure, as well as information concerning the internal organization and functions of the CIA. Exemption (b)(5) has been claimed to protect deliberative, pre-decisional communications among Executive Branch employees, as well as attorney-client communications. Finally, exemption (b)(6) has been claimed to protect individuals from an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; it has been used to redact primarily Social Security numbers, phone numbers, and email addresses.

The CIA is withholding in full one document on the basis of FOIA exemption (b)(5) and the deliberative process privilege. Information has also been withheld from this document pursuant to exemption (b)(3) for the same reasons identified above.

* * *

In addition to describing the basis for the Agency's withholdings, I would like to take this opportunity to explain the circumstances that led to the supplemental production of these documents.

CIA's Initial Search:

Upon receipt of your FOIA request in August 2011, the CIA originally tasked the Agency's Office of Public Affairs ("OPA") to search for responsive documents. OPA was tasked because it is the office responsible for the Agency's relationship with the media, to include filmmakers. The relevant OPA employees searched their files, including their email accounts, and located responsive records.

Based on a review of the contents of OPA's records, the CIA tasked additional offices to search for responsive records. Those offices were the Offices of the Director, Deputy Director, and Associate Deputy Director of the CIA; the Office of Congressional Affairs; and the Office of General Counsel. The Agency also conducted searches of the email accounts of the Deputy Director of the CIA,¹ former Chief of Staff Jeremy Bash, certain officers from the Agency's National Clandestine Service who met with the filmmakers, and the Office of General Counsel attorneys who were consulted regarding a discrete legal issue pertaining to these meetings. In total, the email accounts of over 30 employees were searched.

Based on these searches, the CIA identified 94 responsive records, 67 of which were released to Judicial Watch with redactions on 18 May 2012. The remaining 24 documents were withheld in full on the basis of FOIA exemption (b)(5) and in part on the basis of exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and (b)(6).

CIA's Supplemental Search:

In July 2012, the CIA's Office of General Counsel was informed that an OPA employee had located additional records that were possibly responsive to your FOIA request. Although many of these records ultimately proved to be duplicative of those already produced, this development prompted the Agency to seek an extension of the briefing schedule so that it could have sufficient time to process these documents and to examine the circumstances of their discovery, in order to ensure the adequacy of its initial search. The results of that examination are summarized below.

In August 2011, the CIA's senior leadership asked OPA to explain the genesis of the Agency's interactions with the filmmakers. In order to respond to this inquiry, the relevant OPA employees searched their files, including their email accounts. To assist OPA with this review, the office of the CIA's Associate Deputy Director (the "ADD") independently obtained the

¹ Director Panetta did not use his Agency email account at the time, and therefore his emails were not searched.

emails of two former officials—Chief of Staff Jeremy Bash and Spokesperson George Little—and provided them to an OPA employee for review. At that time, the employee determined that she would review the materials and then return them to the ADD's office, because she did not feel comfortable serving as permanent custodian of the correspondence of two former senior CIA officials. When that employee was later asked to collect documents in response to your FOIA request, she mistakenly recalled that she had returned the documents, and therefore did not search her files for them.

In fact, the employee had not returned the emails, but had inadvertently retained them in her office. It was not until she was unpacking boxes earlier this summer, while moving into a new office, that she came across the unreturned emails and notified the Office of General Counsel. Through the Department of Justice, the Agency then notified the Court of this discovery and sought an extension.²

After learning of the existence of these materials, the CIA voluntarily sought to revalidate its searches and search processes in an effort to ensure completeness and accuracy. As part of that effort, the Agency directed that the relevant OPA employee's email accounts be carefully re-searched electronically by a technical support team. The CIA included George Little's email account in this electronic search. These electronic searches yielded 21 additional responsive documents that had not been previously produced.

Moreover, in the course of re-reviewing its records on this topic, the Agency located three additional responsive documents—an expense request and two calendar entries—that were inadvertently omitted from the 18 May production. Those documents are included in today's production, bringing the total production to 53 documents, with one additional document being withheld in full.

If you have any questions, please direct them to the Department of Justice attorney who is responsible for this case.

Sincerely,



Michele L. Meeks
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosures

² The CIA's filing that sought an extension stated that this stack of emails was approximately 4 to 5 inches. This figure was based on an erroneous "eye-ball" estimate, and in fact the stack was closer to 2 inches. The filing was correct in stating of this stack, there were 30 responsive emails that were not previously produced (whereas the others were duplicative of each other or the prior production).

From: Jonathan Leven
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 3:20 PM
To:
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Hi [redacted]

In case you need it, here's Mark's full name, DOB, and SSN:

Mark Boal
[redacted]

Thanks!

Jonathan Leven
Assistant to Mark Boal
[redacted]

On May 18, 2011, at 11:32 AM, Jonathan Leven wrote:

Hi [redacted] (and apologies for misspelling your name on the fax I sent a few days ago), below is Mark's SSN.

Please let me know if you need anything further, and thanks!

Jonathan Leven
Assistant to Mark Boal
[redacted]

Begin forwarded message:

From: mark [redacted]
Date: May 18, 2011 11:25:13 AM PDT
To: george [redacted]
Cc: "Jonathan Leven" [redacted]
Subject: Re: bin laden movie
Reply-To: mark [redacted]

Mark Boal

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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

From: <george>
Date: Wed, 18 May 2011 14:09:37
To: [redacted] mark
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Just need your SSN.

George

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

From: Michael Feldman [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 2:08 PM
To: GEORGE [redacted] mark
Cc: [redacted] Jenny Nimmo
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

I'm copying Jenny from my team in case I am in the air tomorrow and you need anything from us. Looking forward, Mike

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

From: george [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 01:56 PM
To: Michael Feldman; mark [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Great, thanks. My colleague, [redacted] will be in touch tomorrow to get some information from you that's required for access to our headquarters.

Looking forward to it!

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

From: Michael Feldman [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 1:45 PM
To: GEORGE [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

That's great. We'll plan on it.

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

From: george [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 01:10 PM

To: mark

Cc: [redacted]

Michael

Feldman

Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Could we do 9:30am on Friday at CIA HQ?

Thanks,
George

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

From: mark

Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 10:17 AM

To: [redacted]

Cc: GEORGE [redacted]; Jonathan Leven; Michael Feldman; [redacted]

Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Yes, great. Breakfast, anything. Let me know what works for you.
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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

From: "JBB" [redacted]

Date: Wed, 18 May 2011 10:29:14

To: Mark Boal [redacted]

Reply-To: [redacted]

Cc: George Little [redacted]

Michael Feldman [redacted]

Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Ok, can we shift to Friday am, then?

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

From: Mark Boal

To: Jeremy Bash

Cc: George Little

Cc: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Cc: Michael Feldman

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Sent: May 17, 2011 11:08 PM

I'm doing a fundraiser for wounded military veterans 4pm -9 pm on Thursday, otherwise free on Thursday and totally free Friday. Hope we can find a time somehow

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2011, at 7:22 PM, "JBB" [redacted] wrote:

Can we do 430 pm?

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

From: George Little
To: mark [redacted]
Cc: Jeremy Bash
Cc: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Cc: Michael Feldman
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: bin laden movie
Sent: May 17, 2011 10:19 PM

Mark --

Happy to help.

Can you swing by on Thurs to meet with Jeremy and me? What times are open on your calendar?

And Michael, can you join us, too?

Thanks,
George

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

From: markboal [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 07:44 PM
To: GEORGE [redacted]
Cc: JBB [redacted] Kathryn Bigelow [redacted] Jonathan Leven
[redacted] Michael Feldman [redacted]
Subject: bin laden movie

George,

Thanks for the briefing just now.

I'll be in D.C. May 18-20

Mark

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From: [redacted]
Date: 05/25/2011 08:49 AM

Subject: 45. Hollywood confirms bin Laden movie
To: [redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: 05/25/2011 07:46 AM
Subject: Media Highlights - Wednesday, 5/25/2011

To open today's browse edition of Media Highlights, click [redacted]

To open today's print edition of Media Highlights, click [redacted]

To open the Media Highlights homepage, click [redacted]

[redacted]

Please do not reply to this message. Thank you.

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45. Hollywood confirms bin Laden movie

Sophie Tedmanson, TheTimes.co.uk, 25 May 2011

The first feature film depicting the death of Osama bin Laden will begin filming within months after Hollywood studio Columbia Pictures confirmed Oscar-winning director Kathryn Bigelow will direct the movie.

Bigelow and her screenwriting collaborator Mark Boal, who both won Academy Awards last year for Iraq war drama *The Hurt Locker*, had already been working on a project about the al-Qaeda chief before his death on May 2.

As soon as bin Laden's death was announced Tinseltown was abuzz over who would make the movie about the dramatic killing of the world's most wanted man by US Navy Seals in Pakistan – a real-life story which has all the trappings of a Hollywood blockbuster.

Bigelow and Boal, a journalist-turned screenwriter, were widely mooted as the frontrunners to make the first film as they had reportedly already met with potential actors for their bin Laden project which they had been developing for the past three years.

That movie, an action thriller tentatively titled *Kill bin Laden*, was to have been based on a failed Black Ops mission by the American military to capture the al-Qaeda leader. However now the filmmakers have their real-life Hollywood ending.

"Bigelow and Boal have been developing the project since 2008 and plan to incorporate recent events into the film," said a statement from Columbia, which said the will focus on "the Black Ops mission to capture or kill" bin Laden.

The filmmaking duo have "an outstanding perspective on the team that was hunting the most wanted man in the world," said Amy Pascal, from Columbia's parent company Sony Pictures Entertainment.

"With the death of Osama bin Laden, this film could not be more relevant," she added.

The stars and exact details of the as yet unnamed movie – such as who will play US president Barack Obama, watching tensely from the Situation Room in the White House; which actor will portray the Saudi-born mass terrorist holed up with his family in the compound in Abbottabad; and whether or not a canine actor will feature as Cairo, the specially-trained Navy Seals 'super dog' that took part in the top-secret operation – has not yet been revealed.

However production is set to begin later this summer and a US release date has already been set for late 2012 – when it is likely to compete at the box office with the upcoming *Bond 23*.

Hollywood has a long history of making movies based on real events, from *JFK* to *Titanic*,

or more recently *United 93* about the heroism of passengers who prevented a fourth plane from hitting its mark on 9/11.

While the new bin Laden film would be the first to incorporate the details of his death, it would not be the first to look at America's pursuit of the al-Qaeda leader. In 2006 the studio Paramount Pictures optioned *Jawbreaker*, a book written by intelligence operative Gary Bernsten, focusing on a 2001 hunt for bin Laden during the opening stages of the war in Afghanistan.

After bin Laden's death Hollywood scouts were also reportedly talking to the publishers the book *SEAL Team Six: Memoirs of an Elite Navy Seal Sniper*, by Howard E. Wasdin.

The new bin Laden film will be produced by Megan Ellison from Annapurna Pictures and executive producer Greg Shapiro, who worked with Bigelow and Boal on *The Hurt Locker*.

Bigelow has built her career via movies notable for their macho characters, whether it is bank-robbing surfers in *Point Break* to adrenaline-addicted bomb squads in *The Hurt Locker*.

She became the first woman to win the best director Oscar last year for *The Hurt Locker*, about a US Army bomb disposal squad in Baghdad, which won seven Academy Awards in total, including Best Picture.

The low-budget drama, based on a screenplay by Boal after he was embedded with a bomb squad in 2004, beat \$500 million sci-fi epic *Avatar*, directed by Bigelow's ex-husband James Cameron.

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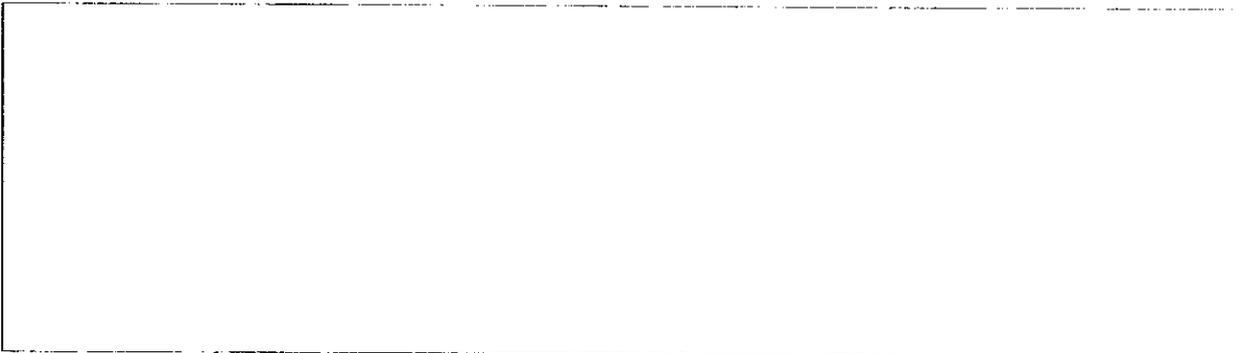
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From: Thomas Twetten
Date: 05/25/2011 04:20 AM
Subject: [redacted] Competition in the movie business
To: [redacted]
Please respond to Thomas Twetten

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Jennifer, Howard sent this to me early Wednesday. CAA is chomping at the bit because they don't want the others to get too far along before they make their own announcement. Tom

- > To: [redacted]
- > From: howard.blum [redacted]
- > Date: Wed, 25 May 2011 01:04:19 +0000
- >
- > Sony Pictures purchased today another movie about hunt for bin Laden that had been in the works. And Disney said they won't do anything because they fear terrorists at theme parks.
- > So - we need to move quickly.
- > I hope that meeting can take place on Thurs or Friday.
- > Howard
- > Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 5:12 PM
To: mark [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted] GEORGE [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Bin laden movie

Gotcha. Thanks -- we'll be back in touch...

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

From: mark [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 4:58 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted] GEORGE [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Bin laden movie

Thanks. My flight Monday is at 6pm

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

From: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Cc: george [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Bin laden movie
Sent: Jun 1, 2011 4:49 PM

Hello Mark --

I'm responding for George. We're working this and will get back to you regarding any availability shortly.

What time are you leaving on Monday?

Thanks.

[Redacted]
OPA, Chief of Public Communications

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

From: Mark Boal [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2011 12:23 PM
To: GEORGE [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Bin laden movie

Hi George,

Thanks for facilitating this...am just following up to see if you were able to get a sense if anyone in the building will be available any time June 2-6.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 23, 2011, at 9:20 PM, <george [Redacted]> wrote:

> Mark, it was great to meet you on Friday. We look forward to future discussions. I'll be in touch later this week after touching base with some key folks at the office.

>

> Take care,

> George

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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: markboal
> Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 07:15 PM
> To: GEORGE JBB Michael Feldman
>
> Cc: Jonathan Leven
> Subject: Bin laden movie
>
> Dear Jeremy and George,
>
> It was a pleasure seeing you both last Friday, and it was very
> generous of you to take the time out of a busy day. Thank you.
>
> As a follow up, if I may, I'd like to give you a sense of my travel
> schedule and let you know that I'll be in the D.C. on June 2-7, and so
> if that's a convenient time period to set any meetings, that would be
> great. If another time is better, I can adjust accordingly.
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> Thanks again for engaging on this.
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> Mark
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Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 8:42 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Mark Boal

Fyi

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

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 8:55 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Mark Boal

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for emailing Mark today about his visit on Monday. He and I were just at a social event together and discussed the details of his visit to HQs. Hopefully I can get the CTC folks pinned down tomorrow on timing.

Thanks again for reaching out to Mark while I was out today.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

[redacted]

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Fw: [REDACTED] RE: Driver Information for Mark Boal's Meeting
on Mon, 6/6, 12pm - [Link to Attachment(s)]

To: [REDACTED]

Date: 06/07/2011 08:51 AM

This message is digitally signed.

Info on Mark's driver is below -- it's the same guy from yesterday. So if we can clear in both Mark and the driver, that would be awesome. He's meeting with a few NCS folks at 1 pm.

thanks!
marie

I hope you had a nice weekend. Mark informed me that he has another meeting at 1pm at the Agency tomorrow and for which I have scheduled another car. His driver will be the same (Driver Name: Shoukat Ali Virk

[REDACTED] Please let me know if I can provide you with any other information before his meeting tomorrow. Thanks so much!

Sarah

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 4:53 PM
To: Sarah Zukowski
Subject: RE: Driver Information for Mark Boal's Meeting on Mon, 6/6, 12pm

Sarah,

Great, thanks! I really appreciate your help.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson

From: Sarah Zukowski
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 4:51 PM
To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Driver Information for Mark Boal's Meeting on Mon, 6/6, 12pm

Hi Marie,

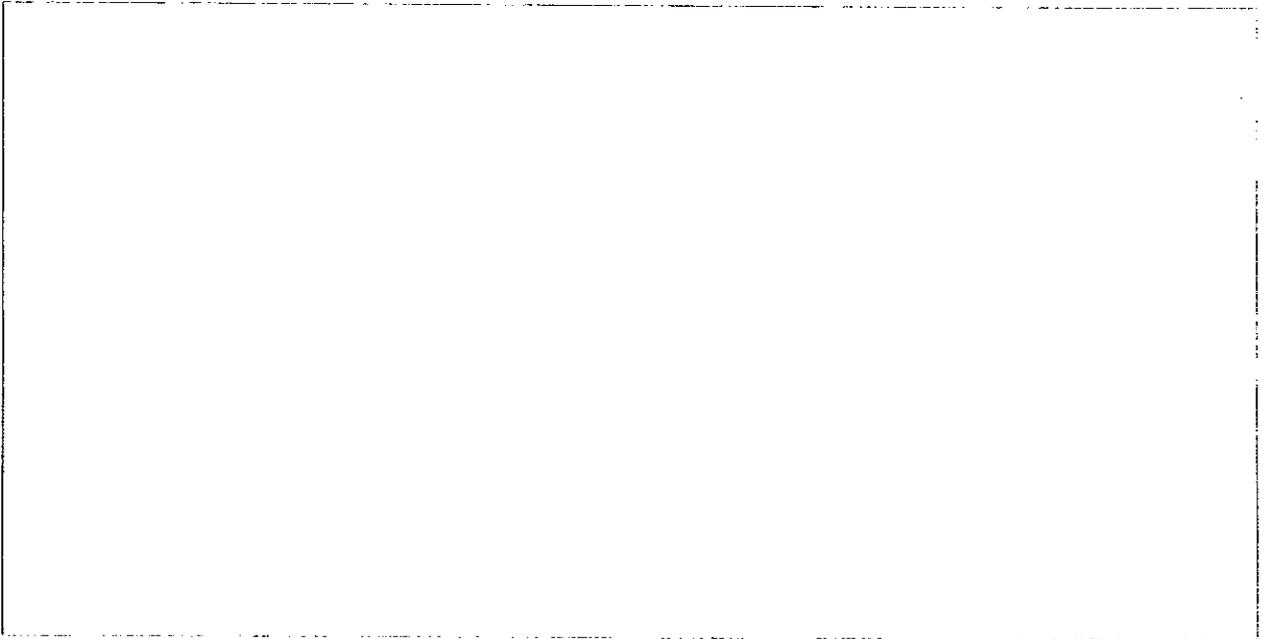
Apologies for the delay in getting you this information; the car service took longer than expected to send me the driver's necessary details. Here is the information of the person bringing Mark Boal to the Agency on Monday at noon:

Driver Name: Shoukat Ali Virk



Please let me know if I can provide you with anything else. Thanks so much and have a great weekend.

Best,
Sarah



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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 9:35 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Mark Boal info

Cool no problem...I love internal dynamics ;). Good to be back!

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

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 06:33 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Mark Boal info

Preston,

Mark is going to be there at 1030 tomorrow. I just sent [Redacted] his driver's info - it's the same guy as earlier in the week.

If you need to reach him, his email is [Redacted]

He'll chat with you and then George, and then Y and T in OPA's conference room.

