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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2011 6:22 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Fw: NYT Reporters - Possible Handover Tonight

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**From:** Kennedy, Patrick F  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2011 06:12 PM  
**To:** Steinberg, James B  
**Cc:** Mills, Cheryl D; Sullivan, Jacob J; Hammer, Michael A; 'reinespr@state.gov' <reinespr@state.gov>; Klevorick, Caitlin B  
**Subject:** Fw: NYT Reporters - Possible Handover Tonight

**From:** Ricciardone, Francis J  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2011 06:10 PM  
**To:** Lempert, Yael; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Kennedy, Patrick F; Kaldanow, Tina S; McEldowney, Nancy E; Gordon, Philip H; EUR-SE-DL; Schlicher, Ronald L; 'Jeffrey\_S.\_Collins' [redacted]  
'elizabeth\_d.\_sherwood-randall' [redacted]  
'Daniel\_B.\_Shapiro' [redacted] Daalder, Ivo H  
**Cc:** Sanderson, Janet A; Roebuck, William V; Polaschik, Joan A; Cretz, Gene A; Jacobs, Janice L; Kirby, Michael D; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Wells, Alice G; Brown, Natalie E; Ashby, Stephen M; Gray, Gordon; Kalmbach, Heather E; Holtz, Greta C (NEA)  
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He added:

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Francis J. Ricciardone  
US Ambassador  
Ankara,

Republic of Turkey

tel: +90 312 455 7280

**From:** Lempert, Yael  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2011 11:42 PM  
**To:** Lempert, Yael; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Kennedy, Patrick F; Ricciardone, Francis J; Kaidanow, Tina S; McEldowney, Nancy E; Gordon, Philip H; EUR-SE-DL; Schlicher, Ronald L; 'Jeffrey\_S.\_Collins [redacted]' elizabeth\_d.\_sherwood-randall [redacted] 'Daniel\_B.\_Shapiro [redacted]'  
**Cc:** Sanderson, Janet A; Roebuck, William V; Polaschik, Joan A; Cretz, Gene A; Jacobs, Janice L; Kirby, Michael D; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Wells, Alice G; Brown, Natalie E; Ashby, Stephen M; Gray, Gordon; Kalmbach, Heather E; Holtz, Greta C (NEA)  
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**From:** Lempert, Yael  
**Sent:** Sun 3/20/2011 5:22 PM  
**To:** Feltman, Jeffrey D; Kennedy, Patrick F; Ricciardone, Francis J; Kaidanow, Tina S; McEldowney, Nancy E; Gordon, Philip H; EUR-SE-DL; Schlicher, Ronald L; 'Jeffrey\_S.\_Collins [redacted]' elizabeth\_d.\_sherwood-randall [redacted] 'Daniel\_B.\_Shapiro [redacted]'  
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**From:** Feltman, Jeffrey D  
**Sent:** Sun 3/20/2011 5:21 PM  
**To:** Lempert, Yael; Kennedy, Patrick F; Ricciardone, Francis J; Kaidanow, Tina S; McEldowney, Nancy E; Gordon, Philip H; EUR-SE-DL; Schlicher, Ronald L; 'Jeffrey\_S.\_Collins [redacted]' elizabeth\_d.\_sherwood-randall [redacted] 'Daniel\_B.\_Shapiro [redacted]'  
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[redacted] -- just now. Can 1.4(B)  
anyone confirm? 1.4(D)  
Jeffrey Feltman B1

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 20, 2011 04:58 PM  
**To:** Lempert, Yael; Kennedy, Patrick F; Ricciardone, Francis J; Kaidanow, Tina S; McEldowney, Nancy E; Gordon, Philip H; EUR-SE-DL; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Schlicher, Ronald L; 'Jeffrey\_S.\_Collins [redacted]' elizabeth\_d.\_sherwood-randall [redacted] 'Daniel\_B.\_Shapiro [redacted]'  
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NYT called to report that their correspondent in Tripoli was just told by Mohamed Ismail, Saif al-Islam al-Qadhafi's chief of staff, that the Libyans "approve the handover to the Turks" and may be ready to do the transfer as early as tonight. NYT heard similar report from a "senior contact in the NGO community" (NFI) who apparently has also been reaching out to the Libyans on their behalf.

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developments, as has NYT.

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**From:** Lempert, Yael  
**Sent:** Sun 3/20/2011 10:55 AM  
**To:** Lempert, Yael; Kennedy, Patrick F; Ricciardone, Francis J; Kaidanow, Tina S; McEldowney, Nancy E; Gordon, Philip H; EUR-SE-DL; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Schlicher, Ronald L; 'Jeffrey\_S.\_Collins [redacted]' elizabeth\_d.\_sherwood-randall [redacted]; 'Daniel\_B.\_Shapiro [redacted]  
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I've continued to try to reach out to Sadiq and Sanussi's aide Khalifa, with no response.

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**From:** Lempert, Yael  
**Sent:** Sun 3/20/2011 5:46 AM  
**To:** Lempert, Yael; Kennedy, Patrick F; Ricciardone, Francis J; Kaidanow, Tina S; McEldowney, Nancy E; Gordon, Philip H; EUR-SE-DL; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Schlicher, Ronald L; 'Jeffrey\_S.\_Collins [redacted]' elizabeth\_d.\_sherwood-randall [redacted]; 'Daniel\_B.\_Shapiro [redacted]  
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I've spent the past hour repeatedly calling all the below Libyan contacts; none picked up the phone.

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**From:** Lempert, Yael  
**Sent:** Sat 3/19/2011 6:56 PM  
**To:** Lempert, Yael; Kennedy, Patrick F; Ricciardone, Francis J; Kaidanow, Tina S; McEldowney, Nancy E; Gordon, Philip H; EUR-SE-DL; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Schlicher, Ronald L; 'Jeffrey\_S.\_Collins [redacted]' elizabeth\_d.\_sherwood-randall [redacted]; 'Daniel\_B.\_Shapiro [redacted]  
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**Sent:** Sat 3/19/2011 6:47 PM  
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**From:** Kennedy, Patrick F  
**Sent:** Sat 3/19/2011 6:25 PM  
**To:** Ricciardone, Francis J; Kaidanow, Tina S; McEldowney, Nancy E; Gordon, Philip H; EUR-SE-DL; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Schlicher, Ronald L; 'Jeffrey\_S.\_Collins [Redacted]' elizabeth\_d.\_sherwood-randall [Redacted] 'Daniel\_B.\_Shapiro [Redacted]'  
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Yael

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Regards

Pat

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

**From:** Ricciardone, Francis J  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 19, 2011 06:16 PM  
**To:** Kaidanow, Tina S; McEldowney, Nancy E; Gordon, Philip H; EUR-SE-DL; Kennedy, Patrick F; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Schlicher, Ronald L; 'Jeffrey\_S.\_Collins [Redacted]' elizabeth\_d.\_sherwood-randall [Redacted] 'Daniel\_B.\_Shapiro [Redacted]'

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[Redacted] had been working to get Libyans to release NYT journalists, + will continue. Will now 1.4(B)  
deploy fresh point of official TU status as USG protecting power [Redacted] also if needed, TU readiness 1.4(D)  
serve as Libyan PP in US.

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