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**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2010 12:34 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** FW: Incredible Story

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**From:** Ruggiero, Frank J  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2010 11:45 AM  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Cc:** Bommer, Ashley F; Holbrooke, Richard; Carland, Raphael; Pauli, Rosemarie  
**Subject:** RE: Incredible Story

Jake,

Dale is in for a Department Heroism award. The nomination is with the Secretary's award committee, which is chaired by the DG. Assuming Dale receives the award, we would recommend S present the award and consider the following press options: (1) Open press (the event would be listed on public schedule and PA would facilitate press attendance at actual ceremony), (2) Camera spray, (3) official photo only (State Dept photographer takes photo that we can release to press with caption/press release), and (4) a press release (no press presence at ceremony at all, but we release info about the ceremony and award to press). Press option is your call.

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**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J

What is the status of this?

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**From:** Ruggiero, Frank J  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 21, 2010 12:02 PM  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Cc:** Bommer, Ashley F; Holbrooke, Richard; Carland, Raphael; Pauli, Rosemarie  
**Subject:** Incredible Story

Jake,

I just received an award recommendation from the military for a US civilian (Dale Kramer) in the field for heroic action. The civilian was embedded with a special forces team when it came under Taliban fire (IED and machine gun) in Paktya. At that point, Dale grabbed a machine gun and proceeded for twenty minutes to provide suppressing fire so that the entire team could withdraw from the scene of the attack. We will look into the specific and seek a way for the civilian to be recognized by S, but this is also an important anecdote for the public relations effort you mentioned yesterday and that we will discuss later today.