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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 23, 2012 7:28 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Fw: Eric Schmidt piece update II

**From:** [REDACTED] B3 CIA PERS/ORG  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 23, 2012 05:58 PM  
**To:** NSC Deputy Press Secretary; [REDACTED]; Nuland, Victoria J; Mills, Cheryl D;  
[REDACTED] Kennedy, Patrick F; Sullivan, Jacob J; Reines, Philippe I;  
Bernadette\_M\_Meehan [REDACTED]; Benjamin\_J.\_Rhodes [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Eric Schmidt piece update II B6

NYT has agreed not to identify the affiliation of the former Seals or of the annex. However, because of the thrust of the story as the loss of intel collection capability at a critical juncture, it will refer to the Agency's presence and activities--for which he had good info, sadly.

**From:** [REDACTED] B3 CIA PERS/ORG  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 23, 2012 05:41 PM  
**To:** 'Thomas\_F.\_Vietor [REDACTED]'; [REDACTED] 'nulandvj@state.gov'  
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**Subject:** Re: Eric Schmidt piece update

The call has taken place..may have had some impact... Abramson is speaking with Eric...then we'll hear from him.

**From:** [REDACTED] B3 CIA PERS/ORG  
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**Subject:** Re: Eric Schmidt piece

Thanks, Tommy. I am just not optimistic about this at all. NYT has an obligation to its readers, you know. But we should all remember that if this goes forward we are in a no comment/no confirmation mode. We will let you know the outcome.

**From:** Vietor, Tommy [REDACTED] B3 CIA PERS/ORG  
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**Subject:** RE: Eric Schmidt piece

I heard from Helene Cooper today. I told her we have no comment but think they should absolutely not report this.

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

**From:** [redacted] **B3 CIA PERS/ORG**  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 23, 2012 03:32 PM Eastern Standard Time  
**To:** nulandvj@state.gov; MillsCD@state.gov; [redacted]; KennedyPF@state.gov; SullivanJJ@state.gov; reinesp@state.gov; Meehan, Bernadette; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; Vietor, Tommy  
**Subject:** RE: Eric Schmidt piece

Forgot to add in: intervention with Eric last night and the Bureau Chief an hour or so ago did not bring closure. We've said, off the record, that IDing the officers and the facility will bring risk to anyone working in any annex around the world. And that inserting our organization into the mix when the security situation at so many embassies is tenuous at best would be inflammatory. The next call is planned for 5pm.

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

**From:** Nuland, Victoria J [mailto:nulandvj@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 23, 2012 3:27 PM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D; Media; Kennedy, Patrick F; Sullivan, Jacob J; Reines, Philippe I; 'Bernadette\_M\_Meehan'; [redacted]; 'Benjamin\_J\_Rhodes'; [redacted]  
**Subject:** Eric Schmidt piece

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Just heard from NYT [redacted] that Eric Schmidt is working on a piece abt the Annex, and loss of platform. And he plans to print what it was. I'm told "upper levels" are talking to each other. Flagging for this crew to make sure it's true.