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From: Crowley, Phillip J
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To: Mills, Cheryl D; Sullivan, Jacob J; Abedin, Huma
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Heads up. Richard invited George to go on one of his recent AfPak. I endorsed it as did the White House because George is a first rate journalist. Obviously Richard strayed shall we say from discussion of our strategy. It ends up being a semi-profile on Richard. I'll alert the WH. I don't see anything here that is problematic for the Secretary, but I don't know that every detail here is correct.

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From: Jennifer Stein [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2009 1:55 PM
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Dear Mr. Crowley,

The New Yorker Magazine is going to press with George Packer's article on Richard Holbrooke. George briefly mentions Secretary Clinton in the piece. I am fact-checking the piece and want to make sure our information is accurate. If you could let me know if you have any comments or corrections by the end of the day, I would greatly appreciate it. I apologize for the short notice.

Best,
 Jennifer

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1. Secretary Clinton told George Packer that the Administration was coordinating diplomatic and development and defense efforts much more closely than it had before.
2. In 1996, Secretary Clinton encouraged her husband to name the first female Secretary of State.
3. Last year at the transition headquarters at the Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Obama asked Hillary Clinton about possible candidates for the the position of Secretary of State.
4. Clinton recommend Holbrooke to Obama.
5. A few days after Obama offered Clinton the position of Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton called Holbrooke to offer him the job that is now called Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan.
6. In late November, HRC and Holbrooke talked for three hours at Essex House, in New York, about the job.
7. Finally, Clinton told Holbrooke that he would be the civilian counterpart to General David Petraeus.
8. Clinton introduced Holbrooke to Petraeus.

9. Holbrooke initially told Clinton that he would need around 15 staff members in his department.
10. Holbrooke told HRC last fall that he would prefer the title Special Representative to Special Envoy.
11. Holbrooke and Clinton often speak several times a day.
12. On April 23rd at 4 pm, Clinton, Donilon and Holbrooke met the President at the Oval Office.
13. In the hallway, fifteen minutes before the meeting began, Holbrooke gave Clinton and Donilon a memo written by his staff member, Vali Nasr.
14. Clinton read the memo in the hallway.
15. Clinton gave a copy to the President after they walked into the Oval Office.
16. Holbrooke has praised Clinton's idea of tapping the Pakistani diaspora. She has urged Pakistani-American doctors, especially women, to volunteer in the refugee areas.