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**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 3, 2012 9:14 AM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Fw: One GIROA Release From POA

FYI. Latest.

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**From:** Grossman, Marc I  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 03, 2012 07:50 AM  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J; Burns, William J  
**Cc:** Ruggiero, Frank J; Feldman, Daniel F  
**Subject:** Fw: One GIROA Release From POA

Update. I will talk to Ryan this am and see what our next steps might be.

**From:** Crocker, Ryan C  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 03, 2012 04:51 AM  
**To:** Grossman, Marc I; 'Lute, Douglas E.' [redacted]

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**Cc:** Cunningham, James B; McFarland, Stephen G; Jones, Beth E (S/SRAP)  
**Subject:** FW: One GIROA Release From POA

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**From:** Crocker, Ryan C  
**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2012 10:26 PM  
**To:** 'Lute, Douglas E.'; Grossman, Marc I; [redacted]  
**Cc:** Cunningham, James B; O'Connor, Eileen  
**Subject:** FW: One GIROA Release From POA

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NSA Spanta called me this afternoon to say that the statement had been moderated and he saw no need to issue a separate ISAF statement.

I called him after I saw this and said that it was totally at odds with what he told me. [redacted]

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**From:** GIRoA-Media Outreach [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2012 8:42 PM  
**To:** GMIC SNCC  
**Subject:** One GIRoA Release From POA

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**POA: The National Council of Ulema (Religious Scholars) Asked for the Closure of Foreign Prisons and Wants the Government of Afghanistan to Take Over the Prisoners**

The National council of Ulema met with President Karzai and again strongly condemned the despicable act of insulting the Holy Quran and other religious books in the Bagram military base. The council said that this incident brings light to the fact that the overall management of the jail is illegal and called for the prison to be closed by foreigners and it should be handed over to the Afghan government, so similar mistakes will not happen in the future. This meeting took place this afternoon in Arg Presidential Palace, the declaration was read by Maulawi Mohammad Sayed which states:

- The council, in regards to this barbaric, inhumane and unforgivable crime (Huge insult to Quran) and other religious books which was done by US forces in Bagram. They strongly condemn this evil act, it will certainly not going to be forgiven by apologies, the responsible parties should be prosecuted in an open trial and they should be punished. Also, America and NATO should guarantee that nobody would desecrate our religious beliefs in the future. The Ulema Council and the Jihadi leaders and other dignitaries of the country back the decision of the President in this case.
- The Ulema Council and officials of Islamic Government of Afghanistan repeatedly showed concern about the conditions of the prisons which are under the control of the foreigners and asked for the transfer of these prisons to Afghans, in additions they ask for a stop to night raids, search and capture of Afghans by foreign forces, but the foreigners did not give a positive answer. The Ulema Council sees this insult to the Quran and other religious books as illegal management and seriously asks for the transfer of prisons that are under the control of foreigners, so these mistakes will not happen in the future. After hearing the statement of the Council, the President of the country praised the work of the Ulema Council. Mr. Karzai said in the last ten years, our demands from the foreign forces were to respect our culture and religious beliefs. Mr. President said, "The incident in Bagram was the cause of the right feeling of the people of Afghanistan and we give the message of the National Council of Ulema and other participants to the American Authorities. After, Maulawi Qiamuddeen Kashaf head of the National Council of Ulema for Afghanistan as a reminder to the latest incident in the country said that the traditional Council of Afghanistan in Article 76 issued a resolution and it was clearly pointed out that foreigners should by all means respect the sovereignty of Afghanistan and this means that the night raids by foreign forces should stop and they should not have the right to have prisons in Afghanistan.

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