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1.4(B),B1,B5,1.4(D),B6

**From:** H <hrod17@clintonemail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 4, 2012 12:53 PM  
**To:** 'monica.hanley'  
**Subject:** Fw: Turkey

B6

Pls print.

**From:** Abedin, Huma [mailto:AbedinH@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 03, 2012 12:04 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Fw: Turkey

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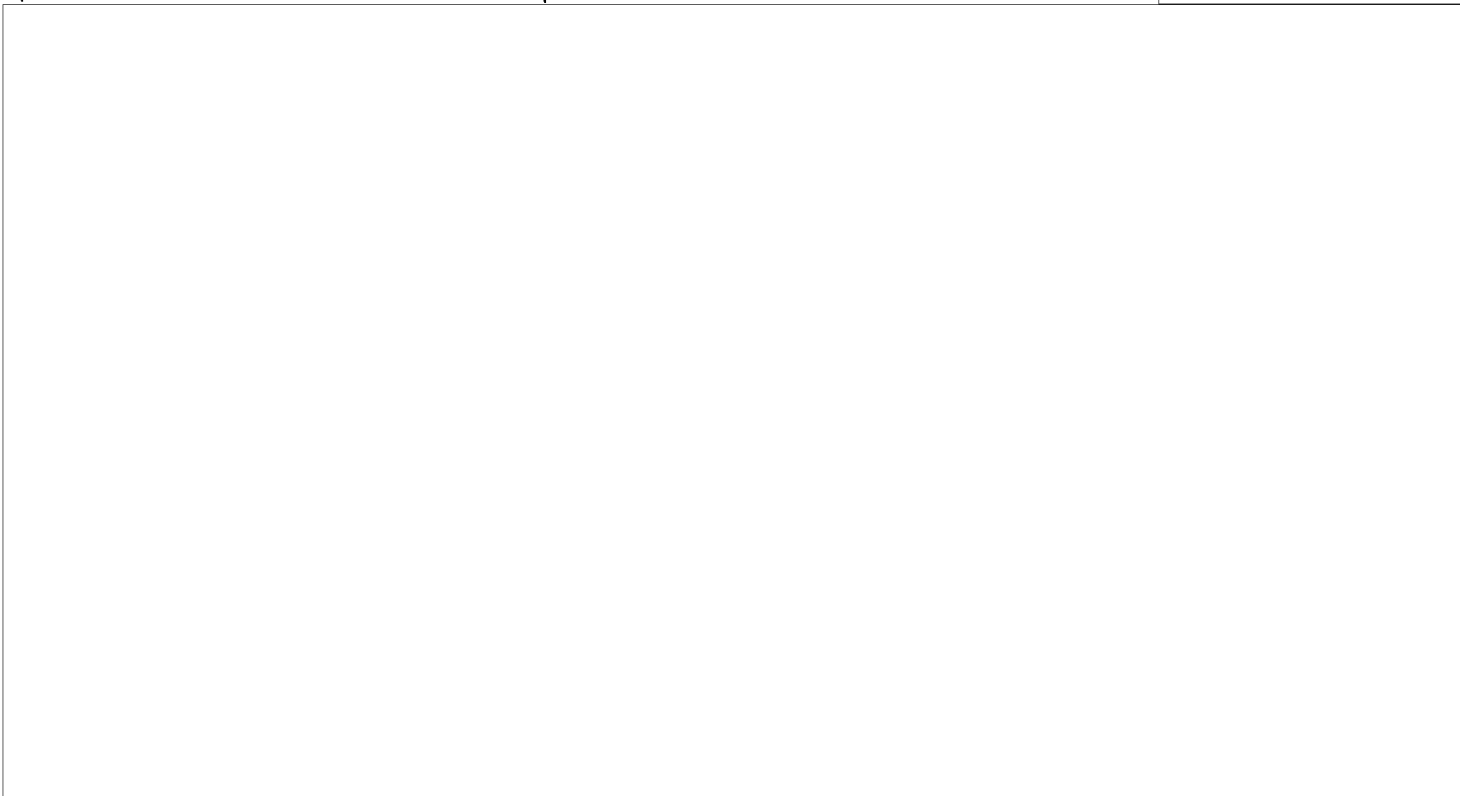
In case you haven't seen results of wendy call.

**From:** Kowalski, Joseph C  
**Sent:** Friday, August 03, 2012 09:55 AM  
**To:** Sherman, Wendy R; Jones, Beth E; Reines, Philippe I; Abedin, Huma; Sullivan, Jacob J; Gordon, Philip H; Ricciardone, Francis J  
**Cc:** Burns, William J; Mills, Cheryl D; Nuland, Victoria J; Lakhdhir, Kamala S; Grantham, Chris W  
**Subject:** RE: Turkey

1.4(B)  
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B1

Sherman-Sinirlioglu call, 08-03-2012, 7:00 – 7:35 am.

**The Secretary's trip to Istanbul:** U/S Sherman referred to previous conversations with Ambassador Ricciardone about a possible S visit to Istanbul after her Africa trip – and asked if the PM and FM would be available.



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B1

**Baseball Bat:** Finally, U/S Sherman raised the reaction to the POTUS-Erdogan group photo and explained the significance of the Hank Aaron bat. Sinirlioglu laughingly said the hubbub was by the opposition and was a cultural difference that would be fine.

