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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 5:47 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: NATO burning the Quran in Afghanistan.

See bottom up (I clicked wrong Frank which Dan corrected)

From: Feldman, Daniel F
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 05:35 AM
To: Mills, Cheryl D; Ruggiero, Frank J; Nides, Thomas R
Cc: Sullivan, Jacob J; Toiv, Nora F; Carland, Raphael
Subject: Re: NATO burning the Quran in Afghanistan.

Thx. I don't know him either, but adding Frank, who will be working this in the office this week, and Tom, as it will likely come up at the 8 am DC. I'm on Pak duty this week, headed out w S and Jake.

From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 05:17 AM
To: Ricciardone, Francis J
Cc: Feldman, Daniel F; Sullivan, Jacob J; Toiv, Nora F
Subject: Fw: NATO burning the Quran in Afghanistan.

I don't know who this is, but FYI below.

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From: Robert Danford [mailto:]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 12:27 AM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: NATO burning the Quran in Afghanistan.

Dear Professor Mills,

I am sorry for bothering you, but I wanted to make sure that this had the highest escalation. I have already emailed people in the USMC because I think the whole way the United States reacted to this was poorly thought out. I know (from my prior service) the Afghan people, and the reason that I know the following is because it is commonly known through the News Media.

Wahhabi oriented charities and Madrasses in Saudi Arabia have been well funded by the Saudi Royal Family and the more Radical Clerics have purchased professional book printing equipment and have printed Qurans that as you already know have adulterated or bastardized the solumm text of the orthodox writings and have supplemented radical sayings to attack Jews, Israel, and Infidels including Americans. Instead of going public with our leadership looking incredibly stupid and contrite before the Afghan People and Arab Language Press outlets, I would suggest that we be brutally honest that someone in Saudi Arabia committed blasphemy, re authored the Quran in such a way as if someone thought they were smarter than Allah. That the United States regarded this as an unholy abomination and decided to burn it as it should because after all this was an unholy propaganda tool for extremists. You say this, and they will accept that, rather than we merely screwed up one more time!

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. DANFORD



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