[Redacted]

I'm so happy you're back!!
Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

[Redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 2:39 PM
To: mark
Cc: Jonathan Leven
Subject: RE: Movie project

Thanks Mark! I'm looking forward to working with you. Happy 4th to you also -- and enjoy going back home.

Jennifer

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

From: mark
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2011 2:22 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Jonathan Leven
Subject: Movie project

Jennifer,

Thanks for all your help so far with the research on this project. I'll be in touch in the coming weeks.

Wishing you a happy July 4th.

Best,
Mark

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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From: [Redacted]
Office of Public Affairs
Date: 07/13/2011 10:17 AM

Subject: New Tour for Friday, 15 July
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Hello,

Kathryn Bigelow (directing an upcoming UBL film) will be visiting HQS this Friday, 15 July and has requested a short tour. We anticipate being in the Museum around 12:30, probably for less than an hour.

Thanks,

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From: mark
 Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 3:10 PM
 To: MARIE
 Subject: Fw: Fwd: Bin Laden Project - release
 Attachments: ATT00001..htm; release interview 7 12 11.DOC; ATT00002..htm; release interview redline.DOC; ATT00003..htm

Here's the release

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

-----Original Message-----
 From: "Irwin M. Rappaport"
 Date: Wed, 13 Jul 2011 12:04:15
 To: Mark Boal
 Subject: Fwd: Bin Laden Project - release

Hi - resending the release, please see below and attached.

Please send me contact info for the CIA lawyers, thanks!

best,

Irwin M. Rappaport, P.C.



This message is being sent by a lawyer, contains privileged and/or confidential information, and is intended only for the individual(s) named above. Any unauthorized review, copying or dissemination is prohibited. If you receive this message in error, please delete it and notify us by email or phone immediately. _____

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Begin forwarded message:

> From: "Irwin M. Rappaport"
 > Date: July 12, 2011 5:50:27 PM PDT
 > To: Mark Boal
 > Subject: Bin Laden Project - release
 >
 > Hi - as discussed, here is a revised release (clean and redline)
 >
 > best,
 >
 > Irwin M. Rappaport, P.C.
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> This message is being sent by a lawyer, contains privileged and/or confidential information, and is intended only for the individual(s) named above. Any unauthorized review, copying or dissemination is prohibited. If you receive this message in error, please delete it and notify us by email or phone immediately. _____

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RELEASE

ZERO DARK THIRTY, LLC
 c/o Irwin M. Rappaport, P.C.
 1664 Mountcrest Ave.
 Los Angeles, CA 90069

PICTURE: "Untitled Bin Laden Project" (a.k.a. "For God and Country")

INDIVIDUAL: _____ (Print Name)

I am aware that you propose to develop and possibly produce a motion picture tentatively entitled "Untitled Bin Laden Project (a.k.a., "For God and Country") based upon the intelligence gathering, pursuit and killing of Osama Bin Laden (the "Story"). In consideration of the covenants set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby consent, certify and agree, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, that:

1. I do hereby grant you, perpetually and irrevocably, throughout the universe, the right to use any information that I may furnish you, in any manner whatsoever, whether factual, fictional or both, and the right to portray, represent, impersonate and depict me (i.e., depict a character based in part, or in whole, on the information I provide or events that happened to me, but you will not use any actual image or photograph of me), by any actor(s) which you may select, under any fictional name you may select in connection with the Picture (but not my real name) and any and all motion pictures and other productions (collectively "Productions") based in whole or in part upon the Story and in connection with any exhibition or exploitation of all or any part of the Productions or any of them, in all media, whether now existing or hereafter devised, including, without limitation, music publication, soundtrack albums, commercial records, tapes, cassettes, audio and/or visual devices of every kind, nature and description, all means of publishing, all forms of merchandising and all manners of advertising and publicity in connection with any of the Productions and/or any such exhibition or exploitation. Nothing herein shall obligate you to actually use me, any information provided by me or any of the rights granted herein regarding the Story.
2. I shall not grant to any other person, firm or corporation the right to portray or depict me or my activities insofar as they relate to the Story in any other motion picture or other productions.
3. You shall have the right to fictionalize, adapt, dramatize, rearrange, add to and subtract from the actual facts in the preparation of any story or screenplay for any of the Productions and/or other material prepared for or in connection with the exhibition or exploitation thereof.
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I agree that the facts to which my release herein relates may turn out to be other than or different from the facts now known or believed to be known by me and I expressly assume the risk of the facts and circumstances turning out to be different and agree that the release contained herein shall be in all respects effective and not subject to termination or rescission by reason of such different facts.

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9. This Release includes our entire understanding with respect to the subject matter hereof, and all prior and concurrent oral agreements and all prior written agreements with respect to such subject matter have been merged herein. I acknowledge and agree that in entering into this Release I am not relying upon any representations, promises or warranties not contained in this Release or made by anyone about the nature or content of the Productions. No amendment or modification hereof shall be valid unless contained in a writing signed by you and me. This Release shall bind and inure to the benefit of my and the Released Parties' respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns, and all or any part of your rights hereunder may be licensed or freely assigned by you. I acknowledge that you have explained to me that this Release has been prepared by your attorney and that you have recommended to me that I consult with my attorney in connection with this Release.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this document was executed on _____, 201__.

ZERO DARK THIRTY, LLC:

Print name: _____

WITNESSED BY:

Mark Boal, authorized representative

Print name: _____

RELEASE

ZERO DARK THIRTY, LLC
 c/o Irwin M. Rappaport, P.C.
 1664 Mountcrest Ave.
 Los Angeles, CA 90069

PICTURE: "Untitled Bin Laden Project" (a.k.a. "For God and Country")

INDIVIDUAL: _____ (Print Name)

I am aware that you propose to develop and possibly produce a motion picture tentatively entitled "Untitled Bin Laden Project" (a.k.a., "For God and Country") based upon the intelligence gathering, pursuit and killing of Osama Bin Laden (the "Story"). In consideration of the covenants set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby consent, certify and agree, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, that:

1. ~~You shall own, and I do hereby grant you, perpetually and irrevocably, throughout the universe, the right to portray, represent, impersonate and depict me (but you will not use any actual photograph of me), and to use any information that I may furnish you, in any manner whatsoever, whether factual, fictional or both, by any actor(s) which you may select (whether and the right to portray, represent, impersonate and depict me (i.e., depict a character based in part, or not they resemble me) in whole, on the information I provide or events that happened to me, but you will not use any actual image or photograph of me), by any actor(s) which you may select,~~ under any fictional name you may select in connection with the Picture (but not my real name) and any and all motion pictures and other productions (collectively "Productions") based in whole or in part upon the Story and in connection with any exhibition or exploitation of all or any part of the Productions or any of them, in all media, whether now existing or hereafter devised, including, without limitation, music publication, soundtrack albums, commercial records, tapes, cassettes, audio and/or visual devices of every kind, nature and description, all means of publishing, all forms of merchandising and all manners of advertising and publicity in connection with any of the Productions and/or any such exhibition or exploitation. Nothing herein shall obligate you to actually use me, any information provided by me or any of the rights granted herein regarding the Story.

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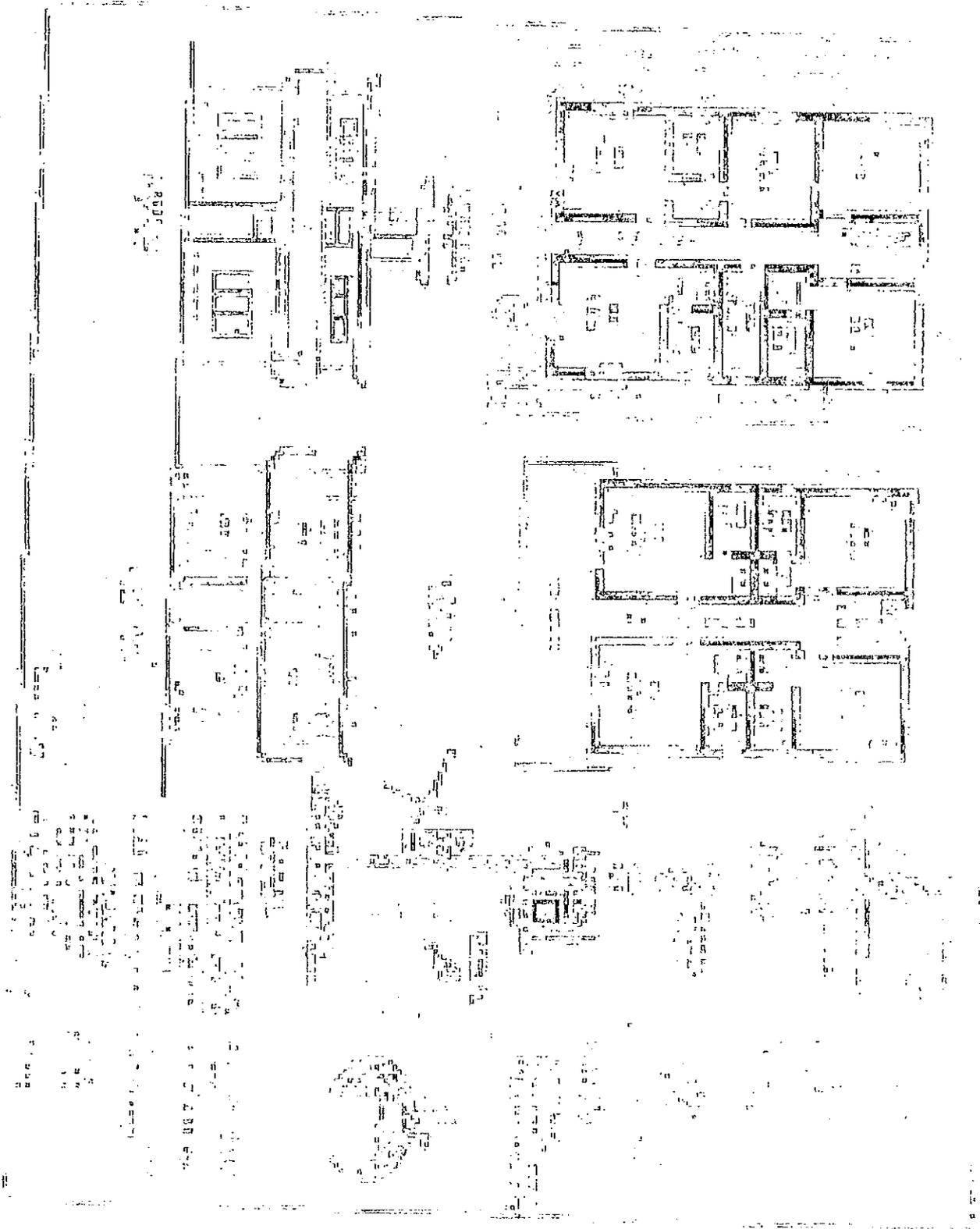
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Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 9:05 PM
To:
Cc:
Subject: From Mark Boal's Assistant
Attachments: UBL compound layout.jpeg

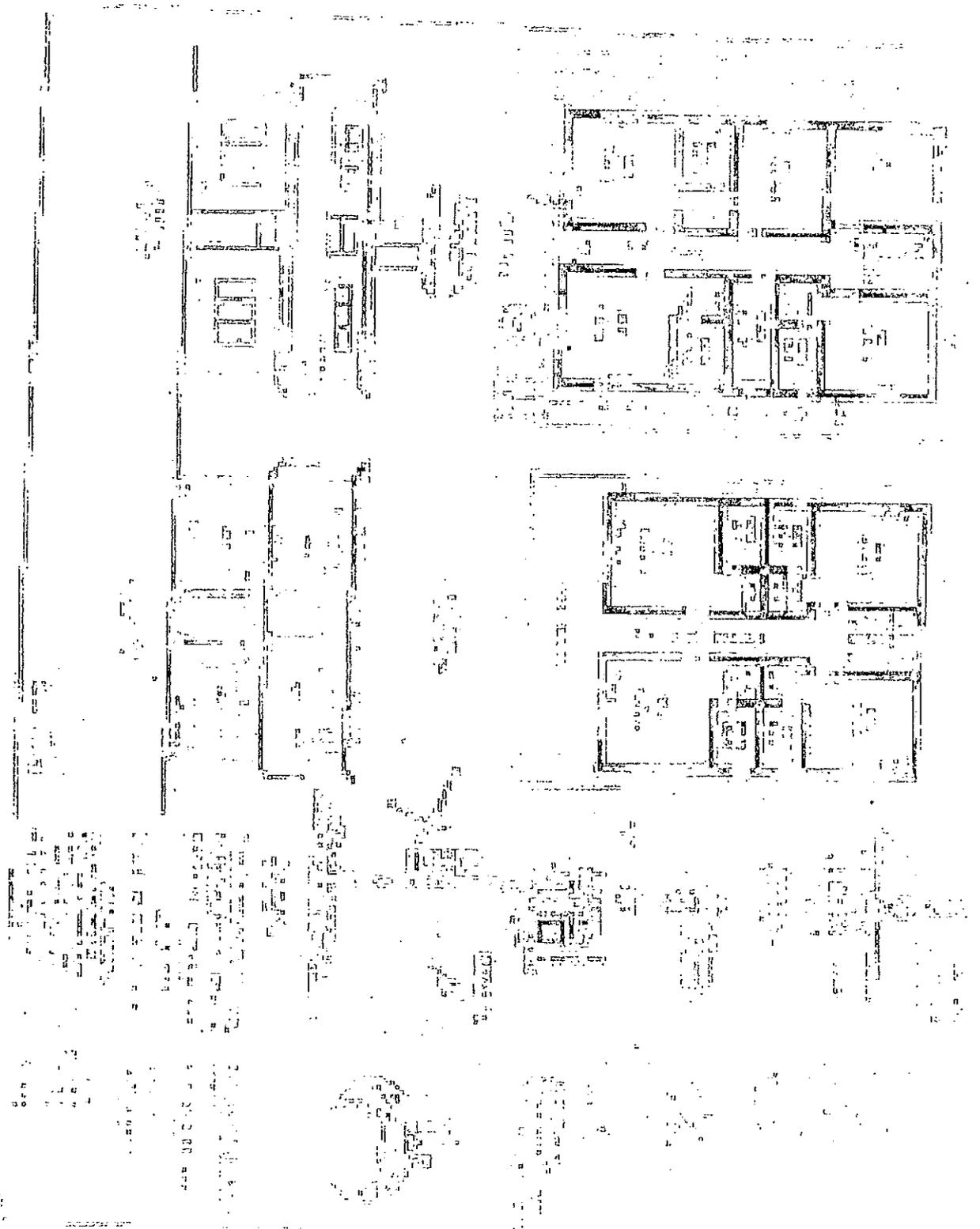
Hi Marie,

Per your conversation with Mark, can you verify whether this floor plan is accurate?

All the best,

Jonathan Leven
Office of Mark Boal





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~~SECRET~~



From: [Redacted]
Office of Public Affairs
[Redacted]
Date: 07/14/2011 04:24 PM

Subject: Fw: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings
To: [Redacted]

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FYI, I'll give them a quick tour at 12:30. I already informed the Museum staff.

----- Forwarded by [Redacted] on 07/14/2011 04:23 PM -----

From: Marie E. Harf/STF/AGENCY
To: George E. Little/STF/AGENCY@WMA, Jennifer N. Youngblood/STF/AGENCY@WMA, Preston B. Golson/STF/AGENCY@WMA, [Redacted]
Date: 07/14/2011 03:33 PM
Subject: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings

All,

Below is the final schedule for tomorrow's visit:

12:30: Arrival; tour with [Redacted] of lobby, Afghan exhibit, and NHB atrium

Approximately 1:00 / 1:15: Tour of CTC [Redacted]

1:30: Briefing on AC1 model by [Redacted]

Approximately 2:00 / 2:15: Tour of [Redacted] building

3:00: Meeting with AD/CIA Michael Morell

--They have a 4:45 meeting with Dr. Vickers, so they will leave immediately following their meeting with Mr. Morell.

Saturday TBD:

--Kathryn chat with [Redacted] Kathryn is not interested in doing the deep dives that Mark did; she simply wants to meet the people that Mark has been talking to.

Monday TBD:

Kathryn would like to sit down for brief chats with the other folks Mark has talked to, to include [Redacted] is organizing the timing for this):



**These meetings will take approximately 2.5 hours total. Again, Kathryn is not interested in doing the deep dives that Mark did; she wants to meet these folks and tell them a bit about the movie.

I sent D/CTC an email so he was up-to-speed, and CTC [Redacted] has said they will do the same. [Redacted] has sign off from her management on her participation. Mark will be present at these meetings as well.

Thanks!
Marie

~~SECRET~~

~~SECRET~~ [redacted]

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

~~SECRET~~ [redacted]

From: Jonathan Leven
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 4:54 PM
To:
Subject: Re: UBL floor plan

Sounds great. Thanks again!

Jonathan Leven
Office of Mark Boal

On Jul 14, 2011, at 1:06 PM, [redacted] wrote:

> Jonathan,
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> Cheers,
> Marie

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> Marie E. Harf
> Central Intelligence Agency
> Media Spokesperson

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Jonathan Leven
> Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 9:39 PM
> To:
> Cc: mark
> Subject: Re: UBL floor plan

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> Sent via carrier pigeon

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>> Thanks for forwarding the floor plan along. I'll run it by some folks tomorrow morning and get back in touch then. Is that ok?

>> Also - my [redacted] is totally on the fritz, so please cc this email address too.

>>
>> Cheers,
>> Marie
>>
>>
>>
>>

From: Marie Harf
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 5:33 PM
To: mark; Jonathan Leven
Subject: Re: UBL floor plan

Ha, of course I don't mind! I'll work on that tomorrow. That animal pen is kinda gross, but I totally applaud your effort!

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

From: mark
To: Marie Harf
To: Jonathan Leven
To: Marie Email
ReplyTo:
Subject: Re: UBL floor plan
Sent: Jul 14, 2011 5:27 PM

Thanks , Marie.

would you mind looking into getting us some of the third floor specs ...as the open source plan is missing those: height of walls, etc.?

We will be building a full scale replica of the house. Including the inhabitants of the animal pen!

Mark

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

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[redacted]

[REDACTED]

From: Little, George CIV OSD PA [George.Little@osd.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 10:27 AM
To: 'Mark Boal'
Subject: RE: Greetings

Mark,

Many thanks for your note, and I can't tell you how excited we all are (at DOD and CIA) about the project. It's been a real pleasure to help facilitate things--and you're right about Marie. She's fantastic and has superbly navigated the occasional chop in otherwise smooth waters to make things happen. I know we'll talk soon about the DOD side of the equation.

I'm drinking from the fire hose here, and my main goal for the moment is to retain my job at least through the end of the week :)

- George

PS -- I want you to note how good I've been about not mentioning the premiere tickets. :-)

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

From: Mark Boal [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 6:17 AM
To: Little, George CIV OSD PA
Subject: Greetings

Hi George

Just a quick note to say thanks and thanks again for pulling for us at the agency. It made all the difference. It was truly a pleasure working with you, and with Marie and Preston. Its also worth reiterating that as you know Harf logged many, many extra miles on this project with total finesse, and she has our complete confidence going forward... wishing you all the best at DoD and looking forward to talking to you soon.

Best,
Mark

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jennifer N. Youngblood
Deputy Director/OPA
Date: 07/20/2011 05:44 PM

Subject: Re: Question re Hollywood tour tasking new procedure.
To:

I'll square the circle tomorrow and just let them know that if they need a tour for something they are arranging that they should send you an email. I'll let you know when I've done that.

Jennifer Youngblood
Deputy Director
Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Can I announce this as the new policy at my P... 07/20/2011 04:56:31 PM

From: [Redacted]
To: Jennifer N. Youngblood/STF/AGENCY@WMA
Date: 07/20/2011 04:56 PM
Subject: Question re Hollywood tour tasking new procedure...

Can I announce this as the new policy at my PCB team meeting?