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**From:** Sherman, Wendy R  
**Sent:** Friday, August 03, 2012 7:45 AM  
**To:** Jones, Beth E; Reines, Philippe I; Abedin, Huma; Sullivan, Jacob J; Gordon, Philip H; Ricciardone, Francis J  
**Cc:** Burns, William J; Mills, Cheryl D; Nuland, Victoria J; Kowalski, Joseph C; Lakhdir, Kamala S  
**Subject:** Re: Turkey

just finished over half hour call with Feridun. Joe will draft readout but on S trip all set for bilateral only. Told him PM, FM, opposition meeting. They're ok. Lots of other info to come.

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**From:** Sherman, Wendy R  
**Sent:** Friday, August 03, 2012 05:39 AM  
**To:** Jones, Beth E; Reines, Philippe I; Abedin, Huma; Sullivan, Jacob J; Gordon, Philip H  
**Cc:** Burns, William J; Mills, Cheryl D; Nuland, Victoria J  
**Subject:** Re: Turkey

Am speaking with Sinirlioglu at 7am this morning. Will stick with bilat agenda unless hear otherwise.

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**From:** Jones, Beth E  
**Sent:** Friday, August 03, 2012 05:33 AM

**To:** Reines, Philippe I; Abedin, Huma; Sullivan, Jacob J; Gordon, Philip H  
**Cc:** Burns, William J; Sherman, Wendy R; Mills, Cheryl D; Nuland, Victoria J  
**Subject:** Re: Turkey

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**From:** Reines, Philippe I  
**Sent:** Friday, August 03, 2012 12:52 AM  
**To:** Abedin, Huma; Sullivan, Jacob J; Gordon, Philip H; Jones, Beth E  
**Cc:** Burns, William J; Sherman, Wendy R; Mills, Cheryl D; Nuland, Victoria J  
**Subject:** Re: Turkey

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**From:** Abedin, Huma  
**Sent:** Friday, August 03, 2012 12:00 AM  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J; Gordon, Philip H; Jones, Beth E  
**Cc:** Burns, William J; Sherman, Wendy R; Mills, Cheryl D; Reines, Philippe I; Nuland, Victoria J  
**Subject:** Re: Turkey

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**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2012 04:36 PM  
**To:** Gordon, Philip H; Jones, Beth E; Abedin, Huma  
**Cc:** Burns, William J; Sherman, Wendy R; Mills, Cheryl D; Reines, Philippe I; Nuland, Victoria J  
**Subject:** Re: Turkey

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**From:** Gordon, Philip H  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2012 04:31 PM  
**To:** Jones, Beth E; Abedin, Huma  
**Cc:** Burns, William J; Sullivan, Jacob J; Sherman, Wendy R  
**Subject:** RE: Turkey

Frank reports strong Turkish support for S visit on Aug. 11. PM/FM likely to be available for Istanbul. I told Frank we wanted only bilat visit. but as predicted Turks want to invite other FMs as well and turn it into a core group. [Redacted]

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**From:** Jones, Beth E  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2012 11:25 AM  
**To:** Abedin, Huma; Gordon, Philip H  
**Cc:** Burns, William J; Sullivan, Jacob J; Sherman, Wendy R  
**Subject:** RE: Turkey

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**From:** Abedin, Huma  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2012 11:05 AM  
**To:** Gordon, Philip H  
**Cc:** Burns, William J; Jones, Beth E; Sullivan, Jacob J; Sherman, Wendy R  
**Subject:** Re: Turkey

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**From:** Gordon, Philip H  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2012 09:48 AM  
**To:** Abedin, Huma  
**Cc:** Burns, William J; Jones, Beth E; Sullivan, Jacob J; Sherman, Wendy R  
**Subject:** RE: Turkey

Discussed this here. Believe Istanbul is best option, with hope to see Erdo, Dav, and the Syrian  
 And bilateral only – core group too complicated. I will explore possibilities with Turks.

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**From:** Abedin, Huma  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2012 8:23 AM  
**To:** Gordon, Philip H  
**Cc:** Burns, William J; Jones, Beth E; Sullivan, Jacob J; Sherman, Wendy R  
**Subject:** Re: Turkey

That would be great.  
We will make either ankara or istanbul work. And obviously defer to you guys on the nature of meetings besides leadership.

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**From:** Gordon, Philip H  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2012 08:10 AM  
**To:** Gordon, Philip H; Abedin, Huma  
**Cc:** Burns, William J; Jones, Beth E; Sullivan, Jacob J; Sherman, Wendy R  
**Subject:** RE: Turkey

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**From:** Gordon, Philip H  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2012 8:01 AM  
**To:** Abedin, Huma  
**Cc:** Burns, William J; Jones, Beth E; Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Subject:** RE: Turkey

I'm back in DC. Adding others. I've asked Frank to quietly explore this with no commitments. I'm sure Turks will be favorable. Need to think about whether to do in Ankara or Istanbul. And whether to invite anyone else (When I was there the other day they we're pushing to get some sort of core group together again.) Perhaps Beth and I can grab Bill for a few minutes today to discuss options/preferences.

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

**From:** Abedin, Huma  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 02, 2012 1:57 AM  
**To:** Gordon, Philip H  
**Subject:** Turkey

Not sure if you are still traveling. You still endorsing the idea of her visit on the 11th? Can we see if the turks will be in town? We talked about it informally but can we find out for sure?

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