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From: H <hrod17@clintonemail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 5, 2009 5:44 PM
To: 'wburns66'
Subject: Re: Note from Bill Burns

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Bill--

Thanks for the update and for all the work you did and led to get us to this point. I hope you'll have time to send me periodic updates, especially your impressions of the Medvedev-Putin relationship.

I am considering a trip to the Caucusus and Central Asia in the Fall, perhaps attached to the Russia bilat, if we decide that makes sense.

As you know, [redacted]

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Travel safely. All the best, Hillary

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

From: wburns66 [redacted] <wburns66 [redacted]>
To: H; H2
Sent: Sun Jul 05 15:46:20 2009
Subject: Note from Bill Burns

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Madam Secretary,

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Just a quick note before leaving for Moscow, Rome and Central Asia.

Moscow preparations are in reasonable shape. Afghan lethal transit agreement is done, and will be signed on Monday. There's also a broader statement on cooperation on counter-narcotics and reconstruction in Afghanistan. (Bakiyev has now signed the Manas agreement, which is a further boost on Afghanistan.) [redacted]

[redacted] The Presidents will announce the bilateral commission, and your trip to Russia in the fall to launch the process with Lavrov. All in all, a good, measured, realistic step in our effort to rebuild relations -- [redacted]

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I'll be in Rome just for the first, "foreign policy" portion of the G8. We're working on a Leaders' statement that is likely to look a lot like last week's G8 Foreign Ministers statement on most issues, with an update on North Korea, and essentially the same, firm line on Iran.

I leave Rome on July 9 with an interagency delegation for stops in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan, back in DC on July 14.

Hope you had a good Fourth, and all the best,

Bill

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