Forwarded by [Redacted] on 07/20/2011 04:56 PM

From: Jennifer N. Youngblood/STF/AGENCY
To: [Redacted]
Date: 07/14/2011 03:46 PM
Subject: Re: New SOP for Hollywood-related Tours?

I'm assuming this is a reference to Katherine Bigelow and a [Redacted] tour.... As you might guess, I found out about the visit and the tour after everything was arranged. I'm with you, but I can't fix this particular one. It won't happen again after Tuesday.

Jennifer Youngblood
Deputy Director
Office of Public Affairs

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Hi Jennifer -- Just a quick question -- can we h... 07/14/2011 03:25:19 PM

From: [Redacted]
To: Jennifer N. Youngblood/STF/AGENCY@WMA
Date: 07/14/2011 03:25 PM
Subject: New SOP for Hollywood-related Tours?

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Hi Jennifer --

Just a quick question -- can we have the Media folks go through me or [redacted] to arrange for tours for Hollywood folks? The reason I ask is that we have had a few requests lately, which have caused some of the staff to perceive that there's some favoritism in the way the requests have been doled out.

I can talk to you more in person if you like, but if you could please keep this between us -- and the short-timer if you like -- for now, that would be appreciated.

Thanks.

[redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Chief, Public Communications Branch
DCIA/OPA/PCB
Subject: Re: July Highlights [Attachment icon]
To: [Redacted]

Date: 08/01/2011 01:32 PM

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From: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Date: 08/01/2011 11:53 AM
Subject: July Highlights

[Redacted]

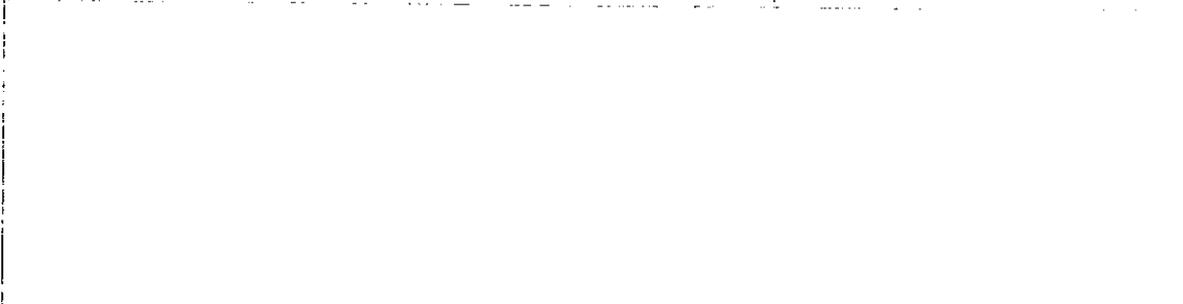
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-I also provided a tour to Kathryn Bigelow and Mark Boal, who were in to work on their UBL movie.



NR

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From: Mark Mazzetti
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2011 8:13 PM
To: MARIE

this didn't come from me....and please delete after you read. See, nothing to worry about

WASHINGTON

Barack Obama must wonder sometimes if his luck has run out.

Maybe he used it all up in 2008.

"Yes, we can!" has devolved into "Hey, we still might. . ."

"When I said 'change we can believe in,' I didn't say 'change we can believe in tomorrow,'" he told an audience at a Chicago fundraiser Wednesday. "Not 'change we can believe in next week.' We knew this was going to take time, because we've got this big, messy, tough democracy."

True enough, but not FDR-inspiring to a deflated and desperate nation facing a credit downgrade and higher borrowing rates.

Barack Obama blazed like Luke Skywalker in 2008, but he never learned to channel the Force. And now the Tea Party has run off with his light saber.

The dissonance of his promise and his reality is jarring.

When he had power, he didn't use it. He wanted to be a "transformational" president like Ronald Reagan, but failed to understand that Reagan's strategic shows of strength allowed him to keep the whip hand without raising his voice.

And now, just when the high school principal in the Oval Office has been browbeating Congress to help create jobs, he is once more distracted from that task himself, as he tries to save his own job.

He goes to fundraisers to tell people to stick with him, but he seems to be trying to reassure himself.

"I have to admit," he said in Chicago, "I didn't know how steep the climb was going to be."

At the large fundraiser there, he tried to reassure disillusioned liberals about "unfinished business" to help those in need. Later, at a \$35,800-a-head dinner, he defended the unpopular debt package like a fiscal conservative.

The president talks fondly of George Bush senior, just as Bush senior does of him. Obama thinks the elder Bush is a poignant figure because he did the right thing, breaking his tax pledge to fix the deficit, even though he got punished for it with one term.

It is clear that the once cocky Obama is feeling that same poignancy about his own presidency. Left in a giant pickle by the hot-dogging Bush junior, the president who gloriously made history is now stuck in Sisyphus mode.

He thinks he's doing the right things to crawl out of W.'s mudslide, but he ends up being castigated by the right as a socialist, by the left as a conservative, and by the middle as wobbly.

The one clear-cut, chesty victory that Obama has had may have come too late for a beleaguered public to much care.

When the president is asked what it felt like to kill Osama, he's low-key and modest, even though he personally refocused the mission to capture the 9/11 architect after W. dropped the ball.

He has told people what a thrill it was to meet the Team Six Navy Seals – and the dog Cairo -- who pulled off the hit, noting that they looked less young and fearsome than he expected, and more like guys working at Home Depot.

But while Obama takes the high road, his aides have made sure there are proxies to exuberantly brag on him.

The White House clearly blessed the dramatic reconstruction of the mission by Nicholas Schmidle in *The New Yorker* – so vividly descriptive about the Seals' looks, quotes and thoughts that Schmidle had to clarify after the piece was published that he had not actually talked to any of them.

"I'll just say that the 23 SEALs on the mission that evening were not the only ones who were listening to their radio communications," Schmidle said, answering readers' questions in a live chat, after taking flak for leaving some with the impression that he had interviewed the heroes when he wrote in his account that it was "based on their recollections."

The White House is also counting on the Kathryn Bigelow and Mark Boal movie version of the killing of bin Laden to shore up Obama's growing reputation as ineffectual. The Sony film by the Oscar-winning pair who made "The Hurt Locker" will no doubt reflect the president's cool, gutsy decision against shaky odds. Just as Obamaland was hoping, the movie is scheduled to open on October 12, 2012 – perfectly timed to give a home-stretch boost to a campaign that has grown tougher.

The moviemakers are getting top-level access to the most classified mission in history from an administration that has tried to throw more people in jail for leaking classified information than the Bush administration.

It was clear that the Obama administration had outsourced the job of manning up the president's image to Hollywood when Boal got welcomed to the upper echelons of the Pentagon and showed up recently -- to the surprise of some military officers -- at a C.I.A. ceremony celebrating the hero Seals.

Just like W., Obama is going for that "Mission Accomplished" glow (without the suggestive harness.) At least in this president's case, though, something has been accomplished.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, August 05, 2011 8:13 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Any word??

Ok thanks - keep me posted. I really appreciate it.

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson
[redacted]

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Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson
[redacted]

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Sent: Friday, August 05, 2011 8:14 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Any word??

He also got good access at the WH btw...

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Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 4:46 PM
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Cc: GEORGE [redacted]
Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Hi Jenny,

Great, thanks!

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

From: Jenny Nimmo [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 3:55 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: GEORGE [redacted]
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Hi [redacted]

Below is the new driver's information:

Driver - Shoukat Ali Virk

[redacted]

Please let me know if you need any further information. The driver will have both Mike Feldman and Mark Boal with him. Thank you!

Jenny

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

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 02:39 PM
To: Jenny Nimmo
Cc: george [redacted]
Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Hi Jenny,

You're welcome. They will need about 10-15 minutes to get through security. Can you confirm that the driver is a U.S. citizen? For tomorrow, it would be best for the driver to stay here at Headquarters until the meeting is over. If the driver needs directions to get here, please feel free to give him my phone number. Thanks.

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

From: Jenny Nimmo [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 2:32 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: GEORGE [redacted]
Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Hi [redacted]

Thank you so much for your help! I have arranged a car and a driver for tomorrow. How long do you think they will need to get through security and are there any further directions I should pass along? I'm just trying to determine the appropriate pick-up times. I can have the driver get in touch with you if that's easier. Below is the driver and vehicle information:

Driver - Sidi Mohamed Zouazi

Please let me know if you need anything else and feel free to contact me if you have any questions: [redacted] Many thanks for your help coordinating this!

Jenny

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

From: [redacted]
 Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 1:58 PM
 To: Jenny Nimmo
 Cc: george [redacted]
 Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Hi Jenny,

Yes, I will need the driver's name and ssn for tomorrow morning. Having a driver bring them would work best for us. Please let the driver know that he will have to park in general parking. After you get the driver's contact information, you can have him/her call me for further guidance. Thanks.

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

From: Jenny Nimmo [redacted]
 Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 1:51 PM
 To: [redacted]
 Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Hi [redacted]

I just wanted to touch base about the meeting tomorrow at 9:30am. Mike Feldman and Mark Boal were planning to arrive together. I was going to arrange a car to take them there tomorrow morning - I know last time we needed to send the car/driver info in advance. Is this something I should coordinate with you? Please let me know how I can help or what information you need from us!

Many thanks,

Jenny

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

From: Michael Feldman
 Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 2:08 PM
 To: 'george' [redacted]

Cc: [redacted] Jenny Nimmo
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

I'm copying Jenny from my team in case I am in the air tomorrow and you need anything from us
Looking forward, Mike

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

From: george [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 01:56 PM
To: Michael Feldman; [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
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Looking forward to it!

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To: GEORGE [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

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Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 01:10 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Michael Feldman [redacted]
Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Could we do 9:30am on Friday at CIA HQ?

Thanks,
George

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Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 10:17 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: GEORGE [redacted] Jonathan Leven; Michael Feldman; [redacted]
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Yes, great. Breakfast, anything. Let me know what works for you.
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Date: Wed, 18 May 2011 10:29:14
To: Mark Boal [redacted]

Reply-To: [redacted]
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 Subject: Re: bin laden movie

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From: [Redacted]

Subject: Re: Reminder: Mark Boal is leaving Monday the 6th at 6pm if you still want to try to accommodate him ... Pls let me know how I can help (nt) [Icon]

To: George E. Little

Date: 06/02/2011 02:51 PM

This message is digitally signed.

Ok, thanks.

George E. Little Thanks - Marie is working the arrangements at t... 06/02/2011 02:50:14 PM

From: George E. Little/STF/AGENCY
 To: [Redacted]
 Date: 06/02/2011 02:50 PM
 Subject: Re: Reminder: Mark Boal is leaving Monday the 6th at 6pm if you still want to try to accommodate him ... Pls let me know how I can help (nt)

Thanks - Marie is working the arrangements at this point.

[Redacted] 06/02/2011 02:20:51 PM

From: [Redacted]
 To: George E. Little/STF/AGENCY@WMA
 Date: 06/02/2011 02:20 PM
 Subject: Reminder: Mark Boal is leaving Monday the 6th at 6pm if you still want to try to accommodate him ... Pls let me know how I can help (nt)

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From: GEORGE
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 2:47 PM
To: MARIE
Subject: FW: Bin laden movie

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

From: Mark Boal
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2011 12:23 PM
To: GEORGE
Subject: Re: Bin laden movie

Hi George,
Thanks for facilitating this...am just following up to see if you were able to get a sense if anyone in the building will be available any time June 2-6.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 23, 2011, at 9:20 PM, <george> wrote:

> Mark, it was great to meet you on Friday. We look forward to future discussions. I'll be in touch later this week after touching base with some key folks at the office.

>
> Take care,
> George

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: markboal
> Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 07:15 PM
> To: GEORGE; JBB; Michael Feldman
>
> Cc: Jonathan Leven
> Subject: Bin laden movie

> Dear Jeremy and George,

> It was a pleasure seeing you both last Friday, and it was very generous of you to take the time out of a busy day. Thank you.

> As a follow up, if I may, I'd like to give you a sense of my travel schedule and let you know that I'll be in the D.C. on June 2-7, and so if that's a convenient time period to set any meetings, that would be great. If another time is better, I can adjust accordingly.

> Thanks again for engaging on this.

> Mark

From: mark
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 11:58 AM
To: GEORGE Jonathan Leven
Subject: Re: Letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow

Done

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

From: george
To: Jonathan Leven
Subject: RE: Letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow
Sent: May 11, 2011 8:23 AM

Mark,

Great! Are you free at 3pm ET?

George

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

From: mark
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 11:15 AM
To: GEORGE Jonathan Leven
Subject: Re: Letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow

Thanks, George. Be great to get on the phone....Today is actually pretty open. If that works let me know when and we can call in.

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

From: george
To: Jonathan Leven
Cc:
Subject: RE: Letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow
Sent: May 11, 2011 7:05 AM

Jonathan, many thanks for your note and the letter. Would Mark and Kathryn be interested in talking by phone in the near future?

George

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

From: Jonathan Leven
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 5:58 PM
To: GEORGE
Cc:
Subject: Letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow

Dear George,

Attached please find a letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow.

If you could confirm receiving the attachment, it would be much appreciated. Should you have any difficulty opening the attached .pdf file, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone @

Best Regards,

Jonathan Leven
Assistant to Mark Boal

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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[Redacted]

From: GEORGE [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 10:17 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Will do.

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

From: JBB [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 10:02 PM
To: GEORGE [Redacted]
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Yes, and loop in Feldman. Maybe Thursday?

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

From: George Little
To: Jeremy Bash
Subject: Fw: bin laden movie
Sent: May 17, 2011 8:03 PM

Do you want to get together with him while he's in town?

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

From: markboal [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 07:44 PM
To: GEORGE [Redacted]
Cc: JBB [Redacted] | Kathryn Bigelow [Redacted] Jonathan Leven
[Redacted] Michael Feldman [Redacted]
Subject: bin laden movie

George,

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I'll be in D.C. May 18-20

Mark

From: Mark Boal
 Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 10:29 PM
 To: [redacted]
 Cc: GEORGE [redacted]; Michael Feldman [redacted]
 Subject: Re: bin laden movie

may 20, 4:30 ?

Fyi Michael is out of town May 19

I'm free Thursday morning and early afternoon

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Michael Feldman
 Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 11:56 PM
 To: GEORGE
 Cc:
 Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Thanks, George. It's very kind of you guys to make time. I'm out of town until late Thursday night, but I don't want to hold things up. I can get caught-up if the meeting takes place before I return.

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From: George E. Little
Director of Public Affairs
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Re: OPA Mtg w/Mark Boal

To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Date: 05/18/2011 09:46 AM

Still confirming a time. Thanks.

[redacted]

05/18/2011 09:28:59 AM



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To George E. Little/STF/AGENCY@WMA

cc [redacted]

Subject OPA Mtg w/Mark Boal

05/18/2011 09:28 AM

Good morning. Jeremy mentioned that he will be joining your mtg w/Mark Boal on Fri, 20 May. Can you please tell me what time and where this mtg will be?

Thx.

[redacted]

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From: JEREMY
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 11:22 AM
To: GEORGE
Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Let's bring them here.

Shall I get the DI conference room, which is sort of nice? How about 9:30 am?

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

From: GEORGE
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 10:36 AM
To: JEREMY
Subject: FW: bin laden movie

Your preference? Breakfast somewhere outside the bldg or meeting here?

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

From: mark
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 10:17 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: GEORGE [redacted]; Jonathan Leven; Michael Feldman; [redacted]
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

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From: George E. Little
Director of Public Affairs
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Re: Friday at 9:30 am

To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Jennifer N. Youngblood

Date: 05/18/2011 11:42 AM

We'll pay for the coffee.

I need to confirm that Boal and Feldman are available. I'll let you know as soon as I hear from them.

Boal is a Hollywood screenwriter who is working on a UBL movie. Michael Feldman is with the Glover Park Group.

George

[redacted]

05/18/2011 11:35:52 AM



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To: George E. Little/STF/AGENCY@WMA [redacted]

cc

05/18/2011 11:35 AM

Subject: Re: Friday at 9:30 am

George: Will OPA request the coffee service AND pay for it?

I've confirmed the DI Conference room for Friday, 20 May, 9:30am - 11:30am.

Who are Boal and Feldman?

Thx. [redacted]

Jeremy B. Bash

Jeremy B. Bash/STF/AGENCY

05/18/2011 11:24:40 AM



Jeremy B. Bash/STF/AGENCY
Chief of Staff

To: George E. Little/STF/AGENCY@WMA [redacted]

cc

05/18/2011 11:24 AM

Subject: Friday at 9:30 am

George Little and I are hosting Mark Boal and Michael Feldman here at HQ at 930 am on Friday.

OPA will take charge of clearing folks in.

Can I use the DI conference room, [redacted] and can we get coffee?

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From: GEORGE
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 1:19 PM
To:
Subject: FW: bin laden movie

I know... this is Friday...

Can you work the accesses?

Thanks,
George

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

From: mark
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 1:13 PM
To: GEORGE
Cc: Jonathan Leven; Michael Feldman;
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Yes, perfect

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

From: george
To:
To:
Cc:
Cc: Jonathan Leven
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Subject: RE: bin laden movie
Sent: May 18, 2011 10:10 AM

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From: GEORGE
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 2:12 PM
To:
Subject: FW: bin laden movie

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

From: Michael Feldman
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 2:12 PM
To: GEORGE
Cc: Jenny Nimmo
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Michael Beryl Feldman
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SS#

Copying Jenny in case you need anything else. Thanks so much for having us over.

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

From: george
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 02:09 PM
To: Michael Feldman;
Cc: Jenny Nimmo
Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Just need your SSN.

George

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To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: bin laden movie

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

From: mark [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 2:25 PM
To: GEORGE [redacted]
Cc: Jonathan Leven
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Mark Boal
SSN [redacted]
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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

From: <george [redacted]>
Date: Wed, 18 May 2011 14:09:37
To: [redacted]
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[Redacted]

From: GEORGE [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 3:01 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: catherine

Nope.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 2:57 PM
To: GEORGE [Redacted]
Subject: Re: catherine

Yep, got it. Me too.

Any word from CTC on Boal visit?

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

[Redacted]

[Large redacted area containing several small rectangular boxes]

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From: GEORGE [redacted]
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To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Updates from tonight

Many thanks!

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

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Subject: Updates from tonight

I just got an email from Mark Boal about Monday - I'll get the CTC folks pinned down on timing, but I think we're all good. I'll make sure all the details are arranged tomorrow.

Tony Cappaccio cornered me to ask about Jeremy, you, etc. Was fishing about DoD :)

See you in the AM!
Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 7:51 PM
To: GEORGE
Subject: Re: also...

Yeah, I totally agree on all that. Completely. Maybe I'm being too sensitive, but it felt a little bit in our little mtg at the end of the day that she was kind of on edge about it towards me personally. Again, maybe I'm being hyper sensitive.

Marie E. Harf
 CIA Spokesperson

From: GEORGE [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 07:40 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: also...

No one's talking about the full-on CTC treatment. Just SOME CIA treatment at this stage. I don't think anyone disagrees that we should place most of our betting money on the Boal project at this point. We have to do our due diligence with others, and it doesn't hurt to establish stronger relationships with CAA and others even if their projects don't move forward.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 07:34 PM
To: GEORGE [redacted]
Subject: also...

What is our colleague's obsession with Howard Blum? I know we don't "pick favorites" but it makes sense to get behind the winning horse... I am sure Imagine is talking about working with Howard, but Mark and Kathryn's movie is going to be the first and the biggest. It's got the most money behind it, and two Oscar winners on board.

It's just not a close call. We can certainly talk to Howard, but I don't think they should all get this kind of CTC treatment, that's all.

