

RELEASE IN PART B6

**From:** H <hrod17@clintonemail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 20, 2010 1:48 PM  
**To:** 'stalbott' [redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: The sensitive personnel matter

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I will call you later. Will you be home?

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

**From:** Strobe Talbott <[redacted]>  
**To:** H  
**Sent:** Sat Mar 20 13:27:36 2010  
**Subject:** The sensitive personnel matter

Purely to update: Tom had me in for lunch at the Mess this past week, ostensibly to discuss my upcoming trip to Georgia, Ukraine, Russia, but in fact to discuss the Our Mutual Friend. It sounded quite ominous re his immediate boss, and not great re the ultimate one. I know OMF had a meeting w/ Tom's immediate boss later, but I do not know what transpired. I'm having dinner w/ OMF tomorrow/Sunday. I'll remain in the same mode as the one you asked me to be in some weeks ago, unless you tell me otherwise.

No need to reply in substance to this message-it's just informational; but I'd appreciate confirmation of receipt.

On a more cheerful note, the Times piece turned out very, very well.

Hope my Russian friends were there usual charming and helpful selves. Javier Solana and I will be there in a little over a week.

Hi to Bill.

S.

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**From:** H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 28, 2010 3:13 PM  
**To:** Strobe Talbott  
**Subject:** Re: The matter I raised on my end of the conversation last night.....

Message received--thx.

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

**From:** Strobe Talbott <[redacted]>  
**To:** H  
**Sent:** Sun Feb 28 14:27:47 2010  
**Subject:** The matter I raised on my end of the conversation last night.....

Just reached Tom about it. Alerted him to the version as it came to me, including potential of its breaking. He seemed a) aware of the basis for what I'd heard, b) to share my assessment/concern (though asked me to elaborate, which I did vividly), and c) prepared to make sure that whatever ready to be said publicly - and whatever happens diplomatically - put the kibosh on the version as it came to me.

Incidentally, unbidden by me on both points-i.e., volunteering-he went out of his way to say upbeat things about you and downbeat things about OMF. Said he wanted to discuss that with me in person. I said nothing of substance, except always glad to talk.

Over and out, tho would appreciate you're confirming receipt, since I'm not cc'ing anyone on this.

Cha-cha-cha (even though you're not going to Argentina-and rightly so).

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

From: H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]  
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2010 8:03 PM  
To: Strobe Talbott  
Subject: Re: Our mutual friend

Could you talk now or tomorrow early morning? .

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

From: Strobe Talbott <>  
To: H  
Sent: Fri Feb 26 18:20:13 2010  
Subject: Our mutual friend

Have had 2 sessions since u & I talked, having another Sat afternoon. No particular need for further guidance from u, but glad to connect at any time. Tks for terrific event in the 4-letter-word fishinf village.

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