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**From:** Jake Sullivan [redacted]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2013 10:02 AM  
**To:** preines [redacted]  
**Cc:** H; CDM  
**Subject:** Re: Testimony

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My problem with Mark's analysis is that it repeats the same flawed assumption that underpinned his advice in 2008; namely, that being yourself is risky.

On 1/24/13, PIR [redacted] wrote:

> I say this as someone who has never had a problem with Mark or held  
> him as accountable as other people do - but...

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> Give

> Me

> A

> Break

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> You did not look rattled. You looked real. There's a difference. A

> big one.

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

> From: Evergreen

> To: CDM

> To: Jake Sullivan

> To: PIR

> Subject: Fw: Testimony

> Sent: Jan 24, 2013 7:10 AM

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> Ok, so here's first discordant note--just to keep it real.

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

> From: Mark J. Penn [redacted]

> Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 09:01 PM Eastern Standard Time

> To: H

> Subject: Testimony

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> The Republicans but not the American people have been obsessed with

> Libya and trying to pin the acts of terrorists on you. They have been

> playing this non stop on their cable tv.

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> But I don't think the emotion in the hearing works to your advantage

> -- looks more like they rattled you on something no one outside the

> crazy right blamed you for anyway.

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> I think you either let it lie and say I think I've said everything  
> that needs to be said on this or if asked why so emotional you might  
> explain that you were just frustrated with the apparent high level of  
> partisanship on this issue -- we should be pulling together here and  
> not losing our focus on the fight against terrorism which has always  
> been a bipartisan issue and focusing on the big questions that  
> confront us. (This answer would drive the republicans crazy but I'd  
> rather they talk about how you accused them of being partisan which  
> everyone knows is true)

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