Marie E. Harf
 Central Intelligence Agency
 Media Spokesperson

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 9:59 AM
To: GEORGE [redacted]
Subject: tomorrow

As we discussed yesterday, I've asked Preston to be involved in the Mark Boal visit tomorrow (we still don't have a time for that). [redacted] has said that he's been asked to lead it, and Marie said you agreed that he can do the visit—and that you agreed to that last night. So, just trying to figure out what's what, so we can cover all the bases tomorrow. We'll figure it out...

From: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI [Michael.Vickers@osd.mil]
 Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 7:15 PM
 To: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
 Cc: Ferguson, Thomas A CIV, OSD OUSDI; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Lapan, David COL OSD PA; James, Darryn C. CAPT OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Robbins, Elizabeth L LTC OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI;
 [redacted]
 Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA; Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA
 Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Bob,

The 27 June-1 July period works better for me. Should have an answer on whether JSOC will provide a rep by then as well.

MV

Sent from my wireless handheld

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[redacted]
 [redacted] Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA; Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA
 Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Thanks, Bob. Ok to set up the second session with Vickers. I am getting additional guidance from WH

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[redacted]
 [redacted] Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA; Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA
 Subject: FW: Bin Laden Movie

Sir, From Mark Boal. Have you heard anything from leadership yet about how we want to proceed? I believe this is still in the research phase, but need to be clear on the approach we are taking before we schedule.

Vr/Bob

CDR Bob Mehal
OASD(PA)

703-697-4162

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

From: M B [mailto:mark@]
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 12:07 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Bob:

Good afternoon. Following up on the meeting with Dr Vickers, my take away is that we'd try to find some time to sit down again before the summer holidays. My dates when I'll next be in D.C. are:

20-21 June

27 June - 1 July.

Please let me know if any of those fit in Dr Vickers schedule.

Additionally, wanted to let you know that we anticipate making formal request for DOD support in early July. We are also talking to WH.

Thanks again for setting all this up.

Best,

Mark

On Jun 9, 2011, at 8:02 AM, Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA wrote:

> Mark, Great! I can start breathing again... I was worried we were going to lose the spot.

>

> I will be waiting at the Pentagon's Visitor's Center (Metro Entrance), please allow a few minutes for security screening.

>

> We will meet with Dr Vickers at 1215 and he has a hard 1300 stop.

>

> See you then.

>

> Resp,

> Bob

>

> Commander Bob Mehal

> Public Affairs Officer

> Defense Press Operations

> 1400 Defense Pentagon (Rm 2D961)

> Washington, DC 20301-1400

> (703) 697-4162

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>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Mark Boal [mailto:mark@]

> Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 10:56 AM

> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

> Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

>

> Yes I can be there at noon

>

>

> Sent from my iPhone

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> On Jun 9, 2011, at 9:59 AM, "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil> wrote:

>

>> Mark, Please let me know if you can be here by 1200; trying to hold the spot.

>>
>> Vr/Bob
>>
>> Commander Bob Mehal
>> Public Affairs Officer
>> Defense Press Operations
>> 1400 Defense Pentagon (Rm 2D961)
>> Washington, DC 20301-1400
>> (703) 697-4162
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
>> Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 8:42 AM
>> To: 'mark@[redacted]'
>> Subject: RE: Bin Laden Movie
>>
>> Mark, Is there any chance we can move up the meeting to 1200 or 1215? Dr Vickers is back today and his schedule is really full. He is willing to use his lunch to meet.
>>
>> Please let me know soonest.
>>
>> Resp,
>> Bob
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>> Commander Bob Mehal
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>> 1400 Defense Pentagon (Rm 2D961)
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: mark@[redacted] [mailto:mark@[redacted]]
>> Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 5:57 PM
>> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
>> Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie
>>
>> Roger
>> Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T
>>
>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil>
>> Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2011 16:23:27
>> To: 'mark@[redacted]' <mark@[redacted]>
>> Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie
>>
>> Mark, Meet at the visitors' center at the Metro entrance at 1230 pm Thursday. We have a 1245 with Dr Vickers.
>> Let me know if you have any questions.
>> Bob
>> -----
>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device
>>
>>
>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: mark@[redacted] [mailto:mark@[redacted]]
>> Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:13 PM
>> To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; 'mark@[redacted]'
>> <'mark@[redacted]'
>> Cc: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI;
>> Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
>> Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie
>>
>> Bob,
>> Thank you. Thursday is good for me, I'm in D.C, and available at your convenience.
>> Mark
>>
>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
>> To: 'mark@[redacted]'
>> Cc: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
>> Cc: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
>> Cc: Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
>> Subject: Bin Laden Movie
>> Sent: Jun 6, 2011 10:06 PM
>>
>> Mark, Hello, I am Dr Vickers Public Affairs Officer. He will be in on Thursday if you
are still going to be in town. If not we could look at doing something the next time you are
in DC. He has agreed to meet with you, but you just caught him at a time when he has travel
scheduled.
>> Resp,
>> Bob
>>
>> ----- Original Message -----
>> From: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
>> Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 04:57 AM
>> To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
>> Cc: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
>> Subject: Re: Bin laden movie
>>
>> They've already talked to DD/CIA Morell.
>>
>> Happy to meet with them.
>> -----
>> Sent from my wireless handheld
>>
>> ----- Original Message -----
>> From: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
>> Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 11:30 PM
>> To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
>> Cc: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
>> Subject: Fw: Bin laden movie
>>
>> What do you all think? These guys are the Oscar winning team behind the Hurt Locker.
>>
>> Geoff Morrell
>> Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Pentagon Press Secretary
>> 703-614-2935 (O)
>> 571-309-4978 (C)
>>
>>
>> ----- Original Message -----

>> From: mark@[redacted] [mailto:mark@[redacted]]
>> Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 11:27 PM
>> To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
>> Subject: Bin laden movie
>>
>> Hi Geoff,
>>
>> Regarding our upcoming film about the hunt for OBL -- which Kathryn Bigelow is directing and I am writing and producing, as our follow-up to The Hurt Locker -- am thinking that it would be wise for me to touch base with Under Secretary Mike Vickers.... Naturally, I understand the sensitivities, and more than anything, am simply hoping for an opportunity to briefly tell him about the project's scope....
>> Please let me know if you would you be up for facilitating an introduction. I'll be in D.C for at least a few more days.
>>
>> Thanks,
>> Mark Boal
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>> Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T
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>> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device
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[REDACTED]

From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA [Douglas.Wilson@osd.mil]
 Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 11:38 AM
 To: [REDACTED] GEORGE [REDACTED]
 Subject: Re: UBL Film

So far, it's just Boal. We'll arrange to bring him to WH next time he's here.

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

From: Rhodes, Benjamin J. [REDACTED]
 Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 11:19 AM
 To: Smith, Jamie [REDACTED] Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; 'george' [REDACTED]
 <george [REDACTED]>
 Subject: RE: UBL Film

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Many thanks and all best.

Jamie

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From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA <Douglas.Wilson@osd.mil>
 To: Rhodes, Benjamin J.
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 Sent: Wed Jun 15 07:12:33 2011
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Thanks,

Doug

[REDACTED]

From: GEORGE [REDACTED]
 Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 2:36 PM
 To: 'Douglas.Wilson@osd.mil'
 Subject: Re: UBL Film

Thanks. Sorry to miss your call, and I'll clean out the VM. It's amazing how quickly it can fill up in a day or two.

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

From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA [mailto:Douglas.Wilson@osd.mil]
 Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 02:10 PM
 To: GEORGE [REDACTED]
 Subject: Re: UBL Film

Hi, got your message and just called you back, but message box is full. Not urgent, and I'll be out for a while, will try you again in a few hours

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

From: george [REDACTED]
 Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 11:49 AM
 To: [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
 Subject: Re: UBL Film

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Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2011 8:50 PM
To: [redacted] GEORGE [redacted]
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Sounds good. Boal will be in DC June 27 for several days - probably worth us bringing him over there.

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Great - lets all chat next week.
Hope everyone is well.
I'm pro-vacations.

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Boal is all we have at DoD. Back from leave Tuesday, happy to join George in conversation then

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Doug

From: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA [Philip.Strub@osd.mil]
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 2:36 PM
To: Nye, Edward T COL USSOCOM HQ; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; GEORGE [redacted]
Subject: FW: bin Laden movie

Gentlemen, FYI

Best,

Phil

Philip M. Strub
Director of Entertainment Media
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The Pentagon, 2E966
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P (703) 695-2936
F (703) 692-5294

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

From: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 8:52 AM
To: 'M B'
Cc: Jonathan Leven; Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; Farnsworth, Sarah S Ms OSD PA; Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA
Subject: RE: bin Laden movie

Hi Mark,

I'll be in today (Thurs 6/16) and tomorrow, from about 0830-1700 EDT.

Best,

Phil

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Hi Phil,

Hope this finds you well.

This is just a quick note to say that, as you may have heard, I'm writing and producing a new film -- which Kathryn Bigelow will direct and SONY will release in 2012 -- and which deals with the hunt for Osama Bin Laden and the May 1 raid that resulted in his death. I've been talking to various folks in the intel and military community in order to research the film, and wanted to reach out to you as well to give you a sense of our plans for the film going forward. If you have a chance to get on the phone for a few minutes tomorrow, or at your earliest convenience, that would be great. I'd welcome the opportunity to give you a quick briefing.

Best,

Mark Boal

[Redacted]

From: GEORGE [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2011 9:14 AM
To: 'Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA'
Subject: RE: Mark Boal - UBL film

Hi Jeremy, I'd be happy to chat. I'm actually going to be at the Pentagon today for lunch with Geoff. Perhaps we could talk before or after lunch? If that doesn't work for your schedule, I'll be around the office this afternoon at [Redacted]

George

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

From: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA [mailto:jeremy.martin@osd.mil]
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2011 8:58 AM
To: GEORGE [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Mark Boal - UBL film

Good morning,

Hope you had a nice vacation.

Can we talk today and lock in a time regarding subject?

Thanks and Best,

Jeremy

Jeremy M. Martin
Colonel, USA
Senior Military Assistant
Office of the Assistant Secretary
of Defense for Public Affairs
703-693-0776

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

From: george [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 9:22 AM
To: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA
Subject: Re: Mark Boal - UBL film

Jeremy, I'll give you a call shortly. I'm on vacation out West and need to check my calendar with my assistant.

Thanks,
George

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

From: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA [mailto:jeremy.martin@osd.mil]
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 09:17 AM

To: GEORGE [redacted]
Subject: RE: Mark Boal - UBL film

Good morning,

I hope you are well.

Do you think we could speak today to coordinate a WH visit for Mr. Boal?

Best,

JM

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

From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 9:05 AM
To: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA; Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Cc: george [redacted] James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA
Subject: RE: Mark Boal - UBL film

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From: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 9:04 AM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Cc: george [redacted] James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA
Subject: RE: Mark Boal - UBL film

Bob,

Stop by the front office today and let's lock in a time.

Best,

JM

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Copy all Sir. VR, Bob

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Thanks, Bob. [redacted]

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From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2011 8:26 AM
To: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Cc: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA; george [redacted] James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA
Subject: RE: Mark Boal - UBL film

Sir, We are looking at a 29 or 30 June follow-up meeting between Dr Vickers and Mark Boals.
Vr/Bob

CDR Bob Mehal
OASD(PA)
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Cc: Martin, Jeremy COL OSD PA; 'Rhodes, Benjamin J.'
Subject: Mark Boal - UBL film

Mark Boal will be here briefly next week (at times I can't do a meeting), but is back again June 27-July 1. June 30 and July 1 are likely to be crazy with farewell to SD Gates and beginning of SD-designate Panetta tenure on July 1. But if we can find a time for George and me to bring [redacted] (and whomever else you will include in that meeting) between June 27 and 29, that would be great. I'd like to bring Bob Mehal of our Pentagon press office, who is POC on intelligence matters, with us. Copying COL Jeremy Martin of my office who is my gatekeeper and who can help lock this on the schedule. If we can come up with a date and time soon, I'll coordinate with Boal.

Many thanks,

Doug

(b)(3)
(b)(5)
(b)(6)

[redacted]

From: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA [Philip.Strub@osd.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2011 10:57 AM
To: Nye, Edward T COL USSOCOM HQ; Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; McGraw, Kenneth S Mr CIV USSOCOM HQ
Cc: Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; GEORGE [redacted]
Subject: RE: Mark Boal conversation

Sounds good. Do you want to set a time?

Phil

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

From: Nye, Edward T COL USSOCOM HQ [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2011 10:40 AM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA; McGraw, Kenneth S Mr CIV USSOCOM HQ
Cc: Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; george [redacted]
Subject: Re: Mark Boal conversation

Phil - Bob, thanks for the info.

Nye

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA [mailto:Robert.Mehal@osd.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2011 09:52 AM
To: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Cc: Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA; Nye, Edward T COL USSOCOM HQ; Gregory, James Maj OSD PA; 'george' [redacted]
Subject: RE: Mark Boal conversation

Phil, That is completely consistent with what I provided after his discussion with Dr Vickers.

Vr/Bob

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

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

From: Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2011 9:24 AM
To: Nye, Edward T COL USSOCOM HQ; Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA;
'george [redacted]
Cc: Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA
Subject: Mark Boal conversation

FYI,

I got a call yesterday from Mark Boal. He explained what had already been in the trade press that he'd been working on a Tora Bora script when the Bin Laden operation took place, and now they've switched to that story. He mentioned the interviews here and at CIA, and hoped I would be in on these (at least at DoD) in the future. He said he expects to complete the script this summer, and was still wondering about potential filming locations. He intends to ask for DoD production assistance, TBD. The picture is expected to have a 4th quarter 2012 release. They are financing independently with Sony doing the distribution. He agreed to keep me up to date with his research efforts. Of course at some point he hopes to interview SEALs, and whether SOCOM/ would be amenable to this kind of research remains to be seen.

Best,

Phil

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 7:18 PM
To: GEORGE [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Tomorrow's clips

HA! You are, that's one of the many reasons I like working for you. You balance my qualities out :)

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

[Redacted]

----- Original Message -----
From: GEORGE [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 07:17 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Tomorrow's clips

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

I'm ALWAYS calm and rational :)

-----Original Message-----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 7:13 PM
To: GEORGE [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Tomorrow's clips

[Redacted]

I agree that we're getting there on Boal. Thank you for your calm, rational thought on this.

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

[Redacted]

----- Original Message -----
From: GEORGE [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 07:07 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Tomorrow's clips

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

I think we're getting there on Boal.

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

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 7:06 PM
To: GEORGE [redacted]
Subject: Tomorrow's clips

[redacted]

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
 Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 11:59 PM
 To: GEORGE [redacted]
 Subject: Re: When is the Boal mtg tomorrow?

Ha, no problem :) Hope the fireworks were fun! We watched reruns of "The West Wing" instead. I still love that show, all these years later.

Marie E. Harf
 CIA Spokesperson

[redacted]

----- Original Message -----
 From: GEORGE [redacted]
 Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 11:46 PM
 To: [redacted]
 Subject: Re: When is the Boal mtg tomorrow?

Ok thanks. I'm obviously influenced by the fireworks! :)

----- Original Message -----
 From: [redacted]
 Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 11:42 PM
 To: GEORGE [redacted]
 Subject: Re: When is the Boal mtg tomorrow?

There is no Boal mtg tomorrow. He went back to LA yesterday. He and kathryn bigelow will be back in town next week.

Marie E. Harf
 CIA Spokesperson

[redacted]

----- Original Message -----
 From: GEORGE [redacted]
 Sent: Monday, July 04, 2011 06:32 PM
 To: [redacted]
 Subject: When is the Boal mtg tomorrow?

[Redacted]

From: GEORGE [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 6:58 PM
To: MARIE [Redacted]
Subject: Re:

How did Bigelowgo?

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

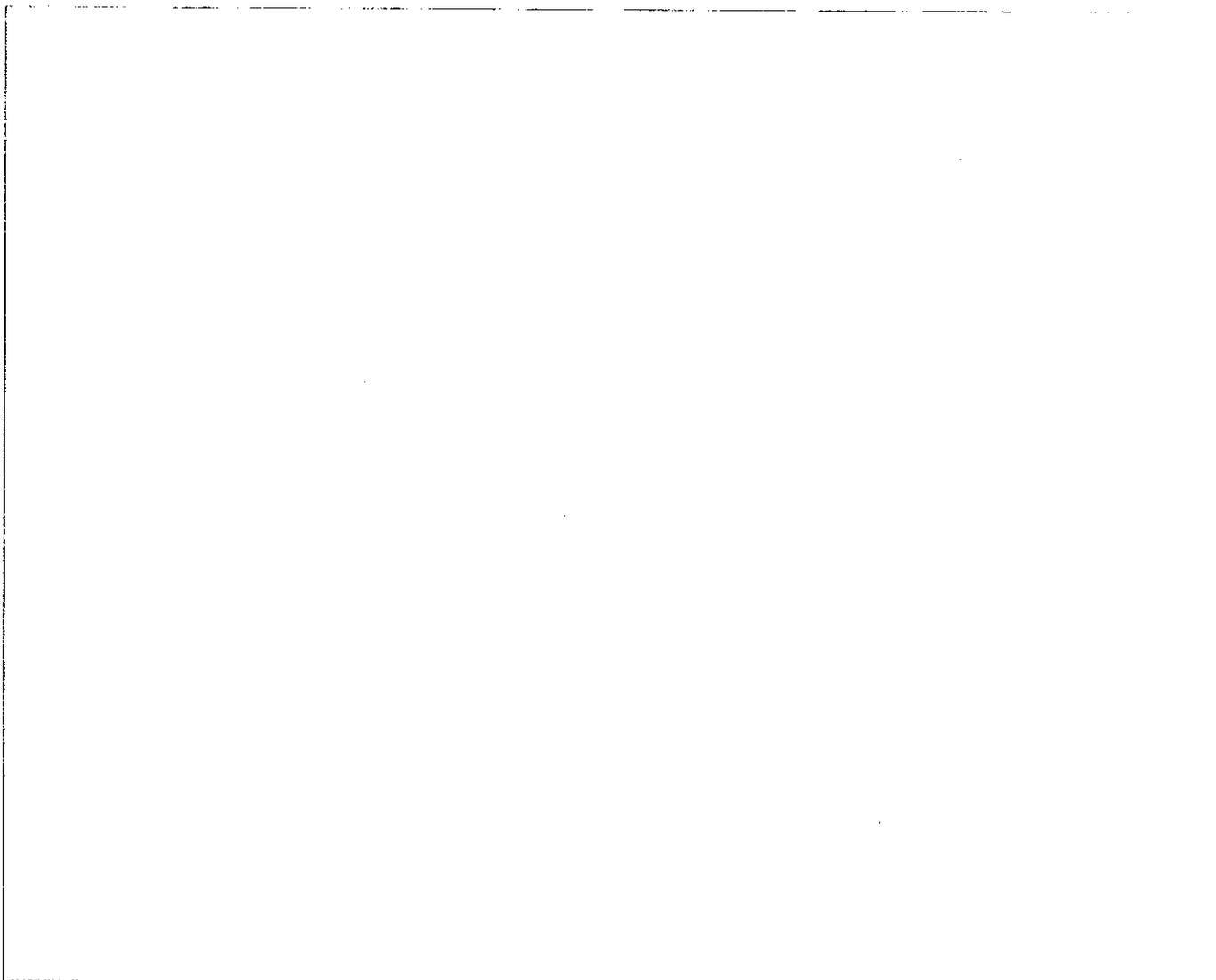
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[redacted]

From: GEORGE [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 4:53 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Update on Bigelow mtgs

Thanks -- sounds good :)

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

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 04:04 PM
To: GEORGE [redacted]
Subject: Update on Bigelow mtgs

Hi!

To update you for tomorrow (and jennifer knows all of this, so I'm keeping everyone in the loop, don't worry :):

The mtgs on Friday went really, really well. Mr. Morell gave them 40 minutes, talked some of the substance again, told them we're here to help with whatever they need, and gushed to kathryn about how much he loved "the hurt locker." CTC and [redacted] (including a mtg with [redacted]) were both great too. The model is pretty cool. We had a few ridiculous bureaucratic hiccups that I can fill you in on; they're all totally fine now (and were on fri), but you know how some people get their heads all spun up. And the mtg with Y went very well yesterday.

