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For CTC/Legal, by asked that I send this to you and anybody you think needs to see in OGC to make sure that nothing we are saying here is likely to impact any potential future legal prosecution .	
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Congressional talking points en route this afternoon for coord

Tommy: .

Echoing my voicemail to you:

You should be seeing some "White Paper" talking points from us this afternoon for coordination. They are for Congressional use, per their request, re Benghazi issues.

Thanks,

Chief, Media Relations

**CIA Office of Public Affairs** 

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HPSCI has requested talking points from the DCIA for use with the media.

Please review the below and respond with your comments ASAP.

Thanks very much,

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Chief, Media Relations CIA Office of Public Affairs

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# HPSCI White Paper Talking Points for Use with the Media

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- •The currently available information suggests that the demonstrations in Benghazi were spontaneously inspired by the protests at the US Embassy in Cairo and evolved into a direct assault against the US Consulate and subsequently its annex. This assessment may change as additional information is collected and analyzed and currently available information continues to be evaluated. On 10 September we warned of social media reports calling for a demonstration in front of the Embassy and that jihadists were threatening to break into the Embassy.
- •The crowd almost certainly was a mix of individuals from across many sectors of Libyan society. The investigation is on-going as to who is responsible. That being said, we do know that Islamic extremists participated in the violent demonstrations.
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Friday, September 14, 2012 8:58 PM

To:

Nuland, Victoria J; Sullivan, Jacob J; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; STATE PA

RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review Subject:

We will use these too

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From: Nuland, Victoria J [nulandvj@

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 08:55 PM Eastern Standard Time

To: Vietor, Tommy; Sullivan, Jacob J; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; State PA

Subject: Re: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

These are points for Congress to use w press. Shdnt they be consistent with our own public lines if we are recommending them?

From: Vietor, Tommy [mailto:Thomas\_F.\_Vietor@

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 08:43 PM

To: Sullivan, Jacob J; Rhodes, Benjamin J. <Benjamin\_J.\_Rhodes@

>; STATE PA ; Nuland, Victoria ]

Subject: RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

There is massive disinformation out there, in particular with Congress. They all think it was premeditated based on inaccurate assumptions or briefings. So I think this is a response to not only a tasking from the house intel committee but also NSC guidance that we need to brief members/press and correct the record

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From: Sullivan, Jacob J [SullivanJJ@

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 08:40 PM Eastern Standard Time

To: Rhodes, Benjamin J.; Vietor, Tommy; STATE PA, Nuland, Victoria J

Subject: FW: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

Skinnying list. I do not understand the nature of this exercise. And some of the statements below are new by me. Can we have a conversation before this goes out?

From: Adams, David S

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 8:39 PM To: Nuland, Victoria J; NSC Deputy Press Secretary; , CAOPA ; Shawn.Turner@c ; STATE PA ; Sullivan, Jacob J

Rhodes, Benjamin J.; NSS, WH PRESS

CC: CIA OCA Subject: RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

I'm with Toria. The last bullet especially will read to members like we had been repeatedly warned.

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Nuland, Victoria J; STATE PA WH PRESS

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Sent: Fnday, September 14, 2012 6:43 PM

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Looping in State. I think that's a good adjustment.

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Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 6:41 PM

To: ena opa; Vietor, Tommy; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; NSS, WH PRESS

CC: CIA OCA

Subject: RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

I've been very careful not to say we issued a warning. Any concerns with adjusting the first highlighted line to say:

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From: CIA OFA

Cent: Friday, September 14, 2012 6:24 PM

o: Vietor, Tommy; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; NSS, WH PRESS

Cc: CIA OU Shawn S Turner

Subject: RE: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

Thanks very much for your prompt response, Tommy.

Will send over to STATE.

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From: Vietor, Tommy [mailto:Thomas F. Vietor@

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 6:21 PM

To: CIA UPA; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; NSS; WH PRESS

Cc: CIA DC Shawn S Turner

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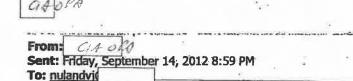
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Here's where we stand as of this hour.

Everyone has submitted coordination comments.

The State Department had major reservations with much or most of the document. We revised the document with their concerns in mind. The latest version is below, as sent to State.



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Here's a draft note to the DIRECTOR .

Sir – We've tried to work the draft talking points for HPSCI through the coordination process but have run into major problems. Perhaps as a result of the afternoon teleconference, a number of agencies have been looped in. The White House cleared quickly, but State has major concerns. The Bureau cleared with a few comments but asked that Justice, which would handle any criminal prosecution, be brought in. It is evident that will not happen tonight, and Ben Rhodes has asked that this issue be reviewed tomorrow morning at the Deputies' meeting.

