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From: Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 7:43 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: Hillary of Arabia

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

From: McDonough, Denis R. [redacted]
To: Sullivan, Jacob J; Rhodes, Benjamin J. [redacted] Hammer, Michael A.
[redacted] Crowley, Philip J; Reines, Philippe I

Sent: Tue Feb 16 06:54:29 2010

Subject: FW: Hillary of Arabia

Here you go, fellas. This is what I hit him with.

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

From: McDonough, Denis R.
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 6:53 AM
To: 'Landler, Mark'
Subject: RE: Hillary of Arabia

Mark,

My meetings start at 0700. I will try to get you at some point.

Meanwhile, here are the points I thought up on the bike which you can use on background from SAO.

1. Engagement is pressure and has been successful - not sure what "wall" you are referring to.
 - a. Iran is more isolated internationally;
 - b. Is more divided internally than anytime in memory; and
 - c. Is witnessing its claims to legitimacy in the region as well as the regional balance of power shift away from it
2. SecState is rightly in the lead on the diplomacy on this issue and is making the case for the Admin-wide policy, one which draws on all elements of our national power.
3. WH not only comfortable with what she is doing but is grateful for her leadership on this in the region and at home.

Cool?

Best, man, and travel safely -

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From: Landler, Mark [mailto:
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 6:48 AM
To: McDonough, Denis R.
Subject: Re: Hillary of Arabia

I'm listening to Clinton speak right now. I hope to be out in 15-20 minutes or so.

I'm reachable on

Thks, Mark

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

From: McDonough, Denis R
To: Landler, Mark
Sent: Tue Feb 16 06:43:33 2010
Subject: RE: Hillary of Arabia

How do I reach you?

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

From: Landler, Mark [mailto:
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 5:40 AM
To: McDonough, Denis R.
Subject: Hillary of Arabia

Hi Denis,

I'm with Hillary in the Gulf.

Yesterday, she talked about how the US will protect allies in the Gulf from Iranian aggression. Though she didn't use the phrase "security umbrella," she endorsed the idea of the US playing that kind of role.

Did you all discuss this message before she went out? Is the WH comfortable with the points she's been making?

One fine point: Hillary was always more hawkish on Iran. Is there a sense that the admin's policy is swinging in her direction, with the engagement effort hitting a wall?

Thanks and Best,
Mark