Tomorrow, they'll be meeting individually with both [redacted] and the translator who was on the raid. These are all folks they've met with before - kathryn wants to meet them - and we have them in our conference room from 1-4. Jennifer put this on the office calendar for me so we're all on the same page.

The only other mtg they have is with C/CTC, who could only meet at 11 on Tuesday. Jennifer seemed cool with this too. I really think we need to make this happen, if for no other reason than it's a good parish call for them. (Do you think they should try to meet with D/NCS? Y mentioned to them that they should try to if possible, but I defer to you on that. He's so skiddish.)

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Last thing - they're having dinner with jeremy on monday night, fyi. They met with vickers again last friday, and I think that went very well from what I gather.

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

[redacted]

From: GEORGE [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 6:02 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Update on Bigelow mtgs

Ok good

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

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 06:00 PM
To: GEORGE [redacted]
Subject: Re: Update on Bigelow mtgs

Yeah, on this one other people were being ridiculous, and she actually fixed it with them. I mean, her general attitude is the same but she fixed the artificial issues other people tried to create. It really was fine.

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

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

From: GEORGE [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 05:57 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Update on Bigelow mtgs

Ok

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

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 05:56 PM
To: GEORGE [redacted]
Subject: Re: Update on Bigelow mtgs

No; no, not really. I can explain to you tomorrow - everything was really fine...

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

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

From: GEORGE [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 05:00 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Update on Bigelow mtgs

Did you get a hard time about this on Fri?

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To: GEORGE [redacted]
Subject: Update on Bigelow mtgs

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Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson
[redacted]

From: GEORGE [redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 5:34 PM
To: 'Bash, Jeremy CIV SD'; Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Subject: RE: Mark Boal

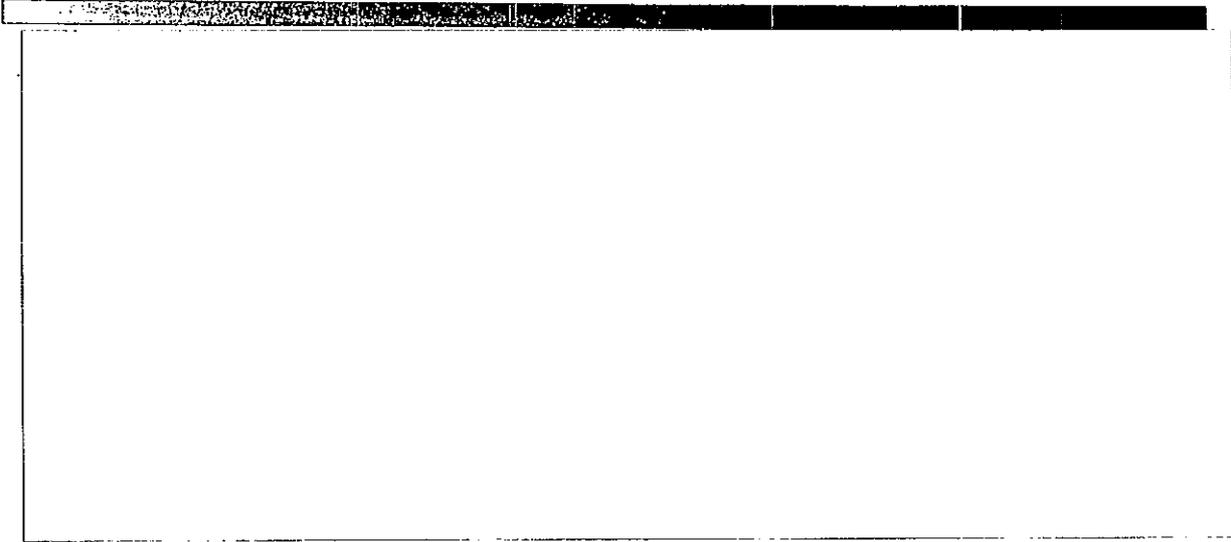
Just had my last meeting at CIA with Mark and Kathryn. A good way to wrap things up! They now have at least the outline of a script in mind and are starting to do a deeper dive on details. They expressed their gratitude for our cooperation and also said good things about my soon-to-be-colleagues at the Pentagon. Bottom line—things are on track.

From: Bash, Jeremy CIV SD [<mailto:Jeremy.Bash@sd.mil>]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 5:27 PM
To: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; GEORGE [redacted]
Subject: Mark Boal

I'm seeing him and Kathryn Bigelow this evening. May I have a quick update from you two on where they are with their project from your vantage points?

J

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Approved

[Redacted]
05/19/2011

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Director's Executive Support Staff

FROM: Jennifer N. Youngblood
DD/OPA, Media

SUBJECT: (U) Request to Incur Expenses under [Redacted]

1. (C) Approval is requested to incur expenses allowed under [Redacted] for an official meeting to be held at DI conference room [Redacted] for 4 persons on 05/20/2011. The DD/OPA will host Hollywood screenwriters for an upcoming movie project. We will provide coffee and water for this event.

Host: George E. Little, DD/OPA

Agency Guest List:
Jeremy Bash, Chief of Staff

Non-Agency Guest List:
Mark Boal, Hollywood screenwriter
Michael Feldman, Glover Park group

2. (U) I certify that the attendance of the individuals listed above for this function will facilitate the accomplishment of the duties and responsibilities of the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

3. (U) The estimated cost for this event will be [Redacted]

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Michael J. Morell
Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency

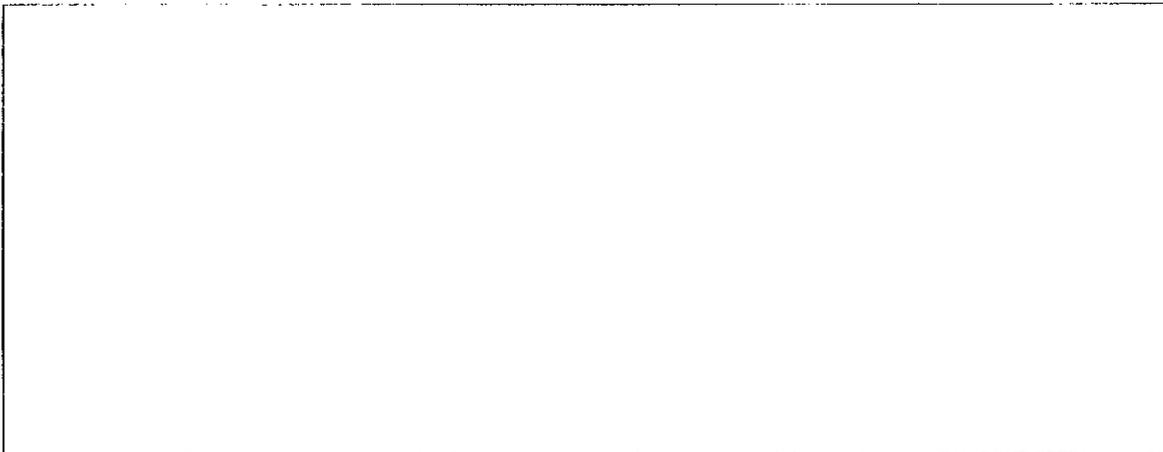
Monday, 6 June 2011



1405 - 1435

Meet-and-Greet with Mark Boal (Screenwriter, "The Hurt Locker"--currently working on UBL movie)

Attendees: Marie Harf (OPA),



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From: [Redacted]
Outreach Coordinator
DCIA/OPA/PCB
[Redacted]
Date: 07/20/2011 03:27 PM

Subject: July-Aug Updated Outreach Calendar
To: [Redacted]

This message is digitally signed.

Hi All -

Attached is the Jul-Aug outreach calendar. Thought I would send out the revised version. Not at ton of events scheduled in August, but I think that is consistent from previous years.



July 2011 - August 2011.doc



OPA/PCB UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS: July 2011

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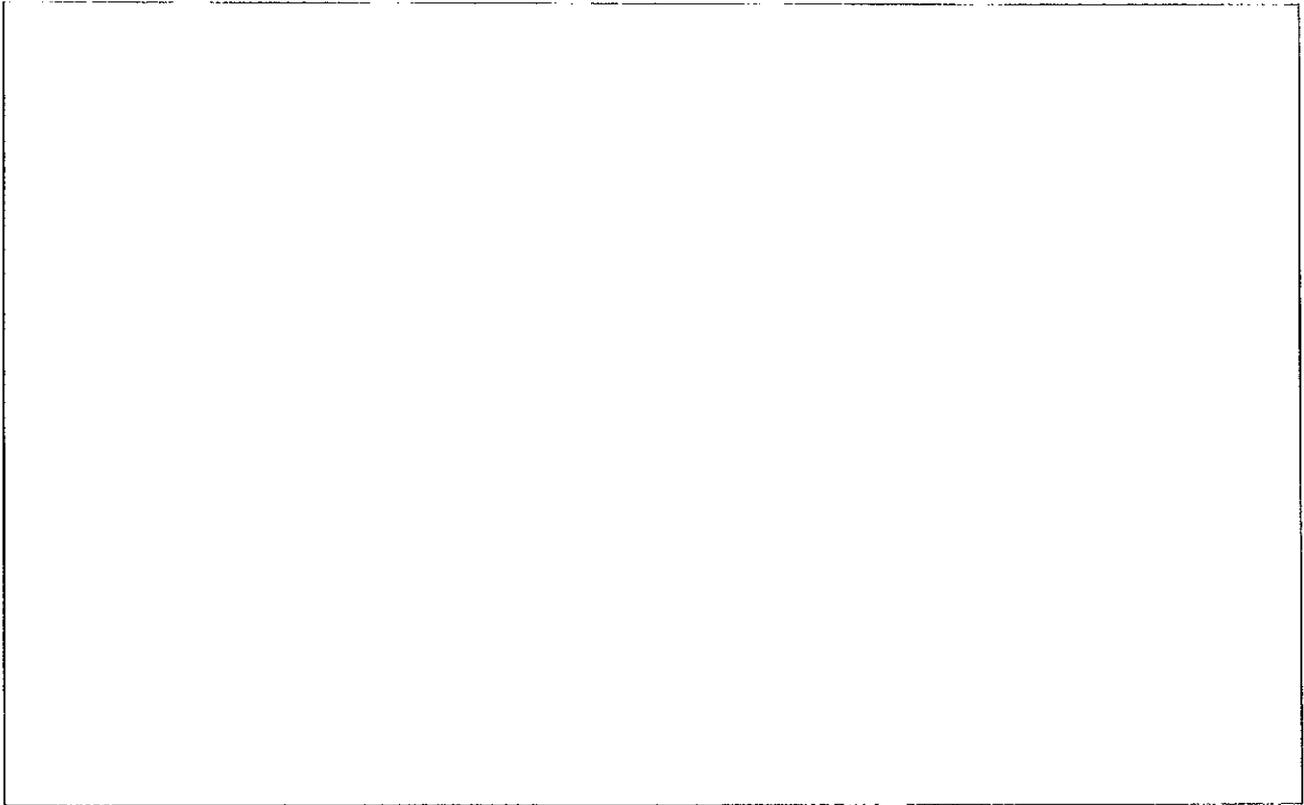
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DPA/PCB UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS: August 2011

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY OFFICE
1155 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155

August 23, 2012
Ref: 11-L-1374

Chris Fedeli
Judicial Watch, Inc.
425 Third Street SW
Suite 800
Washington, DC 20024

Re: *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. DoD, et al*, Case No. 1:12-cv-00049-RC (D.D.C.)

Dear Mr. Fedeli,

Enclosed please find additional documents responsive to your August 9, 2011, Freedom of Information Act request. These records were located as a result of a Department of Defense Inspector General (IG) inquiry after the date of production (May 18, 2012) and therefore, to be as inclusive as possible, we are producing them to you now.

The documents consist of 81 emails found in the course of the IG's inquiry. Of those 81 emails, 61 were duplicative of the emails that were found in the initial search. Twenty emails were deemed to have information not previously processed in this case. Those emails have been reviewed and determined to be partially releasable. Information has been withheld pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(3), statutes 10 U.S.C. § 130b and 50 U.S.C. § 403g Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, as well as exemptions (b)(5) and (b)(6). All of these redactions were taken on the same information that was produced on May 18, 2012, with the exception of information on pages 2 and 7, which is being withheld under exemptions (b)(3), (b)(5), and (b)(6). No additional information is being withheld.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James P. Hogan", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

James P. Hogan
Chief

From: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 11:15 AM
To: 'Kathryn Bigelow'
Cc: 'mark@(b) (6)'
Subject: RE: Private Meeting
Signed By: There are problems with the signature. Click the signature button for details.

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Pleasure is mine. I've talked to Jeremy and to Mike Vickers and we want to make the path easier for you here with the SOCOM folks, so I'm hoping to have an update on that for you. See you Tuesday. Best, Doug

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

From: Kathryn Bigelow [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 11:11 AM
To: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Cc: 'mark@(b) (6)'
Subject: Re: Private Meeting

Dear Doug,
Really look forward to seeing you and thank you so much for making the time.
best
Kathryn

On Jul 13, 2011, at 8:07 AM, Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA wrote:

When: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 6:00 PM-7:00 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Ris at 23rd and L Streets, NW

Note: The GMT offset above does not reflect daylight saving time adjustments.

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Drinks with Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow - location TBD.

<Mail Attachment.ics>

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 5:29 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(3) 130b
Cc: Lowery Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
Subject: RE: Contact (U//~~FOUO~~)

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Sir, I have limited access to SIPR, I try to check it at least once a day, so if we need we can converse via phone - 703-697-4162. Mr Vickers mentioned to Mark Boal (Writer/Producer) and Kathryn Bigelow (Director) (known for the movie Hurt Locker) when they were last here in DC that he and the ADMs had identified someone who could help give them some background pertaining to the DoD side of the operation.

(b) (5)

Vr/
Bob

Commander Bob Mehal
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs Pentagon Room 2D961
703-697-4162 (unclas)
Robert.mehal@osd.mil

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

From: Lowery Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 12:44 PM
To: (b)(6), (b)(3) 130b
Cc: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Contact (U//~~FOUO~~)

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(b) (6)

I wanted to connect you with OSD Public Affairs, CDR Bob Mehal, regarding a possible interview. CDR Mehal handles all public affairs for Mr. Vickers, and is tracking USDI's guidance on this interview as well. Mr. Vickers also said he'd be happy to speak with you outline the parameters of what you should discuss - he spoke to ADM Olson and (b)(6), (b)(3) 130b about this. CDR Mehal knows it but Mr. Vickers also is will to discuss should you decided you want that.

Thank you. Best, Todd

Bob - Over to you.

Todd R. Lowery

Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence

Pentagon Room 3E834

703-695-0971 (unclas)

982-5696 (gray)

228-7714 (red)

EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE INCIDENT TO A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST.

Fisher, Stephen CIV WHS/ESD

From: markboal [mark@(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 4:24 PM
To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Cc: Michael Feldman; Kathryn Bigelow
Subject: Bin Laden Movie

Geoff,

As you may know, Kathryn Bigelow and I are focusing on a movie about the hunting and killing of UBL.

We're coming to D.C. in mid-May...and we'd would love to buy you a drink or dinner.

Mark

Fisher, Stephen CIV WHS/ESD

From: Mark Boal [mark@(b) (6)]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 3:17 PM
To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Subject: Bin laden movie

Hope your trip is going well.

I saw Beth and General Chiarelli at dinner the other night , we fondly recalled the lunch you arranged for us all, back in the day, and Pete recommended talking to Mike Vickers, reminding me that you had also suggested same.... Doug, I'm not sure where he left that request... but any chance you can nudge it along from your side? Looks like I'll be in d.c. for a few more days into next week .

Safe travels,

Mark

Sent from my iPhone

Bryant, Mario CTR WHS/ESD/FOID

From: MB [mark@(b) (6)]
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 1:38 PM
To: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Cc: Kathryn Bigelow
Subject: dont ask dont tell ending

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Land of the free, home of the brave?
This time, it actually is.

Well done, Doug.

On Jul 20, 2011, at 7:06 AM, Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA wrote:

> Great to see you last night, and sorry I had to bolt at the end. Copying George Little, he will facilitate your visit to the Virginia facility we discussed, it looks like that can happen. Thanks so much for the hospitality, and we all look forward to seeing you again and to working with you. All best, Doug

Bryant, Mario CTR WHS/ESD/FOID

From: Olson Eric T. ADM (b)(6), (b)(3) 130b
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 6:53 PM
To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Subject: FW: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

Mike,
FYI. Just a status report from my Public Affairs guys.
Best, Eric

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

From: Nye, Edward T COL USSOCOM HQ
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 11:30 AM
To: Olson Eric T. ADM
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(3) 130b

[Redacted] McGraw,
Kenneth S Mr CIV USSOCOM HQ
Subject: FW: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

Sir,

Below is an exum from a mtg held yesterday between Mr Vickers and Mark Boal to discuss a film project about the UBL raid.

Boal along with Kathryn Bigelow wrote/directed/produced the Hurt Locker. Boal requested the mtg to discuss the scope of their new project and to gage support for the film. They have a signed production contract with SONY Films so the movie is moving forward. At this time there has been no formal request for support.

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[Redacted]

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VR
Tim

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

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 4:39 PM
To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Cc: Ferguson, Thomas A CIV, OSD OUSDI; Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA; Whitman, Bryan SES OSD PA; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Lapan, David COL OSD PA; James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA; Turner, James Mr OSD PA; Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA; Ogilvie, Vicente Mr OSD PA; Marrs, James R BrigGen OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI; (b)(3) 403g (b) (6)

(b) (6) Rigler, Tara CIV OSD PA; Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Robbins, Elizabeth L LTC OSD PA; Smith, Heidi A CIV, OSD OUSDI; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI; Symonowicz, Erin C Ms OSD OUSDI
Subject: EXSUM: Meeting with Mark Boal re UBL Movie

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

Mark Boal, Writer/Producer of "Hurt Locker", is working on a Sony Pictures Movie portrayal of the hunt for UBL.

The meeting lasted 45 minutes and Mark spent most of the time laying out his way ahead.

**They were just about to begin filming a movie focusing on the Battle of Tora Bora (2001) when 1 May changed everything.

- TIMELINE:

-- Next two months will be spent on research/background to reconstruct as much as possible

-- Start Shooting in Fall of 2011

-- Release date set for 4th Qtr 2012 (Sep-Dec)

-- Boal indicated:

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

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

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

-- He plans to return in late June, early July for some more in depth meetings (USDI indicated he would be willing to meet with him, but could not say at this point how much he would be able to discuss)

-- To Date:

-- To date has spoken with CIA pers to include DD Mike Morrell. (indicated he was going back tomorrow and would be returning the end of Jun)

-- Has not yet spoken to WH

-- Has not yet requested formal DoD support (realizes that will require a script for review)

USDI:

-- Recommended looking at it from 3 main components CIA, DoD, WH.

-- There was a 60-80% of certainty based on the Intell

-- Was a "Gutsy Decision" by the POTUS (WH involvement was critical)

-- Involved developing options, evolving and refining plans, rehearsing OP, and finally execution of OP

-- Asked if Boal had asked to speak with WH, SECDEF, CJCS, VCJCS, or (b)(6), (b)(3) 130b

-- Response was not yet, but certainly something he would be looking at doing - possibly when he returns to DC late Jun/early Jul.

POST Meeting:

-- I suggested he reach out to the WH to get a sense of their position/support for the project.

