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**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 5, 2011 2:58 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Fw: Gamal

**From:** Crowley, Philip J  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J; 'Thomas\_F\_Vietor [redacted]'; Smith, Dana S; 'Benjamin\_J\_Rhodes [redacted]'; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Walles, Jacob  
**Sent:** Sat Feb 05 14:55:25 2011  
**Subject:** RE: Gamal

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I agree with a statement we can informally push out to our press corps. The one thing I'm nervous about in Jake's frame is that it invites comparisons between what he said and what we think. I'm not sure we want to travel down that road. An alternative.

We have great respect for Frank and we were deeply appreciative of his willingness to travel to Egypt last week. He has not continued in any capacity following the trip. The views he expressed today are his own. He did not coordinate his comments with the U.S. government.

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**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 2:47 PM  
**To:** 'Thomas\_F\_Vietor [redacted]'; Smith, Dana S; Crowley, Philip J; 'Benjamin\_J\_Rhodes [redacted]'; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Walles, Jacob  
**Subject:** Re: Gamal

Let's put out a statement:

Frank Wisner is a private citizen and he does not speak for the USG. The views he expressed today are his alone and in some cases self-evidently at odds with stated USG positions. We have great respect for Frank and we were deeply appreciative of his willingness to travel to Egypt last week. He has not continued in any capacity following the trip or coordinated his comments with the USG.

**From:** Vietor, Tommy [redacted]  
**To:** Smith, Dana S; Crowley, Philip J; Rhodes, Benjamin J. [redacted]; Sullivan, Jacob J; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Walles, Jacob  
**Sent:** Sat Feb 05 13:54:00 2011  
**Subject:** RE: Gamal

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**From:** Smith, Dana S [mailto:SmithDSX@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 1:34 PM  
**To:** Crowley, Philip J; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; Vietor, Tommy; Sullivan, Jacob J; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Walles, Jacob  
**Subject:** Re: Gamal

Or even better- to stay out of it.

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**From:** Smith, Dana S

**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 01:28 PM

**To:** Crowley, Phillip J; 'Benjamin J. Rhodes' [redacted]

'Thomas F. Vietor' [redacted]; Sullivan, Jacob J; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Walles, Jacob

**Subject:** Re: Gamal

I want to make sure we communicate (publicly) that we realize the most constructive thing we can do is partner with the Egyptian people as they make their own decisions.

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**From:** Crowley, Phillip J

**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 01:21 PM

**To:** 'Rhodes, Benjamin J.' [redacted]; Smith, Dana S; Vietor, Tommy

[redacted]; Sullivan, Jacob J; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Walles, Jacob

**Subject:** RE: Gamal

I don't know what we gain by getting hamstrung by our relationship with Wisner. Try this:

As we've said, it is important that there be serious and broad-based discussions among government and opposition leaders to move the transition forward and deliver results that meet the aspirations of the Egyptian people. There are a wide range of views on how to best accomplish this, but Egypt's future will be determined by the Egyptian people.

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**From:** Rhodes, Benjamin J. [redacted]

**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 1:14 PM

**To:** Smith, Dana S; Vietor, Tommy; Crowley, Phillip J; Sullivan, Jacob J; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Walles, Jacob

**Subject:** RE: Gamal

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**From:** Smith, Dana S [mailto:SmithDSX@state.gov]

**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 1:12 PM

**To:** Rhodes, Benjamin J.; Vietor, Tommy; Crowley, Phillip J; Sullivan, Jacob J; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Walles, Jacob

**Subject:** Re: Gamal

Adding Jeff/Jake

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**From:** Smith, Dana S

**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 01:10 PM

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To: 'Benjamin J. Rhodes' [redacted] 'Thomas F. Vietor' [redacted]  
[redacted]; Crowley, Philip J; Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Subject:** Re: Gamal

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The hubs didn't think my first stab would fly. How about this one?

As a gov't we recognize that there are many ways for this to go. We believe the most constructive thing the US can do is to stay out of an Egyptian decision. Where individuals have their own opinions, they voice them. But that is not the position of the USG.

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**From:** Smith, Dana S  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 01:08 PM  
**To:** 'Benjamin J. Rhodes' [redacted] 'Thomas F. Vietor' [redacted]  
[redacted]; Crowley, Philip J; Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Subject:** Re: Gamal

Reuters put it out. Sounds like DVC to Munich.

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**From:** Rhodes, Benjamin J. [redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 01:07 PM  
**To:** Smith, Dana S; Vietor, Tommy <Thomas\_F.\_Vietor@who.eop.gov>; Crowley, Philip J; Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Subject:** RE: Gamal

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**From:** Smith, Dana S [mailto:SmithDSX@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 12:58 PM  
**To:** Vietor, Tommy; Crowley, Philip J; Sullivan, Jacob J; Rhodes, Benjamin J.  
**Subject:** Re: Gamal

A good question. The hubs are getting slammed. Ok to say:

Wisner is expressing his personal opinion. Our position is... Pivot to Egyptian decision language?

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**From:** Vietor, Tommy [redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 12:51 PM  
**To:** Smith, Dana S; Crowley, Philip J; Sullivan, Jacob J; Rhodes, Benjamin J. [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Gamal

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**From:** Smith, Dana S [mailto:SmithDSX@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 12:52 PM  
**To:** Vietor, Tommy; Crowley, Philip J; Sullivan, Jacob J; Rhodes, Benjamin J.  
**Subject:** Re: Gamal

Wisner on the record saying that Mubarak must resign for constitutional changes to take place

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**From:** Smith, Dana S  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 12:49 PM

**To:** 'Thomas\_F\_Vietor [redacted]'; Crowley, Philip J; Sullivan, Jacob J;  
'Benjamin\_J\_Rhodes [redacted]';  
**Subject:** Re: Gamal

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My understanding is that Gamal resigned from the party completely, Hosni resigned as head of the party.

Another fyi- the Wikileaks cables on Egypt are going viral. Key quotes:

- Egypt's military is in decline
- General Tantawi is an incompetent defense mnisyer running the mil into the ground. Mubarak's poodle

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**From:** Vietor, Tommy [redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 12:37 PM  
**To:** Crowley, Philip J; Sullivan, Jacob J; Smith, Dana S  
**Subject:** RE: Gamal

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**From:** Crowley, Philip J [mailto:CrowleyPJ@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 12:38 PM  
**To:** Vietor, Tommy; Sullivan, Jacob J; Smith, Dana S  
**Subject:** RE: Gamal

Does this apply to Hosni as well?

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**From:** Vietor, Tommy [redacted]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 05, 2011 12:21 PM  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J; Crowley, Philip J; Smith, Dana S  
**Subject:** Gamal

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This is what I'm telling folks.

**On the record:** "As the President has repeatedly said, Egyptians will be the ones that decide how this transition occurs. We welcome any step that provides credibility to that process."

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