Additionally, Eric Schmitt of the NYT contacted us to let us know that he had spoken with Rep. Ruppersberger, who had given him a readout of your session.

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As time progresses, we are learning more, but we still don't have a complete picture of what happened. Fortunately we have the FBI leading the investigation of the attack. Regrettably they have all too much experience in these matters.

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We are very cautious about drawing any firm conclusions at this point with regard to the identification and motivation of the attackers. The IC is working aggressively to this end, and the FBI will continue its investigation.

Unrest in the Middle East creates a permissive environment for terrorists. In the days and weeks ahead, we need to be especially vigilant in protecting our people.

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We are very cautious about drawing any firm conclusions at this point with regard to the identification and motivation of the attackers. The IC is

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working aggressively to this end, and the FBI will continue its investigation.

Unrest in the Middle East creates a permissive environment for terrorists. In the days and weeks ahead, we need to be especially vigilant in protecting our people.

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Sent: Saturday, Septem	mber 15; 2012 11:12 AM	
To: MICHAEJM; Robert (sullivanjj	Cardillo; Alan R Pino; M	atthew G. Olsen; jcingli
Cc: CIA OCH/ORA	CIA FO	•
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From: Matthew G. Olsen Date: 09/15/2012 11:16 AM Subject: [AIN] RE:

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(2)	From: Rhodes, Benjamin J. Date: 09/15/2012 11:25 AM	Subject: To:	sullivanii	Robert Cardillo	
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From: Sullivan, Jacob J Date: 09/15/2012 11:26 AM Subject: [AIN] RE:

Rhodes, Benjamin J., michaejm, Robert Cardillo, alanrp,

matt:olsen, mark.giuliano, jcingli, lisa:monaco

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Please respond to "Sullivan, Jacob J"

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This looks good. Two small edits:

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

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	Cc:	CEAOCA FO	CIA DPA CIA FO

Please respond to "Monaco, Lisa (NSD)"

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Michael - DOJ and FBI are ok with these. thanks

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Thanks for the chance NSA concurs with the content and cast of the bullets. to review.

Chris Inglis

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FO

To:

CTA OPA

Re:

CIA FO

Subject:

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# From: Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:13 PM

Subject:

CITA DPA

#### OCA

Before going to the committees, may I please ask you to send these to the Director? He needs to know in advance what is going to the Hill in his name, even if it going with the force of full interagency coordination.

Cheers, CTA FO

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Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:02 PM
To: MICHAEJM
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Subject: Re:

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FO CIA FO

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From: Robert Cardillo

Subject: [AIN] Re:

Date: 09/15/2012 12:24 PM To: MICHAEJM, Alan R Pino.

Please respond to Robert Cardillo

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I am, Michael.

---- Original Message ----

From: MICHABUM

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:20 PM

To: Robert Cardillo; Alan R Pino

Subject: Fw:

Robert, Alan--Everyone else has coordinated and HPSCI is waiting not so patiently. Are you guys good? Michael

From: CIA OPA

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:13 PM

To: CIA MICHAEJM CEA FO

Subject: RE:

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From: CTA Fo Date: 09/15/2012 12:32 PM Subject: [AIN] RE:

MICHAEJM, CIAOPA CIAOCA

To:

CIA FO

Please respond to

This is to confirm in writing: I just spoke with Alan on the phone. Allen said he concurred with the TPs.

----Original Message----

From: MICHAEJM

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:19 PM

TO: CIAOPA, CFAOCA

CC: CEA FO

Subject: Re:

Thanks. I will bug Robert and Alan.

From: CLA OPA

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012.12:13 PM

To: CFAOGC MICHARIM
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Subject: RE:

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.To: MICHAEJM

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To:

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From: Sent:

CIA OCA

Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:51 PM

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MICHAEJM; CITA FO

Cc: Hill Talking Points Subject:

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With your concurrence we will get them to our oversight committees and to leadership.

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From:

USUN

Sent:

Saturday, September 15, 2012 2:21 PM

To:

USUN

Subject:

Re: SBU/CLOSEHOLD: 0800 SVTS on Movie Protests/Violence

Please do-I have not reached out.

Best, USUN

From: USUN

Sent: Saturday, September 15. 2012 02:15 PM

USUN

Subject: Re: SBU/CLOSEHOLD: 0800 SVTS on Movie Protests/Violence

references below unless either of you are linked in to this effort. Pls let I'm going to email Jake on the libya points me know.