-- Also, recommended at the very least an informal request to OSD PA in regard to DoD participation in the research phase

**(prior to a formal request for DoD support).

Vr/Bob

Commander Bob Mehal
Public Affairs Officer
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Bryant, Mario CTR WHS/ESD/FOID

From: Mark Boal [mark@(b) (6)]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 6:17 AM
To: Little, George CIV OSD PA
Subject: Greetings

Hi George

Just a quick note to say thanks and thanks again for pulling for us at the agency. It made all the difference. It was truly a pleasure working with you, and with Marie and Preston. Its also worth reiterating that as you know Harf logged many, many extra miles on this project with total finesse, and she has our complete confidence going forward...

wishing you all the best at DoD and looking forward to talking to you soon.

Best,

Mark

Sent from my iPhone

Bryant, Mario CTR WHS/ESD/FOID

From: markboal [mark@(b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 4:30 PM
To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Cc: Michael Feldman; Kathryn Bigelow; Napier, Tara N MS OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Great!...looking forward to catching up.

Last, would you direct me to the SOCOM PAO to talk to about this?

On May 2, 2011, at 1:25 PM, Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA wrote:

> I should have known!
> Sure, Tara can set up a date/time.
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: markboal [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:mark@(b) (6))]
> Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 4:24 PM
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>
> Mark

Bryant, Mario CTR WHS/ESD/FOID

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Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 1:39 PM
To: 'MB'
Cc: Kathryn Bigelow
Subject: RE: dont ask dont tell ending

Thank you so much. Great way to end the week, believe me. I go to the podium at 4.30pm EDT on this.

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

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Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 1:38 PM
To: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Cc: Kathryn Bigelow
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CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Land of the free, home of the brave?
This time, it actually is.

Well done, Doug.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 4:22 AM
To: 'mark@'(b) (6)
Cc: (b) (6)
Subject: Re: greetings from Hollywood: bin laden movie

Yes on both. Will provide contact timing options later today. Best, Doug

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From: M B [[\(mailto:mark@'\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:mark@'(b) (6)))
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 02:38 PM
To: Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Cc: Kathryn Bigelow (b) (6)
Subject: greetings from Hollywood: bin laden movie

Hi Doug,

Good afternoon -

Congratulations on a successful tour with the new Sec Def. It's been exciting to read about here on the coast.

Wanted to let you know that Kathryn and I will be back in D.C. for a few days, from 15 July - 19 July, to further our research on the Bin Laden movie.

I think it would be worthwhile, if your schedule permits, to schedule a meeting to update you on our progress and further discuss DoD support.

Perhaps on Tuesday - 19 July? And separately... let us know if there is any chance you can meet for that drink.

Wishing you safe travels and looking forward to talking soon.

Mark

Bryant, Mario CTR WHS/ESD/FOID

From: Little, George CIV OSD PA
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 10:27 AM
To: 'Mark Boal'
Subject: RE: Greetings

Mark,

Many thanks for your note, and I can't tell you how excited we all are (at DOD and CIA) about the project. It's been a real pleasure to help facilitate things--and you're right about Marie. She's fantastic and has superbly navigated the occasional chop in otherwise smooth waters to make things happen. I know we'll talk soon about the DOD side of the equation.

I'm drinking from the fire hose here, and my main goal for the moment is to retain my job at least through the end of the week :)

- George

PS -- I want you to note how good I've been about not mentioning the premiere tickets. :-)

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

From: Mark Boal [[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:mark@(b) (6))]
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2011 6:17 AM
To: Little, George CIV OSD PA
Subject: Greetings

Hi George

Just a quick note to say thanks and thanks again for pulling for us at the agency. It made all the difference. It was truly a pleasure working with you, and with Marie and Preston. Its also worth reiterating that as you know Harf logged many, many extra miles on this project with total finesse, and she has our complete confidence going forward... wishing you all the best at DoD and looking forward to talking to you soon.

Best,
Mark

Sent from my iPhone

Bryant, Mario CTR WHS/ESD/FOID

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Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 10:39 AM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; 'szukowski@gloverparkgroup.com'
Cc: 'mark@'(b) (6)'; 'asst@'(b) (6)'; Redding, Gregory Mr OSD PA; Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
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To: 'Sarah Zukowski' <szukowski@gloverparkgroup.com>; Benner, Thomas K CIV, OSD OUSDI
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Jim, seems like a good plan. Go ahead and set it up.

Thanks
Nye

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Interesting...

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To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE:
Signed By: douglas.weinstein@osd.mil

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Thanks (b) (6). Mark was in for a brief office call a few weeks ago, and we have been waiting for follow-up guidance. CDR Bob Mehal, our public affairs officer, will coordinate this for Dr. Vickers. Thanks for the heads-up! I'll keep an eye out on JWICS.

Doug

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To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Subject:

You should be hearing from Mark Boal, screenwriter for the UBL movie being directed by Katherine Bigallo, to request time with Dr Vickers for an interview/backgrounder. I'm getting a copy of the request from our WH press, and am not exactly sure how it was conveyed to us.

Peter Bergen is also interested in contacting your office for the book he's writing on UBL.

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To: 'Kathryn Bigelow'
Cc: 'mark(b) (6)'
Subject: RE: Private Meeting

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Cc: 'mark(b) (6)'
Subject: Re: Private Meeting

Dear Doug,
Really look forward to seeing you and thank you so much for making the time.
best
Kathryn

On Jul 13, 2011, at 8:07 AM, Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA wrote:

When: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 6:00 PM-7:00 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Ris at 23rd and L Streets, NW

Note: The GMT offset above does not reflect daylight saving time adjustments.

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Drinks with Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow - location TBD.

<Mail Attachment.ics>

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I, MARTHA M. LUTZ, hereby declare and state:

1. I am the Information Review Officer ("IRO") for the Director of Central Intelligence ("Director's Area") of the Central Intelligence Agency ("CIA" or "Agency"). The Director's Area encompasses not only the Office of the Director of the CIA but also several components not organized under one of the CIA's four main directorates, such as the Office of General Counsel and the Office of Public Affairs. I have held this position since 19 January 1999. I have held various administrative and professional positions within the CIA since 1989.

2. As the IRO for the Director's Area, I am authorized to assess the current, proper classification of CIA information based on the classification criteria of Executive Order 13526.

As the IRO, I am responsible for the classification review of records and information originated by the Director's Area or otherwise implicating Director's Area interests, including records which may be the subject of court proceedings or public requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. As part of my official duties, I ensure that any determinations regarding the public release or withholding of any such records or information are proper and do not jeopardize CIA interests, personnel, or facilities, and, on behalf of the Director of the CIA, do not jeopardize intelligence activities, sources, and methods.

3. As a senior CIA official and under a written delegation of authority pursuant to Section 1.3(c) of Executive Order 13526, I hold original classification authority at the TOP SECRET level. Therefore, I am authorized to conduct classification reviews and to make original classification and declassification decisions. This classification and declassification authority extends to all CIA information, not just that belonging to the Director's Area.

4. Pursuant to authority delegated by the Associate Deputy Director of the CIA, I also have been appointed Records Validation Officer ("RVO"). As RVO, I am authorized to sign declarations on behalf of the CIA regarding searches for records, and the contents of any located records, including

those located in, or containing information under the cognizance of CIA directorates or areas other than the Director's Area.

5. I am submitting this declaration in support of the Government's motion for summary judgment in this proceeding. Through the exercise of my official duties, I have become familiar with this case and the underlying FOIA requests. I have also personally reviewed all of the responsive documents located by the CIA in this case. I make the following statements based upon my personal knowledge and information made available to me in my official capacity.

6. This declaration will explain, to the greatest extent possible on the public record,¹ the basis for the CIA's redactions to several documents that are being challenged by the plaintiff in this case, Judicial Watch.

7. On 9 August 2011, Judicial Watch sent a FOIA request to CIA seeking several categories of documents concerning the Agency's interactions with Kathryn Bigelow and Mark Boal ("filmmakers"), the makers of an upcoming film about the killing of Usama Bin Laden ("UBL"). A true and correct copy of Judicial Watch's 9 August 2011 letter is attached to this declaration as Exhibit A.

¹ At the Court's request, I am also prepared to submit a classified declaration for the Court's *in camera*, *ex parte* review that contains information that cannot be filed on the public record, as well as unredacted versions of the documents at issue.

8. On 16 August 2011, the CIA accepted Judicial Watch's request but advised that it was unlikely to respond to the request within 20 working days. A true and correct copy of the CIA's 16 August 2011 letter is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

9. On 12 January 2012, Judicial Watch initiated the present lawsuit. Pursuant to an agreed-upon schedule, the CIA produced 67 responsive documents to Judicial Watch on 18 May 2012 and withheld 27 responsive documents in full, primarily on the grounds of the attorney-client privilege. After subsequently discovering a small stack of records that were inadvertently overlooked during its initial processing of the request, the CIA produced 53 additional records on 24 August 2012 and withheld one document in full.² On 14 September 2012, the CIA produced updated versions of four of these documents, in which a limited amount of previously-withheld information was released.

10. Through letters accompanying the productions, Judicial Watch was informed that the documents being produced contained redactions that were made pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(5), and (b)(6). The CIA also informed Judicial Watch that the responsive documents that were not produced were

² I personally supervised the CIA's search for records in response to Judicial Watch's FOIA request. The CIA's search efforts were described in detail in a letter to Judicial Watch that accompanied the 24 August production, which is attached hereto as Exhibit C. I have personal knowledge of the facts described in that letter, and I hereby incorporate it into my declaration by reference.

withheld in full on the basis of FOIA exemption (b)(5) and in part on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and (b)(6).³

11. I understand that Judicial Watch has informed the Department of Justice that it is challenging certain redactions to the following documents: C05807298, C05876857, and C05882735.⁴ The redacted versions of these documents are attached hereto as Exhibits D-F. In each instance, I understand that Judicial Watch is challenging the application of FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and (b)(6) to the extent that the information being redacted on these bases was shared with the filmmakers.

12. As described below, the only redactions being challenged by Judicial Watch in the documents at issue are those that withheld the names and/or pseudonyms of certain CIA officers who met with the filmmakers. Each of the officers at issue played a role in the U.S. Government's planning for the UBL operation. It is my understanding that when the meetings

³ These withheld documents were primarily attorney-client communications among CIA attorneys and other employees. In response to an inquiry from Judicial Watch, I can represent that none of these withheld documents were communications with the filmmakers or any other officer or employee of Annapurna Pictures, nor were any of these internal CIA communications shown to those individuals. In one instance, a copy of the release form that the filmmakers submitted to the Agency was attached to a privileged internal communication. A copy of that release form was produced separately at C05882733.

⁴ Several of Judicial Watch's potential challenges were resolved by the CIA's 14 September production, and therefore they are not addressed in this declaration. I also understand that the CIA's remaining withholdings are not being challenged by Judicial Watch, and therefore I do not address them in this declaration.

with the filmmakers took place at the CIA Headquarters, the guidance provided to the officers who were undercover or were otherwise in sensitive positions was that they should provide the filmmakers with their true first names only. Moreover, it is my understanding that such officer's first names were provided to the filmmakers only for the purpose of facilitating these private meetings, and that the Agency did not authorize the filmmakers to publicly release the officers' first names or use them in their film.

13. I will now discuss the redactions that Judicial Watch is challenging in each of the documents at issue:

14. C05807298: In this internal email chain among CIA officers, I understand that Judicial Watch is challenging all of the redactions to the extent any of the redacted information was shared with the filmmakers. To my knowledge, the only redacted information in this email that may have been shared with the filmmakers during the meetings was the first name of one of the officers who is in the email chain's distribution line. This email also contains that officer's last name, but, as noted above, it is my understanding that the officer was instructed not to provide his last name to the filmmakers. This officer is undercover, and therefore any information that associates his last name or other identifying information with the CIA is classified. The only other information redacted in this

document reflects classification control markings; internal email addresses, room numbers, and phone numbers; the names and positions of officers who did not meet with the filmmakers; and the pseudonyms of two officers who met with the filmmakers. The Agency has no reason to believe that any of this information would have been shared with the filmmakers during their meetings with the officers.

15. C05876857: This document is another internal email between two CIA officers. I understand that Judicial Watch is challenging the redactions to the paragraphs that begin with "The mtgs on Friday..." and "Tomorrow, they'll be meeting...." The redacted information in these two paragraphs reflects the true first names of four CIA officers who met with the filmmakers. These officers are undercover, and one of them is the same officer whose full true name was withheld in C05807298. As noted above, it is my understanding that these officers' true first names most likely would have been shared with the filmmakers during the meetings.

16. C05882735: For this internal email chain, it is my understanding that Judicial Watch is challenging the redactions to the sentences immediately below the "Saturday TBD" and "Monday TBD" headings - the sentences that begin with "Kathryn chat with..." and "Kathryn would like...." The redactions in these two sentences are for the pseudonyms of two officers who

met with the filmmakers. As noted, it is my understanding these officers would not have shared their pseudonyms with the filmmakers during the meetings; rather, they would have used their true first names (which are not reflected in this document).

17. The names of CIA officers, including their first names, are entitled to absolute protection from disclosure under FOIA exemption (b)(3). FOIA exemption (b)(3) provides that FOIA does not apply to matters that are: specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3).

18. Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, 50 U.S.C. § 403g (the "CIA Act"), provides that the CIA shall be exempted from the provisions of "any other law" (in this case, FOIA) which requires the publication or disclosure of, *inter alia*, the "names" of CIA personnel. The CIA Act therefore constitutes a federal statute which "establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld," 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3), and I have determined the names of the CIA officers

in these challenged documents - including first names and pseudonyms - are subject to protection under the Act.⁵

19. In contrast to Executive Order 13526, which governs classified national security information, the CIA Act does not require the CIA to identify and describe the damage to the national security that reasonably could be expected to result from the unauthorized disclosure of the names of CIA officers. Nonetheless, I can represent to the Court that the absolute protection for officers' identities that Congress provided in the CIA Act is extremely important to the functioning of the Agency and the safety and security of its employees. This is true even for the identities of officers who are not undercover, and it is also true with respect to the first names of undercover officers. While such identifying information may not be classified in isolation, the widespread public release of this information creates an unnecessary security and counter-intelligence risk for the Agency and its officers. This risk is particularly acute with respect to the identity of the officers who were involved in the Agency's planning for the successful raid on UBL's Abbottabad compound. Given the widespread public attention given to this event and the individuals involved in

⁵ To the extent Judicial Watch is challenging the internal classification control markings, internal email addresses, room numbers, and phone numbers that were withheld from C05807298, that information is also subject to protection under the CIA Act, which exempts internal information concerning the "organization" and "functions" of the Agency and the "official titles" of its officers.

it, releasing even just the first names of these officers presents an unnecessary and unacceptable risk.

20. Additionally, some of the information being challenged by Judicial Watch is classified and therefore is independently subject to protection by FOIA exemption (b)(1). FOIA exemption (b)(1) provides that FOIA does not require the production of records that are: "(A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1).

21. Section 1.1(a) of Executive Order 13526 provides that information may be originally classified under the terms of this order only if all of the following conditions are met: (1) an original classification authority is classifying the information; (2) the information is owned by, produced by or for, or is under the control of the U.S. Government; (3) the information falls within one or more of the categories of information listed in section 1.4 of Executive Order 13526; and (4) the original classification authority determines that the unauthorized disclosure of the information reasonably could be expected to result in some level of damage to the national security, and the original classification authority is able to identify or describe the damage.

22. Section 1.2(a) of Executive Order 13526 provides that information shall be classified at one of three levels if the unauthorized disclosure of the information reasonably could be expected to cause damage to the national security and the original classification authority is able to identify or describe the damage. Information shall be classified TOP SECRET if its unauthorized disclosure reasonably could be expected to result in *exceptionally grave damage* to the national security; SECRET if its unauthorized disclosure reasonably could be expected to result in *serious damage* to the national security; and CONFIDENTIAL if its unauthorized disclosure reasonably could be expected to result in *damage* to the national security.

23. There are two types of classified information that were withheld in the redactions being challenged by Judicial Watch: the true full name of an undercover officer and the pseudonyms for two undercover officers. As an original classification authority, I have determined that this information is currently and properly classified, that the documents containing this information are properly marked, and that the unauthorized disclosure of this information reasonably could be expected to harm the national security of the United States. This

information is owned by the U.S. government, and it relates to the CIA's core intelligence activities, sources, and methods.⁶

24. As noted above, C05807298 contains the true first and last name of an undercover CIA employee. In this context, the disclosure of this employee's identity and affiliation with both the Agency and the UBL raid reasonably could be expected to harm the national security of the United States. Given the threats posed by terrorist groups and other adversaries of the United States, and the nature of the operation in which this CIA employee was involved, disclosure of this information could jeopardize the safety of the officer as well as the officer's family. The risk extends to persons who could be linked to the officer, including other CIA officers, human sources, and foreign liaison officers. Because the disclosure of this officer's identity and affiliation with the Agency could endanger the officer, the officer's associates, and past and future CIA intelligence activities, sources, and methods, this information must be protected under FOIA exemption (b)(1).

25. More generally, all covert CIA officers depend on the Agency to provide cover and to mitigate the substantial personal

⁶ In accordance with section 1.7 of Executive Order 13526, I hereby certify that these determinations have not been made to conceal violations of law, inefficiency, or administrative error; to prevent embarrassment to a person, organization, or agency; to restrain competition; or to prevent or delay the release of information that does not require protection in the interests of national security.

risks involved in their professional mission. Being required to reveal the true name of this undercover CIA officer could impede the Agency's ability to recruit, retain, and deploy its covert officers in the future, thus severely undermining the CIA's ability to accomplish its mission and thereby harming the national security of the United States.

26. The other classified information being challenged by Judicial Watch in C05807298 and C05882735 reflects the pseudonyms of two undercover CIA officers. The CIA uses pseudonyms, which are essentially code names, to disguise the true identity of an officer in internal CIA communications. By using these pseudonyms, the CIA adds an extra level of security for these officers, minimizing the damage that would flow from the unauthorized disclosure or compromise of these internal CIA communications. The use of pseudonyms constitutes an intelligence method, and I have determined that the unauthorized disclosure of these particular pseudonyms reasonably could be expected to damage the national security of the United States. Although the harm from the isolated disclosure of a pseudonym in a single document may be manageable, when juxtaposed with other potentially compromised information about the officer, the disclosure could endanger the officer's identity and the operational security of past and future operations involving the officer.

27. Finally, the true names of the CIA officers at issue are also being withheld under FOIA exemption (b)(6). I have determined that the release of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of these individuals. In light of their involvement with the highly sensitive mission that resulted in UBL's death, these individuals have a legitimate privacy interest in their identities that would be threatened if their names were publicly disclosed, for all of the reasons indicated above, and there is no discernable public interest in having this information disclosed. Specifically, the public release of these individuals' names would not shed any light on how the Agency performs its duties.

28. For all these reasons, the withheld information being challenged by Judicial Watch is subject to protection under FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and (b)(6).

Executed this 14th day of September, 2012.

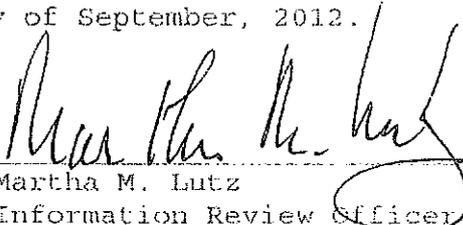

Martha M. Lutz
Information Review Officer
Director's Area
Central Intelligence Agency

EXHIBIT A

F-2011-02001



Judicial Watch

Because no one is above the law!

August 9, 2011

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL & FACSIMILE

Information and Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, Judicial Watch, Inc. hereby requests that the Central Intelligence Agency produce the following within twenty (20) business days:

1. Any and all records of communication between any officer, official or employee of the Central Intelligence Agency and Ms. Kathryn Bigelow, the director of an upcoming film regarding the killing of Osama bin Laden tentatively titled, "Killing bin Laden."
2. Any and all records of communication between any officer, official or employee of the Central Intelligence Agency and Mr. Mark Boal, the writer of the aforementioned film.
3. Any and all records of communication between any officer, official or employee of the Central Intelligence Agency and Ms. Megan Ellison and/or any other officer or employee of Annapurna Pictures, the financiers of the film.
4. Any and all records concerning, regarding or related to the upcoming film regarding the killing of Osama bin Laden, including all related records of communication between any officer, official or employee of the Central Intelligence Agency and any other individual, entity or government agency.

