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From: H <hrod17@clintonemail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 6:51 AM
To: 'JilotyLC@state.gov'
Subject: Fw: thank you! & two thoughts

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From: Jackie Newmyer Deal [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2011 02:02 PM
To: H
Subject: Re: thank you! & two thoughts

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Dear Secretary Clinton,

Happy Memorial Day! So many veterans must be thrilled to celebrate the holiday knowing that OBL is no longer hatching plots.

I thought the speech was impressive. The beginning -- where he thanked you for your tireless efforts -- was a high point, and he deserves credit for identifying the United States as being on the right side of history in a region where so many autocrats are on the wrong side of it. The section with the line about the obsolescence of "strategies of repression and strategies of diversion" was powerful.

Beyond what could be addressed on that occasion, I can't help being wary of the fact that the region remains a place where states are interpenetrated and outside powers have consistently intervened.

Turkey is in a very interesting position vis-a-vis Syria, even as Iran and Saudi Arabia compete for influence there; I would not be surprised if China were working behind the scenes both to shore up Qaddafi and to cultivate good ties with a range of possible successors; etc. Given these dynamics, in a future address, it might be appropriate to go into further detail in laying out our principles for resolving regional rivalries and disputes -- like you did in the South China Sea context. I also can't help thinking about how the Middle East might look if Iraq realizes its potential as a major energy producer.

Thank you again! All best, Jackie

ps It was my tenth college reunion over the weekend, and Jen and Johann and Aksel were staying with us, so Jen told the story of how Johann confronted you with the world's primary challenge, the bane of Norway.

On Sat, May 28, 2011 at 1:25 PM, H <HDR22@clintonemail.com> wrote:

> I was delighted to be there and stayed as long as I could at the reception before having to leave. I confess that the Bin Laden op the next day consumed most of my mental space!

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> Thx for your reactions to what we're trying to do. What did you think of the President's speech on the Middle East and North Africa?

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> And, I will pass on the excellent suggestion to the DOD about translating their media events.

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> All best to you and Joe--H

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Jackie Newmyer [redacted]
> Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 06:30 PM
> To: H
> Subject: thank you! & two thoughts

> Dear Secretary Clinton,

> Thank you very much for coming to the wedding. It meant the world to
> me, and to Joe, and to our families. I know that you have virtually no
> down time and suspect that that weekend must have been especially
> full. All I can say is that we are most grateful.

> Your themes in recent speeches and interviews have me thinking about
> two issues. First, while the Arab Spring has created huge
> opportunities, I'm not sure that anyone has been able to develop a
> strategy for the United States in the greater Middle East that,
> consistent with your remarks, meets the following conditions:

> 1) is not a clumsy neocon democracy installation effort;
> 2) is flexible and acknowledges that many dynamics in the region are
> unfolding independently of our actions; and
> 3) balances other priorities (e.g., maintaining peace and stability
> outside the Middle East) in an era of budget constraints.

> Implementation of such a strategy might entail the creation of an
> elite branch of the diplomatic corps that has attributes of the
> special operations forces community but is optimized for outreach
> rather than for paramilitary activities. "Outreach" could mean
> cultivating relationships with a variety of different actors in some
> cases, and in other cases it could mean helping people on the ground
> use technology and/or organize themselves.

> Second, under your leadership the State Department seems to be way
> ahead of the rest of the government in taking low-cost steps to
> improve the access of people in places like China to information that
> all citizens should have about their own countries. For instance,
> State publishes transcripts of joint media appearances not just in
> English but also in other relevant languages. Is there any way that
> this could be done for Defense, too? Just yesterday at a Pentagon
> press conference with Adm. Mullen, PLA Gen. Chen Bingde said:

> "Through my visit over the past couple of days in the United States I
> am surprised by the sophistication of the U.S. military, including its
> weapons and equipment and doctrines and so on... The per capita GDP of
> the United States is 12 times that of China. So if we spend our money,
> which is much less than that of the United States, to buy weapons and
> equipment to challenge the United States, the Chinese people simply
> would say 'no'."

> These statements were not reported in official mainland
> Chinese-language news outlets. A few snippets appeared in two
> Chinese-language business outlets known for enjoying a measure of

> editorial independence, but basically, only Chinese people who can not
> only navigate to US websites but also read English could gain access
> to Chen's remarks. As you know, this creates pernicious space for
> saying one thing to foreigners and something totally different to
> domestic audiences. Neither VOA nor Radio Free Asia produces such
> translated transcripts, as far as I know. Perhaps this is a job for an
> NGO.

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> Thank you again, and All best, Jackie

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