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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 29, 2012 8:24 AM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** RE: Ms. Marie Colvin

Will inquire

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**From:** H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 29, 2012 8:24 AM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Subject:** Re: Ms. Marie Colvin

Why wouldn't we let Specter try? He can call Assad directly w/o our help.

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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D [mailto:MillsCD@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 29, 2012 07:29 AM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** FW: Ms. Marie Colvin

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**From:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 29, 2012 6:16 AM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Cc:** Kennedy, Patrick F  
**Subject:** Re: Ms. Marie Colvin

I'll send him a polite response as soon as NEA clears some language I've suggested. They determined that asking Sen. Specter to intervene, rather than continuing to work through official channels, would send the wrong message. And it wouldn't have helped resolve the ICRC's problems in negotiating with the various opposition factions.

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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 29, 2012 06:10 AM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Cc:** Kennedy, Patrick F  
**Subject:** Re: Ms. Marie Colvin

So no response to him? Even a non-substantive one?

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**From:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 29, 2012 05:49 AM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Cc:** Kennedy, Patrick F  
**Subject:** Re: Ms. Marie Colvin

NEA decided against it. I'll ask them for language to use in responding to Sen.whitehouse. I will also tell him that we have information that, due to its sensitivity, cannot be shared at the moment although we have conveyed key elements to the family.

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which we will provide. But all of this is very close hold at the moment until we have confirmation, to avoid the sort of media muddle that we saw with reports that edith bouvier had escaped.

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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 29, 2012 05:30 AM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Cc:** Kennedy, Patrick F  
**Subject:** Fw: Ms. Marie Colvin

Are you contacting Arlen?

**From:** sheldonwhitehouse [mailto:sheldonwhitehouse]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2012 09:26 PM  
**To:** Bernier-Toth, Michelle  
**Cc:** Mills, Cheryl D; Kennedy, Patrick F  
**Subject:** Fw: Ms. Marie Colvin

Any news? I can't understand why no one contacted Senator Specter after I put you all in touch. He has known the Assads for twenty years. How about the Russians?

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

**From:** AS <>  
**Date:** Tue, 28 Feb 2012 14:51:50 -0600  
**To:** sheldonwhitehouse <sheldonwhitehouse>  
**Subject:** RE: Ms. Marie Colvin

No word from the Administration.

- Arlen

*Kathleen E. Harvey*

on behalf of

**Arlen Specter**

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**From:** sheldonwhitehouse [sheldonwhitehouse]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2012 1:29 PM  
**To:** AS  
**Subject:** Re: Ms. Marie Colvin

Tell Arlen thank you. They tried to get in again today, and turned back because of danger in the neighborhood.  
Has the State Department actually talked to him about this?  
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

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**From:** AS <[redacted]>  
**Date:** Mon, 27 Feb 2012 11:26:18 -0600  
**To:** sheldonwhitehouse [redacted] sheldonwhitehouse [redacted]  
**Subject:** Ms. Marie Colvin

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Good afternoon, Senator.

Please see the attached correspondence.

Thank you.

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