The time frame for this request is January 1, 2011 through August 9, 2011.

We call your attention to President Obama's January 21, 2009 Memorandum concerning the Freedom of Information Act, in which he states:

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All agencies should adopt a presumption in favor of disclosure, in order to renew their commitment to the principles embodied in FOIA... The presumption of disclosure should be applied to all decisions involving FOIA.¹

The memo further provides that "The Freedom of Information Act should be administered with a clear presumption: In the case of doubt, openness prevails."

Nevertheless, if any responsive record or portion thereof is claimed to be exempt from production under FOIA, please provide sufficient identifying information with respect to each allegedly exempt record or portion thereof to allow us to assess the propriety of the claimed exemption. *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), cert. denied, 415 U.S. 977 (1974). In addition, any reasonably segregable portion of a responsive record must be provided, after redaction of any allegedly exempt material. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b).

For purposes of this request, the term "record" shall mean: (1) any written, printed, or typed material of any kind, including without limitation all correspondence, memoranda, notes, messages, letters, cards, facsimiles, papers, forms, telephone messages, diaries, schedules, calendars, chronological data, minutes, books, reports, charts, lists, ledgers, invoices, worksheets, receipts, returns, computer printouts, printed matter, prospectuses, statements, checks, statistics, surveys, affidavits, contracts, agreements, transcripts, magazine or newspaper articles, or press releases; (2) any electronically, magnetically, or mechanically stored material of any kind, including without limitation all electronic mail or e-mail; (3) any audio, aural, visual, or video records, recordings, or representations of any kind; (4) any graphic materials and data compilations from which information can be obtained; and (5) any materials using other means of preserving thought or expression.

Judicial Watch also hereby requests a waiver of both search and duplication fees pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II) and (a)(4)(A)(iii). Judicial Watch is entitled to a waiver of search fees under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II) because it is a member of the news media. *Cf. National Security Archive v. Department of Defense*, 880 F.2d 1381, 1387 (D.C. Cir. 1989) (defining news media within FOIA context). Judicial Watch has also been recognized as a member of the news media in other FOIA litigation. *See, e.g., Judicial Watch, Inc. v. U.S. Department of Justice*, 133 F. Supp.2d 52 (D.D.C. 2000); and, *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Department of Defense*, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 44003, *1 (D.D.C. June 28, 2006). Judicial Watch regularly obtains information about the operations and activities of government through FOIA and other means, uses its editorial

¹ Freedom of Information Act. Pres. Mem. of January 21, 2009, 74 Fed. Reg. 4683.

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skills to turn this information into distinct works, and publishes and disseminates these works to the public. It intends to do likewise with the records it receives in response to this request.

Judicial Watch also is entitled to a complete waiver of both search fees and duplication fees pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Under this provision, records:

shall be furnished without any charge or at a charge reduced below the fees established under clause (ii) if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii).

In addition, if records are not produced within twenty (20) business days, Judicial Watch is entitled to a complete waiver of search and duplication fees under Section 6(b) of the OPEN Government Act of 2007, which amended FOIA at 5 U.S.C. § (a)(4)(A)(viii).

Judicial Watch is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit, educational organization, and, by definition, it has no commercial purpose. Judicial Watch exists to educate the public about the operations and activities of government, as well as to increase public understanding about the importance of ethics and the rule of law in government. The particular records requested herein are sought as part of Judicial Watch's ongoing efforts to document the operations and activities of the federal government and to educate the public about these operations and activities. Once Judicial Watch obtains the requested records, it intends to analyze them and disseminate the results of its analysis, as well as the records themselves, as a special written report. Judicial Watch will also educate the public via radio programs, Judicial Watch's website, and/or newsletter, among other outlets. It also will make the records available to other members of the media or researchers upon request. Judicial Watch has a proven ability to disseminate information obtained through FOIA to the public, as demonstrated by its long-standing and continuing public outreach efforts.

Given these circumstances, Judicial Watch is entitled to a public interest fee waiver of both search costs and duplication costs. Nonetheless, in the event our request for a waiver of search and/or duplication costs is denied, Judicial Watch is willing to pay up to \$350.00 in search and/or duplication costs. Judicial Watch requests that it be contacted before any such costs are incurred, in order to prioritize search and duplication efforts.

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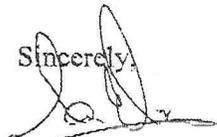
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In an effort to facilitate record production within the statutory time limit, Judicial Watch is willing to accept documents in electronic format (e.g. e-mail, .pdfs). When necessary, Judicial Watch will also accept the "rolling production" of documents.

If you do not understand this request or any portion thereof, or if you feel you require clarification of this request or any portion thereof, please contact us immediately at 202-646-5172 or sdunagan@judicialwatch.org. We look forward to receiving the requested documents and a waiver of both search and duplication costs within twenty (20) business days. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Sean A. Dunagan
Senior Investigator
Judicial Watch

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August 6, 2011

Downgrade Blues

By MAUREEN DOWD

WASHINGTON

BARACK OBAMA must wonder sometimes if his luck has run out.

Maybe he used it all up in 2008.

"Yes, we can!" has devolved into "Hey, we might."

"When I said, 'Change we can believe in,' I didn't say, 'Change we can believe in tomorrow,'" he told an audience at a Chicago fund-raiser on Wednesday. "Not, 'Change we can believe in next week.' We knew this was going to take time, because we've got this big, messy, tough democracy."

True enough, but not F.D.R.-inspiring to a deflated and desperate nation that may face higher borrowing rates after the shock of the first credit downgrade in United States history.

Barack Obama blazed like Luke Skywalker in 2008, but he never learned to channel the Force. And now the Tea Party has run off with his light saber.

The dissonance of his promise and his reality is jarring.

When he had power, he didn't use it. He wanted to be a "transformational" president like Ronald Reagan, but failed to understand that Reagan's strategic shows of strength allowed him to keep the whip hand without raising his voice.

And now, just when the high school principal in the Oval has been browbeating Congress to help create jobs, he is once more distracted from that task as he tries to save his own.

He goes to fund-raisers to tell people to stick with him, but he seems to be trying to reassure himself.

"I have to admit," the president said in Chicago, "I didn't know how steep the climb was going to be."

At the large fund-raiser in his hometown, he tried to reassure disillusioned liberals about "unfinished business" to help those in need. Later, at a smaller \$35,800-a-head dinner, he defended the unpopular debt package like a proud fiscal conservative.

The president talks fondly of George Bush the elder, just as Bush the elder does of him. Obama thinks Bush is a poignant figure because he did the right thing, breaking his tax pledge to fix the deficit, even though he got punished for it with one term.

It is clear that the once cocky Obama is feeling that same poignancy about his own presidency. Left in a giant pickle by the hot-dogging Bush the younger, the president who gloriously made history is now stuck in Sisyphus mode.

He thinks he's doing the right things to crawl out of W.'s mudslide, but he ends up being castigated by the right as a socialist, by the left as a conservative, and by the middle as wobbly.

The one clear-cut, chesty victory that Obama has had may have come too late for beleaguered Americans to much care.

When the president is asked what it felt like to kill Osama, he's low-key and modest, even though he personally refocused the mission to capture the 9/11 architect after W. dropped the ball.

He has told people what a thrill it was to meet Seal Team 6 — and the dog Cairo — which pulled off the hit, noting that the men looked less young and fearsome than he expected, and more like guys working at Home Depot.

But while Obama takes the high road, his aides have made sure there are proxies to exuberantly brag on him.

The White House clearly blessed the dramatic reconstruction of the mission by Nicholas Schmidle in *The New Yorker* — so vividly descriptive of the Seals' looks, quotes and thoughts that Schmidle had to clarify after the piece was published that he had not actually talked to any of them.

"I'll just say that the 23 Seals on the mission that evening were not the only ones who were listening to their radio communications," Schmidle said, answering readers' questions in a live chat, after taking flak for leaving some with the impression that he had interviewed the heroes when he wrote in his account that it was based on "some of their recollections."

The White House is also counting on the Kathryn Bigelow and Mark Boal big-screen version of the killing of Bin Laden to counter Obama's growing reputation as ineffectual. The Sony film by the Oscar-winning pair who made "The Hurt Locker" will no doubt reflect the president's cool, gutsy decision against shaky odds. Just as Obamaland was hoping, the movie is scheduled to open on Oct. 12, 2012 — perfectly timed to give a home-stretch boost to a campaign that has grown tougher.

The moviemakers are getting top-level access to the most classified mission in history from an administration that has tried to throw more people in jail for leaking classified information than the Bush administration.

It was clear that the White House had outsourced the job of manning up the president's image to Hollywood when Boal got welcomed to the upper echelons of the White House and the Pentagon and showed up recently — to the surprise of some military officers — at a C.I.A. ceremony celebrating the hero Seals.

Just like W., Obama is going for that "Mission Accomplished" glow (without the suggestive harness). At least in this president's case, though, something has been accomplished.

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To: Central Intelligence Agency Information and Privacy Coordinator	From: Sean A. Dunagan Judicial Watch
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EXHIBIT B



Washington, D.C. 20505

16 August 2011

Mr. Sean A. Dunagan
Senior Investigator/Judicial Watch
425 Third Street, SW, Suite 800
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Reference: F-2011-02001

Dear Mr. Dunagan:

On 9 August 2011, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 9 August 2011 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, made on behalf of the Judicial Watch, for information covering the period 1 January 2011 through 9 August 2011 for the following:

1. **Any and all records of communication between any officer, official or employee of the Central Intelligence Agency and Ms. Kathryn Bigelow, the director of an upcoming film regarding the killing of Osama bin Laden tentatively titled, "Killing bin Laden."**
2. **Any and all records of communication between any officer, official or employee of the Central Intelligence Agency and Mr. Mark Boal, the writer of the aforementioned film.**
3. **Any and all records of communication between any officer, official or employee of the Central Intelligence Agency and Ms. Megan Ellison and/or any other officer or employee of Annapurna Pictures, the financiers of the film.**
4. **Any and all records concerning, regarding or related to the upcoming film regarding the killing of Osama bin Laden, including all related records of communication between any officer, official or employee of the Central Intelligence Agency and any other individual, entity or government agency**

We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

The CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended, exempts CIA operational files from the search, review, publication, and disclosure requirements of the FOIA. To the extent your request seeks information that is subject to the FOIA, we accept your request and will process it in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act. We will search for records existing through the date of this acceptance letter. As a matter of administrative discretion, and in accordance with our regulations, the Agency has waived the fees for this request.

The large number of FOIA requests CIA receives has created unavoidable delays making it unlikely that we can respond within the 20 working days the FOIA requires. You have the right to consider our honest appraisal as a denial of your request and you may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. A more practical approach would permit us to continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You will retain your appeal rights and, once you receive the results of our search, can appeal at that time if you wish. We will proceed on that basis unless you object.

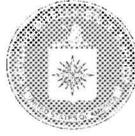
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Viscuso', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Susan Viscuso
Information and Privacy Coordinator

EXHIBIT C

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

24 August 2012

Chris Fedeli
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Re: *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. DoD, et al*, Case No. 1:12-cv-00049-RC (D.D.C.)

Dear Mr. Fedeli:

The Central Intelligence Agency (“CIA” or “Agency”) has conducted a supplemental search in response to your Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request, as a result of the discovery of responsive documents that were inadvertently overlooked during the CIA’s original search. The CIA has identified 54 additional responsive documents from the requested time period of January 1, 2011 to August 9, 2011. Enclosed please find 53 of those documents. Based on its own review of these documents and referrals made to other agencies, the CIA has made redactions to these documents pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(5), and (b)(6). Please note that the exemptions are listed on the first page of the document only, and that “NR” means “Not Responsive.”

Exemption (b)(1) has been claimed to protect the identities of CIA officers and other classified information relating to intelligence activities, sources, and methods. Exemption (b)(3) has been claimed to protect information exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, 50 U.S.C. § 403-1(i)(1) (the “National Security Act”) and Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, 50 U.S.C. § 403g (the “CIA Act”). The National Security Act protects information concerning intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure, and the CIA Act exempts the names of CIA officers from disclosure, as well as information concerning the internal organization and functions of the CIA. Exemption (b)(5) has been claimed to protect deliberative, pre-decisional communications among Executive Branch employees, as well as attorney-client communications. Finally, exemption (b)(6) has been claimed to protect individuals from an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; it has been used to redact primarily Social Security numbers, phone numbers, and email addresses.

The CIA is withholding in full one document on the basis of FOIA exemption (b)(5) and the deliberative process privilege. Information has also been withheld from this document pursuant to exemption (b)(3) for the same reasons identified above.

* * *

In addition to describing the basis for the Agency's withholdings, I would like to take this opportunity to explain the circumstances that led to the supplemental production of these documents.

CIA's Initial Search:

Upon receipt of your FOIA request in August 2011, the CIA originally tasked the Agency's Office of Public Affairs ("OPA") to search for responsive documents. OPA was tasked because it is the office responsible for the Agency's relationship with the media, to include filmmakers. The relevant OPA employees searched their files, including their email accounts, and located responsive records.

Based on a review of the contents of OPA's records, the CIA tasked additional offices to search for responsive records. Those offices were the Offices of the Director, Deputy Director, and Associate Deputy Director of the CIA; the Office of Congressional Affairs; and the Office of General Counsel. The Agency also conducted searches of the email accounts of the Deputy Director of the CIA,¹ former Chief of Staff Jeremy Bash, certain officers from the Agency's National Clandestine Service who met with the filmmakers, and the Office of General Counsel attorneys who were consulted regarding a discrete legal issue pertaining to these meetings. In total, the email accounts of over 30 employees were searched.

Based on these searches, the CIA identified 94 responsive records, 67 of which were released to Judicial Watch with redactions on 18 May 2012. The remaining 24 documents were withheld in full on the basis of FOIA exemption (b)(5) and in part on the basis of exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and (b)(6).

CIA's Supplemental Search:

In July 2012, the CIA's Office of General Counsel was informed that an OPA employee had located additional records that were possibly responsive to your FOIA request. Although many of these records ultimately proved to be duplicative of those already produced, this development prompted the Agency to seek an extension of the briefing schedule so that it could have sufficient time to process these documents and to examine the circumstances of their discovery, in order to ensure the adequacy of its initial search. The results of that examination are summarized below.

In August 2011, the CIA's senior leadership asked OPA to explain the genesis of the Agency's interactions with the filmmakers. In order to respond to this inquiry, the relevant OPA employees searched their files, including their email accounts. To assist OPA with this review, the office of the CIA's Associate Deputy Director (the "ADD") independently obtained the

¹ Director Panetta did not use his Agency email account at the time, and therefore his emails were not searched.

emails of two former officials—Chief of Staff Jeremy Bash and Spokesperson George Little—and provided them to an OPA employee for review. At that time, the employee determined that she would review the materials and then return them to the ADD's office, because she did not feel comfortable serving as permanent custodian of the correspondence of two former senior CIA officials. When that employee was later asked to collect documents in response to your FOIA request, she mistakenly recalled that she had returned the documents, and therefore did not search her files for them.

In fact, the employee had not returned the emails, but had inadvertently retained them in her office. It was not until she was unpacking boxes earlier this summer, while moving into a new office, that she came across the unreturned emails and notified the Office of General Counsel. Through the Department of Justice, the Agency then notified the Court of this discovery and sought an extension.²

After learning of the existence of these materials, the CIA voluntarily sought to revalidate its searches and search processes in an effort to ensure completeness and accuracy. As part of that effort, the Agency directed that the relevant OPA employee's email accounts be carefully re-searched electronically by a technical support team. The CIA included George Little's email account in this electronic search. These electronic searches yielded 21 additional responsive documents that had not been previously produced.

Moreover, in the course of re-reviewing its records on this topic, the Agency located three additional responsive documents—an expense request and two calendar entries—that were inadvertently omitted from the 18 May production. Those documents are included in today's production, bringing the total production to 53 documents, with one additional document being withheld in full.

If you have any questions, please direct them to the Department of Justice attorney who is responsible for this case.

Sincerely,



Michele L. Meeks
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosures

² The CIA's filing that sought an extension stated that this stack of emails was approximately 4 to 5 inches. This figure was based on an erroneous "eye-ball" estimate, and in fact the stack was closer to 2 inches. The filing was correct in stating of this stack, there were 30 responsive emails that were not previously produced (whereas the others were duplicative of each other or the prior production).

EXHIBIT D

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(b)(1)
(b)(3)

~~SECRET~~ [redacted]

[redacted]



From: [redacted]
Chief, NCS/SAD/[redacted]

Subject: **Re: CORRECTION: Re: SAD's IPS Space? Now at 1400**

To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Marie E. Harf, [redacted]

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."
-- George Washington

Date: [redacted]
Date: 07/14/2011 03:00 PM

This message is digitally signed.

No problem! We'll have it open for you. Please advise who the visitors are so that I can advise SAD mgmt.

[redacted]

[redacted] Hi [redacted] If possible, we need to slide the sche... 07/14/2011 02:50:58 PM

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] Marie E. Harf [redacted]
Date: 07/14/2011 02:50 PM
Subject: CORRECTION: Re: SAD's IPS Space? Now at 1400

Hi [redacted]

If possible, we need to slide the schedule up about 30 minutes. Would it be possible to have the IPS vault open and accessible by 1400 tomorrow. The whole walk-through should take no more than 20 minutes.

Please let me know if this is doable.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] Hi [redacted] No problem on it being in its original l... 07/14/2011 02:20:02 PM

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: Marie E. Harf/[redacted]

~~SECRET~~ [redacted]

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~~SECRET~~ [redacted]

Date: 07/14/2011 02:20 PM
Subject: Re: SAD's IPS Space? 1430?

Hi [redacted]

No problem on it being in its original layout. Is it possible to have it opened and ready for display tomorrow at 1430? 1400

[redacted]

Of course this is doable, however please note w... 07/13/2011 10:03:02 AM

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: Marie E. Har [redacted]
Date: 07/13/2011 10:03 AM
Subject: Re: SAD's IPS Space?

Of course this is doable, however please note we have already returned it to it's original layout. If you still want to tour it, please let me know and the time so that I can have it opened for you.

[redacted]

Hi [redacted] I was given your name as the POC in... 07/13/2011 09:04:39 AM

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted] Marie E. Har [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Date: 07/13/2011 09:04 AM
Subject: SAD's IPS Space?

Hi [redacted]

I was given your name as the POC in SAD who could determine the feasibility of having a potential walk-through of the your Vault in the IPS building that was used for some of the tactical planning in the Bin Ladin Raid. In consultation with the Office of Public Affairs and as part of the larger chronicling of the Bin Ladin raid, OPA will be hosting some visitors sanctioned by ODCIA this Friday afternoon. The plan is to tour PAD spaces, but they are also very much interested in seeing the SAD IPS spaces that were used in the months leading up to the Bin Ladin Raid if such a thing is permissible.

Is such a thing doable?

[redacted]

~~SECRET~~ [redacted]

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EXHIBIT E

[Redacted]

From: GEORGE [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 4:53 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Update on Bigelow mtgs

Thanks -- sounds good :)

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

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 04:04 PM
To: GEORGE [Redacted]
Subject: Update on Bigelow mtgs

Hi!

To update you for tomorrow (and jennifer knows all of this, so I'm keeping everyone in the loop, don't worry :):

The mtgs on Friday went really, really well. Mr. Morell gave them 40 minutes, talked some of the substance again, told them we're here to help with whatever they need, and gushed to kathryn about how much he loved "the hurt locker." CTC and IPS (including a mtg with [Redacted] were both great too. The model is pretty cool. We had a few ridiculous bureaucratic hiccups that I can fill you in on; they're all totally fine now (and were on fri), but you know how some people get their heads all spun up. And the mtg with Y went very well yesterday.

