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Sent: Wednesday, December 30, 2009 1:53 PM
To: 'preines@[redacted]'
Subject: Fw: PLEASE READ: Fwd: CIA Under the Bus, Drumheller/Johnson emails... Sid

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From: sbwhoeop@[redacted] <sbwhoeop@[redacted]>
To: H
Sent: Wed Dec 30 11:57:50 2009
Subject: PLEASE READ: Fwd: CIA Under the Bus, Drumheller/Johnson emails... Sid

H: I am forwarding you the email exchanges from Tyler Drumheller and Larry Johnson, which explain how the CIA is being blamed, their understanding of what went wrong in the intelligence process, and how politicization by the White House is antagonizing the intelligence community. Both Tyler and Larry have called me too to express their consternation. Hope this is helpful. Sid

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From: tdrumheller1@[redacted]
To: sbwhoeop@[redacted]
Sent: Wed, Dec 30, 2009 12:57 am
Subject: Fwd: Re: CIA Under the Bus

Sid, take a look at this exchange with Larry Johnson, I thought you would be interested in the role of McDonagh and company, all very sad and dangerous. take care, t

Dec 29, 2009 11:54:32 PM, tdrumheller1@[redacted] wrote:

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Larry,

Good work, I was on Chris Matthews last night saying much the same thing. I was supposed to go on Larry King tonight via phone but was bumped for Fran T and Jack Rice. They may have me on tomorrow. The real issue here is much larger; the 2004 intel reform act has created a situation far worse than what existed before 9/11; they have separated the collectors from the people acting on the info by layers of bureaucracy, many of which are staffed by young contractors with no experience in any of this type of work. This was one of hundreds of thousands of messages coming in every day, the analysis is then done on an abstract basis. In the past, the COS in question would have followed up to see that this matter was being handled, now that link is broken, while at the same time the analyst could have gone directly to the station to see just how serious this really was. Again, they have separated the analysts from the collectors.

At the same time everything is done by committee so there is no real thought or responsibility. You are correct here, the agency did its job and the bureaucratic mess at DNI just treated this as another obscure warning from the agency, which is now just one among many players on this issue. Of course the agency erred in the past by holding back

on certain matters because of source protection, but those days are well in the past and now days everything gets passed on. The reforms, which were no doubt done with the best of intentions, have made things worse and more dangerous.

Finally, it is disappointing if the White House tries to lay this off on the Agency, this is particularly sad since there are still so many former bush staffers involved in the process.

anyway, enough of my spleen, keep up the good work, tyler

Dec 29, 2009 11:11:47 PM, wrote:

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What is wrong with this White House?

Obama Tries To Throw The CIA Under the Bus <<http://www.noquarterusa.net/blog/2009/12/29/obama-tries-to-throw-the-cia-under-the-bus/>>

By Larry Johnson <<http://javascript:;>> on December 29, 2009 at 11:38 PM in Current Affairs <<http://www.noquarterusa.net/blog/category/current-affairs/>> | Edit <<http://www.noquarterusa.net/blog/wp-admin/post.php?action=edit&post=39404>>

Boy, is the Obama White House stupid or what? They are busy circulating the story that the CIA failed to connect the dots on the failed bombing of the Delta/Northwest flight from Amsterdam on Christmas Day.

President Barack Obama said Tuesday that the intelligence community had bits of information that should have been pieced together that would have triggered "red flags" and possibly prevented the Christmas Day attempted terror attack on a Detroit-bound airliner.

"There was a mix of human and systemic failures that contributed to this potential catastrophic breach of security," Obama said.

Senior U.S. officials told The Associated Press that intelligence authorities are now looking at conversations between the suspect in the failed attack and at least one al-Qaida member. They did not say how these communications with the suspect, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, took place—by Internet, cell phone or another method.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence matters, said the conversations were vague or coded, but the intelligence community believes that, in hindsight, the communications may have been referring to the Detroit attack. One official said a link between the suspect's planning and al-Qaida's goals was becoming more clear.

Now let me tell you what is really going on.

Last night when I was sitting in the Green Room at CNN I was able to overhear the conversation between a senior female Time Magazine reporters and a well know Barack Obama advisor (also a lady). They ignored me but spoke openly so what is a guy to do? I collected intel. They started off by ragging on Janet Napolitano. They were aghast at her claim, "the system worked" and wondered who at the White House had screwed the pooch on this. We are talking two major Obama kool aid drinkers here. These ladies are unabashed in playing their role as a cheerleader for team Obama. When people like this start ravaging the Obama White House you know that you have a major problem.

So some time today someone at the White House (my guess is Rahm Emmanuel, Marc Lippert or Dennis McDonough) decided to put out the story that the near terrorist miss on Christmas Day was the fault of the CIA. What a crock of shit!!!

If Umar Abdulmuttalab's dad had told the CIA:

"Look, my son is a trained terrorist. He has exploding underwear and is boarding a plane soon for Detroit"

But that did not happen. The kid's name was put into the TIDE database. But the system does not provide magic pictures or flashing lights to make it clear what someone intends to do.

The failure to stop Umar started when he checked in. Airlines should never allow someone to get on board a plane who has purchased a one way ticket with cash and has no luggage. What else did he need to do to signal he was a potential threat? Where a t-shirt inscribed, "I TRAINED AT CAMP BIN LADEN AND ALL I GOT WAS THIS LOUSY T-SHIRT?"

The Obama team is showing their ass. They are panicked. Scared people drown when panicked. The CIA did its job. They passed the information to the National Counter Terrorism Center aka NCTC <http://www.nctc.gov/about_us/about_nctc.html> . It is the job of NCTC to identify the threat. That mission was taken away from the CIA by George Bush and the Congress back in 2002. Stay tuned. This will get ugly.