From: USUN

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 01:23 PM

To: Rice, Susan E (USUN); USUN '; DiCarlo, Rosemary A (USUN);

USUN

TO: USUN

Subject: SBU/CLOSEHOLD: 0800 SVTS on Movie Protests/Violence

Libya:

HPSCI request: Late this week, CIA Director Petraeus gave the HPSCI a "hots spots" briefing and was asked for unclassified talking points that its members could use about incident in Benghazi. (Apparently NCTC Director Matt Olson received a similar committee from a congressional committee.) The first draft apparently seemed unsuitable (based on conversations on the SVTS and afterwards) because they seemed to encourage the reader to infer incorrectly that the CIA had warned about a specific attack on our embassy. On the SVTS, Morell noted that these points were not good and he had taken a heavy editing hand to them. He noted that he would be happy to work with Jake Sullivan and Rhodes to develop appropriate talking points. McDonough, on Rhodes's behalf, deferred to Sullivan. It was agreed that Jake would work closely with the intelligence community (within a small group) to finalize points on Saturday that could be shared with HPSCI. I spoke to Jake immediately after the SVTS and noted that you were doing the Sunday morning shows and would need to be aware of the final posture that these points took. He committed to ensure that we were updated in advance of the Sunday shows. I specifically mentioned USUN as the one coordinating your preparations for the shows and also strongly encouraged him to loop in USUN during the process.

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CEA OCA

From:

DAVIDHP74

Sent:

Saturday, September 15, 2012 2:27 PM

To: Cc: CIA OCA MICHAEJM; GIA FO

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Subject:

RE: Hill Talking Points

No mention of the cable to Cairo, either? Frankly, I'd just as soon not use this, then... NSS's call, to be sure; however, this is certainly not what Vice Chairman RUppersberger was hoping to get for unclas use. Regardless, thx for the great work -

----Original Message----

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FO CIA DPA CC: MICHAEJM; CIA-FO DDCIA COS

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With your concurrence we will get them to our oversight committees and to leadership.

V/r. OCA

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From:

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Sent:

Saturday, September 15, 2012 2:44 PM

To: Cc: USUN

Subject:

Re: Libya - Unclass IC pts

#### Coming your way.

---- Original Message -----

From: USUN

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 02:33 PM

To: Sullivan, Jacob J

CC: USUN

Subject: Libya - Unclass IC pts

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

Many thx.

USUN

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USUN Fw:

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From: Sullivan, Jacob J

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 11:26 AM

To: 'Rhodes, Benjamin J.' < Benjamin J. Rhodes@ ; 'michaejm@

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From: Rhodes, Benjamin J. [mailto:Benjamin J. Rhodes@

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 11:12 AM

To: michaejm@ ; Robert.Cardillo@

; <u>alanrp@</u> ; <u>matt.olsen@</u> Sullivan, Jacob J; mark.giuliano( ; jcingli( ; lisa.monaco(

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This is good by me.

----Original Message----

From: michaejm@ [mailto:michaejm@

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 11:08 AM

To: Robert.Cardillo@ ; alanrp@ ; matt.olsen@ ; sullivanjj@ \_ mark.giuliano@ ; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; jcingli@ ; lisa.monaco@

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

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From:

Sent:

Saturday, September 15, 2012 3:09 PM

To:

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Subject:

Re:

The email has been sent to the Hill.

OCA

From: MICHAEJM
Sent: Saturday Sontombon 15 2012 12:37 PM
To: CIAOPA CIAOCA
CC: PO CIA FO
Subject: Re:

everyone has coordinated. off has captured the changes below. Please run the points by the Director, then get them to HPSCI. I spoke to the Director earlier about State's deep concerns about mentioning the warnings and the other work done on this, but you will want to reemphasize in your note to DCIA. Thanks. Michael

From: CIA OPA
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 12:13 PM
To: CIA OCA MICHAEJM
CC: PO CIA FO
Subject: RE:

Here's where we are with the tweaks after tweaks from Ben and Jake:

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Cc: CIAOPA, FO, CIA FO Subject: Re:

#### USUN

From: Sent:

Rhodes, Benjamin J. [Benjamin\_J.\_Rhodes@ Saturday, September 15, 2012 7:12 PM NSC Deputy Press Secretary

o: Subject:

USUN Re:

Yup

From: USUN

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2012 05:59 PM To: Rhodes, Benjamin J.; Vietor, Tommy

Subject: FW:

Is this the final language you want to use on Benghazi? Have short window to get her something on paper soon.

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