Tomorrow, they'll be meeting individually with both [Redacted] and the translator who was on the raid. These are all folks they've met with before - kathryn wants to meet them - and we have them in our conference room from 1-4. Jennifer put this on the office calendar for me so we're all on the same page.

The only other mtg they have is with C/CTC, who could only meet at 11 on Tuesday. Jennifer seemed cool with this too. I really think we need to make this happen, if for no other reason than it's a good parish call for them. (Do you think they should try to meet with D/NCS? Y mentioned to them that they should try to if possible, but I defer to you on that. He's so skiddish.)

Finally, ogc ruled that [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Last thing - they're having dinner with jeremy on monday night, fyi. They met with vickers again last friday, and I think that went very well from what I gather.

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

[Redacted]

EXHIBIT F

APPROVED FOR RELEASE DATE: 24-Aug-2012

~~SECRET~~ [redacted]

(b)(1)
(b)(3)

[redacted]



From: [redacted]
Office of Public Affairs
[redacted]
Date: 07/14/2011 04:24 PM

Subject: **Fw: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings**
To: [redacted]

This message is digitally signed.

FYI. I'll give them a quick tour at 12:30. I already informed the Museum staff.

----- Forwarded by [redacted] on 07/14/2011 04:23 PM -----

From: Marie E. Harf/STF/AGENCY
To: George E. Little/STF/AGENCY@WMA, Jennifer N. Youngblood/STF/AGENCY@WMA, Preston B. Golson/STF/AGENCY@WMA, [redacted]
Date: 07/14/2011 03:33 PM
Subject: Schedule for Kathryn Bigelow meetings

All,

Below is the final schedule for tomorrow's visit:

- 12:30: Arrival; tour with [redacted] of lobby, Afghan exhibit and NHB atrium
- Approximately 1:00 / 1:15: Tour of CTC/PAD [redacted]
- 1:30: Briefing on AC1 model by [redacted]
- Approximately 2:00 / 2:15: Tour of IPS building
- 3:00: Meeting with AD/CIA Michael Morell
- They have a 4:45 meeting with Dr. Vickers, so they will leave immediately following their meeting with Mr. Morell.

Saturday TBD:

--Kathryn chat with [redacted] Kathryn is not interested in doing the deep dives that Mark did; she simply wants to meet the people that Mark has been talking to.

Monday TBD:

Kathryn would like to sit down for brief chats with the other folks Mark has talked to, to include [redacted] is organizing the timing for this):

[redacted]

**These meetings will take approximately 2.5 hours total. Again, Kathryn is not interested in doing the deep dives that Mark did; she wants to meet these folks and tell them a bit about the movie.

I sent D/CTC an email so he was up-to-speed, and CTC/PAD has said they will do the same. [redacted] has sign off from her management on her participation. Mark will be present at these meetings as well.

Thanks!
Marie

~~SECRET~~ [redacted]

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Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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Administrative Background

3. On August 9, 2011, Plaintiff sent a FOIA request to DoD seeking records related to meetings and communications between DoD and filmmaker Kathryn Bigelow, Mr. Mark Boal, Ms. Megan Ellison, or employees of Annapurna Pictures, concerning a planned film regarding the killing of Osama Bin Laden. See FOIA request attached hereto as Ex. A.

4. DoD acknowledged receipt of the request on August 22, 2011, and advised Plaintiff that, due to unusual circumstances, it could not process the request within 20 days. See Aug. 22, 2011 letter attached hereto as Ex. B. Plaintiff filed suit in this case on January 12, 2012. DoD completed a reasonable search and produced responsive records to Plaintiff on May 18, 2012. The release from DoD was 153 pages in length, including a 16-page transcript of a background interview with Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow. DoD produced additional responsive records to Plaintiff on August 24, 2012.

Purpose of this Declaration

5. The purpose of this declaration is to respond to challenges from Plaintiff regarding certain redactions taken from the records released in response to their request. Specifically, Plaintiff challenges DoD withholdings under b(3) and b(6) that appear on pages 140 and 153 of DoD's May 18, 2012 production. These two pages of the transcript are attached hereto as Ex. C.

**Justification for Withholding Identifying Information
About DoD Personnel Under FOIA Exemptions 3 and 6**

6. Exemption 3 permits the government to withhold information that is "specifically exempted from disclosure by statute." 10 U.S.C. § 130b authorizes the withholding of "personally identifying information regarding ... any member of the armed forces assigned to

an overseas unit ... or a routinely deployable unit.” Exemption 6 permits the government to withhold information about individuals when the disclosure of such information “would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” DoD has a policy, which has been upheld in every court decision to date, to withhold personally identifying information of those members of DoD who are at the military rank of Colonel (O6) or below and at the rank of GS-15 or below. An exception to this rule allows the names of those personnel who routinely deal with the press or public to be released.

7. From information made available to me in my official capacity, and from the context of pages 140 and 153 of DoD’s May 18, 2012 production (as well as the context of the document to which those pages belong), the redactions on page 140 are, in order, (1) a first and last name of a DoD individual suggested by Mark Boal as someone he wanted to talk to; (2) a rank and last name of a different DoD individual identified by Mark Boal; (3) a last name - full name, such as “Smith, John Smith,” of a third DoD individual suggested by the Under Secretary of Defense, Mike Vickers, as someone Mark Boal could talk to; and (4) the last name of the third individual. The redaction on page 153 is the rank and last name of the third individual redacted from page 140 – i.e., the person Mike Vickers identified for Mark Boal to talk to. I have confirmed that the names of the DoD personnel mentioned on the relevant pages are of persons assigned to routinely deployable units whose military rank is Colonel (O6) or below and GS-15 or below and who do not routinely deal with the press or the public. This information therefore meets the criteria to be withheld pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 130b and Exemption (b)(3).

8. I have further determined that this information was properly withheld under Exemption (b)(6) as its release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of these individuals. These individuals have a legitimate privacy interest in their

identities that would be threatened if their names were publicly disclosed, and there is no discernable public interest in having this information disclosed. Specifically, the public release of these individuals' names would not shed any light on how DoD performs its duties.

9. I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and information.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2012, in Washington, DC.



Mark H. Herrington, Esq.

EXHIBIT A

11-F-1374



**Judicial
Watch**
*Because no one
is above the law!*

August 9, 2011

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL & FACSIMILE

OSD/JS FOIA Requester Service Center
Office of Freedom of Information
1155 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1155

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, Judicial Watch, Inc. hereby requests that the Department of Defense produce the following within twenty (20) business days:

1. Any and all records of communication between any officer, official or employee of the Department of Defense and Ms. Kathryn Bigelow, the director of an upcoming film regarding the killing of Osama bin Laden tentatively titled, "Killing bin Laden."
2. Any and all records of communication between any officer, official or employee of the Department of Defense and Mr. Mark Boal, the writer of the aforementioned film.
3. Any and all records of communication between any officer, official or employee of the Department of Defense and Ms. Megan Ellison and/or any other officer or employee of Annapurna Pictures, the financiers of the film.
4. Any and all records concerning, regarding or related to the upcoming film regarding the killing of Osama bin Laden, including all related records of communication between any officer, official or employee of the Department of Defense and any other individual, entity or government agency.

The time frame for this request is January 1, 2011 through August 9, 2011.

We call your attention to President Obama's January 21, 2009 Memorandum

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concerning the Freedom of Information Act, in which he states:

All agencies should adopt a presumption in favor of disclosure, in order to renew their commitment to the principles embodied in FOIA...The presumption of disclosure should be applied to all decisions involving FOIA.¹

The memo further provides that "The Freedom of Information Act should be administered with a clear presumption: In the case of doubt, openness prevails."

Nevertheless, if any responsive record or portion thereof is claimed to be exempt from production under FOIA, please provide sufficient identifying information with respect to each allegedly exempt record or portion thereof to allow us to assess the propriety of the claimed exemption. *Vaughn v. Rosen*, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973), *cert. denied*, 415 U.S. 977 (1974). In addition, any reasonably segregable portion of a responsive record must be provided, after redaction of any allegedly exempt material. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b).

For purposes of this request, the term "record" shall mean: (1) any written, printed, or typed material of any kind, including without limitation all correspondence, memoranda, notes, messages, letters, cards, facsimiles, papers, forms, telephone messages, diaries, schedules, calendars, chronological data, minutes, books, reports, charts, lists, ledgers, invoices, worksheets, receipts, returns, computer printouts, printed matter, prospectuses, statements, checks, statistics, surveys, affidavits, contracts, agreements, transcripts, magazine or newspaper articles, or press releases; (2) any electronically, magnetically, or mechanically stored material of any kind, including without limitation all electronic mail or e-mail; (3) any audio, aural, visual, or video records, recordings, or representations of any kind; (4) any graphic materials and data compilations from which information can be obtained; and (5) any materials using other means of preserving thought or expression.

Judicial Watch also hereby requests a waiver of both search and duplication fees pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II) and (a)(4)(A)(iii). Judicial Watch is entitled to a waiver of search fees under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II) because it is a member of the news media. *Cf. National Security Archive v. Department of Defense*, 880 F.2d 1381, 1387 (D.C. Cir. 1989)(defining news media within FOIA context). Judicial Watch has also been recognized as a member of the news media in other FOIA litigation. *See, e.g., Judicial Watch, Inc. v. U.S. Department of Justice*, 133 F. Supp.2d 52 (D.D.C. 2000); and, *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Department of Defense*, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 44003, *1 (D.D.C. June 28, 2006). Judicial Watch regularly obtains information about the

¹ Freedom of Information Act. Pres. Mem. of January 21, 2009, 74 Fed. Reg. 4683.

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operations and activities of government through FOIA and other means, uses its editorial skills to turn this information into distinct works, and publishes and disseminates these works to the public. It intends to do likewise with the records it receives in response to this request.

Judicial Watch also is entitled to a complete waiver of both search fees and duplication fees pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). Under this provision, records:

shall be furnished without any charge or at a charge reduced below the fees established under clause (ii) if disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii).

In addition, if records are not produced within twenty (20) business days, Judicial Watch is entitled to a complete waiver of search and duplication fees under Section 6(b) of the OPEN Government Act of 2007, which amended FOIA at 5 U.S.C. § (a)(4)(A)(viii).

Judicial Watch is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit, educational organization, and, by definition, it has no commercial purpose. Judicial Watch exists to educate the public about the operations and activities of government, as well as to increase public understanding about the importance of ethics and the rule of law in government. The particular records requested herein are sought as part of Judicial Watch's ongoing efforts to document the operations and activities of the federal government and to educate the public about these operations and activities. Once Judicial Watch obtains the requested records, it intends to analyze them and disseminate the results of its analysis, as well as the records themselves, as a special written report. Judicial Watch will also educate the public via radio programs, Judicial Watch's website, and/or newsletter, among other outlets. It also will make the records available to other members of the media or researchers upon request. Judicial Watch has a proven ability to disseminate information obtained through FOIA to the public, as demonstrated by its long-standing and continuing public outreach efforts.

Given these circumstances, Judicial Watch is entitled to a public interest fee waiver of both search costs and duplication costs. Nonetheless, in the event our request for a waiver of search and/or duplication costs is denied, Judicial Watch is willing to pay up to \$350.00 in search and/or duplication costs. Judicial Watch requests that it be contacted before any such costs are incurred, in order to prioritize search and duplication efforts.

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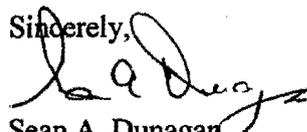
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In an effort to facilitate record production within the statutory time limit, Judicial Watch is willing to accept documents in electronic format (e.g. e-mail, .pdfs). When necessary, Judicial Watch will also accept the "rolling production" of documents.

If you do not understand this request or any portion thereof, or if you feel you require clarification of this request or any portion thereof, please contact us immediately at 202-646-5172 or sdunagan@judicialwatch.org. We look forward to receiving the requested documents and a waiver of both search and duplication costs within twenty (20) business days. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Sean A. Dunagan
Senior Investigator
Judicial Watch

EXHIBIT B



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
1155 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1155**

AUG 22 2011

Ref: 11-F-1374

Mr. Sean A. Dunagan
Judicial Watch
425 Third St. SW
Suite 800
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Mr. Dunagan:

This is an interim response to your August 9, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for records pertaining to communications between any officer, official or employee of the Department of Defense and Ms. Kathryn Bigelow, Mr. Mark Boal, Ms. Megan Ellison, any officer or employee of Annapurna Pictures. Also any records concerning the upcoming film regarding the killing of Osama bin Laden, including all related records of communication between any officer, official or employee of the Department of Defense and any other individual, entity or government agency. You have requested records from January 1, 2011 through August 9, 2011. Your request was received on August 18, 2011 and assigned FOIA case number 11-F-1374.

Regarding your request, I am interpreting that part of the request that asks for records of communication between the Department of Defense and Ms Bigelow, Mr. Boal, Ms Ellison and officers or employee of Annapurna Pictures as asking for records concerning the subject of an upcoming film regarding the killing of Osama bin laden tentatively titled, "Killing bin Laden". As you are no doubt aware, this Office is responsible for responding to requests for records held by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and the Joint Staff and, therefore, we are only able to answer your request as it pertains to those entitles and not for the entire Department of Defense. I understand that you have additionally submitted this request directly to the Department of the Navy.

You have also requested a waiver of both search and duplication fees pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §§ 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II) and (a)(4)(A)(iii) as a member of the news media. In support of this request you state that the disclosure of this information will contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

An individual primarily engaged in disseminating information means a person whose primary activity involves publishing or otherwise disseminating information to the public. Representatives in the news media would normally qualify as individuals primarily engaged in disseminating information. Other persons must demonstrate that their primary activity involves publishing or otherwise disseminating information to the public. You state that "Judicial Watch is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit, educational organization, and, by definition, it has no commercial purpose." An Internet search

revealed that Judicial Watch is a conservative, non-partisan educational foundation that promotes transparency, accountability and integrity in government, politics and the law and that you fulfill your educational mission through litigation, investigations, and public outreach. These activities do not demonstrate that the primary activity of Judicial Watch is publishing or disseminating information. I do not find that you would qualify as a representative of the news media, although you have demonstrated the ability to disseminate information in support of your investigative, legal and judicial activities.

I have determined that you should be placed in the "other" category for fee purposes as you have indicated that you do not seek access to these records for commercial purposes. As you know, the "other" fee category affords you two hours of search time and 100 pages of duplication free of charge. You have agreed to pay fees in the amount of \$350 in the event that your request for a waiver of search and duplication costs is denied.

Concerning your request for a fee waiver on the basis that disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government. Your request for a waiver of fees is granted but only as it applies to a search of records held by the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

At this time, we are unable to make a release determination on your request within the 20-day statutory time period as there are unusual circumstances which impact our ability to quickly process your request. These unusual circumstances are: (a) the need to search for and collect records from several offices geographically separated from this Office and (b) the need to consult with one or more agencies or DoD components having a substantial interest in either the determination or the subject matter of the records. For these reasons, your request has been placed in our complex processing queue and it will be worked in the order the request was received. As a matter of information, our current administrative workload is approximately 1,300 open requests. I apologize for the anticipated delay in responding to your request; your continued patience is appreciated.

If you are not satisfied with this action, you may appeal to the appellate authority, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense. To submit your appeal, you should write directly to the Defense Freedom of Information Policy Office, ATTN: Mr. James Hogan, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20101-1155. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter, should cite to case number 11-F-1374, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal".

Sincerely,

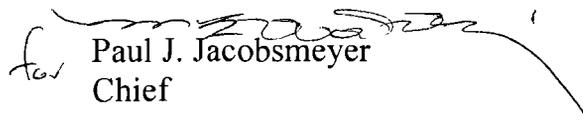

Paul J. Jacobsmeyer
Chief

EXHIBIT C

**Transcript from background interview with Marl Boal and Katherine Bigelow
(15 Jul 2011)**

Mike Vickers – MV

Mark Boal – MB

Katherine Bigelow – KB

Phil Strub – PS

Bob Mehal – BM

MB – Katherine is going to somehow figure out how to turn my disorganized screenplay into a terrific movie – and a great recreation of the events

So since we last talked, just to catch you up, to speak, on what I have been doing. I took your guidance and spoke to the WH and had a good meeting with Brennan and McDonough and plan to follow up with them; and they were forward leaning and interested in sharing their point of view; command and control; so that was great, so thank you.

I met with Acting Director Morrell today at Langley and continued to talk to various people in the IC.

MV- This was a follow-up? You've met with him before – correct?

MB- Yes correct; this was a follow-up.

MB – So intel stuff is going great and pretty well along on that, before I talked with you; but let's say between 2nd and 3^d base on that. The WH stuff, I think is in good shape as well, so the last leg of the stool is obviously DoD. So that's what, hopefully we can talk about some of that here, but I wanted to give you sort of inside baseball.

One of the things we had talked about was eventually I will be going, hopefully going, down to SOCOM and talking to somebody down there – maybe McRaven or whoever-still on the horizon.

MV- I have some news for you on that front. So, and have you talked to Sec Panetta – as the Director, though.

MB- Yes.

MV- I know he is very interested in supporting.

MB- We're going to have dinner at some point, but I didn't want to interrupt - travel plan to Afghanistan.

BM- Part of that discussion was from the last movie.

MV- I'm sorry, what?

BM- Part of those discussions, were in reference to the movie they were planning on making.

talk directly, because it's just a bad, their just concerned as commanders of the force and they're telling them all the time -- don't you dare talk to anybody, that it's just a bad example if it gets out -- even with all sorts of restrictions and everything.

MB- Uh-huh.

MB- I'll take [REDACTED] or someone like that.

MV- Well the basic idea is they'll make a guy available who was involved from the beginning as a planner; a SEAL Team 6 Operator and Commander.

MB- Are you talking about [REDACTED]

MV- A guy name [REDACTED] And so, he basically can probably give you everything you would want or would get from Adm Olson or Adm McRaven.

MB- That's dynamite - by the way.

KB- That's incredible.

MB- This is me happy.

MV- And so, he'll speak for operators and he'll speak for senior military commanders, because their all the same tribe and everything, and so you should get most of what you need from him. Now, again the reason Adm Olson and Adm McRaven didn't want to talk is this command conflict of interest. And then with [REDACTED] the only thing we ask is that you not reveal his name in any way as a consultant, because again, it's the same thing, he shouldn't be talking out of school, this at least, this gives him one step removed and he knows what he can and can't say, but this way at least he can be as open as he can with you and it ought to meet your needs and give you lots of color.

KB- Fabulous

MB- That's dynamite.

MV- So we'll put you in touch with him or have him get in touch with you - at the end of this meeting. And whatever your schedule is we'll make that work, I just haven't had a chance to talk with him.

KB- Is he located in the Washington DC area?

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MV – A very intense period.

MB – Yah; well thank you for taking the time.

MV – Well again, with some of this, provided you don't drop bombs, it's repeatable and so that's what attracted some people to it. So I could fly over....

MB – But why would you pull them back in the middle of the flight? What are you going to find out on midnight on Sunday?

MV – Because, the period that you might be there, the limited window, he may not be available and so in that sense you could try again, but on the other hand, once you drop that bomb you don't get to try it again. And then even if you hit him you don't know that you have strategic success and so that is ultimately the problem.

MV – So should I have [REDACTED] reach out to you or?

MB – I'll call him, however you want to play it. I take your guidance...and very grateful.

MV – And what's your schedule look like?

KB – We leave early Wednesday morning and go back to Los Angeles but we could come back or ...

MV – Because I am going off to Afghanistan/Pakistan on Sunday.

MV – So we'll try to arrange it, if he's here, before Wednesday; and if not we'll at least establish a mechanism to where you guys can work it out.

MB – Okay; thank you, have a good weekend.

KB – So wonderful meeting you.

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