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**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 17, 2012 9:31 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Fw: YNET/TED Prayer Note  
**Attachments:** Wailing Wall Letter2\_20120715.pdf

This is brilliant ... again.

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**From:** Reines, Philippe I  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 17, 2012 07:50 PM  
**To:** 'Benjamin\_J.\_Rhodes [redacted]' <Benjamin\_J.\_Rhodes [redacted]>; NSC Deputy Press Secretary  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Subject:** YNET/TED Prayer Note

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I thought [redacted] the AP story, we were in the clear.

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But just heard from Atila Sumfalvi of YNET. This won't surprise you, but ConGen Jerusalem had a lapse.

They were contacted by the Israeli authorities who maintain the historic site because a folded prayer note fell out of the Western Wall. The markings on it concerned them, for good reason, so they turned it over to the USG. SOP.

But instead of handling it internally, the consulate turned it over to the Jerusalem Police's Lost & Found department. It gets a little murky at this point, something about "Mr Donilon shouldn't be in such a rush as he speeds around our city and does a fly-by of our Wall. He should take his time, learn our history, fold his notes tighter and wedge them in better. He will not truly understand why we face an existential threat until he does."

Not certain what that "rush" part is referring to, but seems like the police had some prior incident with Tom.

Anyway, I know you guys went through this in the campaign when the President's note became public, but still. Just such a violation of one's privacy.

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**From:** Reines, Philippe I  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 14, 2012 08:32 PM  
**To:** 'Benjamin\_J.\_Rhodes [redacted]' <Benjamin\_J.\_Rhodes [redacted]> NSC Deputy Press Secretary  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Subject:** AP/Competing Visit(s)

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Guys -

We've been joking around about this, but we may now have a problem.

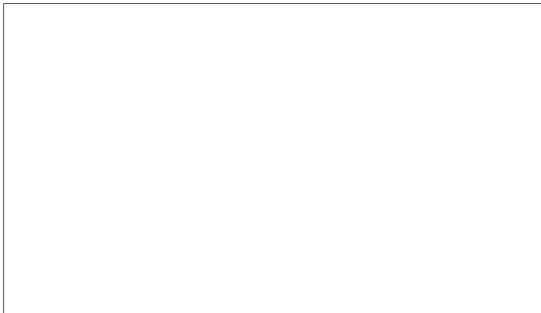
Matt Lee is asking why NSA Donilon isn't delaying his departure a mere 90 minutes so that he can greet President Obama's Highest Ranking Cabinet Officer upon her arrival at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport.

Matt said that it could appear to some as "Hillary Clinton, a cabinet officer 4th in line to the Presidency, being snubbed by an unconfirmed staffer 7,927th in the line of succession."

I took real offense to that nasty swipe at Tom's standing, told Matt he was being unnecessarily petulant and childish, and that not everyone's standing is as cut and dried as the Constitution's Article II, 20th Amendment, 25th Amendment, and the Presidential Succession Act of 1947 make it out to be.

I also pointed out that USG officials come and go from important regions all the time, this is nothing new. He claims it hasn't happened since George Elsey slighted Secretary of State George Marshall. (I'd never heard the name so I pretended I knew who Elsey was; had to Google him later to learn he was President Truman's key foreign policy official in the WH.)

At first Matt wouldn't tell me how he even knew about any of this, but then confessed that he saw Jake's Blackberry sitting on the bar, and the screen was filled with...



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She wants to downplay the whole thing, issue a statement saying, "I completely understand how busy Tom is so I don't think anything of this. I do however hope he doesn't leave the toilet seat up in the King David's Presidential Suite - which I assume he's trying on for size." I know she means it as light ribbing, but I'm probably going to drop that last part out of fear of someone taking it to mean there's underlying and brewing tension.

The worst part is that Matt also claims to have a really cutting background quote from an SAO saying, "The rivalry between Hillary Clinton and Tom Donilon is about as close as one between a hammer and a nail."

Let me know if you hear from Matt

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**From:** Rhodes, Benjamin J. [mailto:[\[redacted\]](#)]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 14, 2012 06:52 PM  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J; NSC Deputy Press Secretary; Reines, Philippe I  
**Subject:** Re: (No Subject)

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I hope his visit doesn't overshadow her

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**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J [mailto:[SullivanJJ@state.gov](mailto:SullivanJJ@state.gov)]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 14, 2012 06:31 PM  
**To:** Rhodes, Benjamin J.; Vietor, Tommy; Reines, Philippe I <[reinesp@state.gov](mailto:reinesp@state.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: (No Subject)

Correct.

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**From:** Rhodes, Benjamin J. [mailto:[\[redacted\]](#)]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 14, 2012 06:29 PM

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**To:** NSC Deputy Press Secretary; Sullivan, Jacob J; Reines, Philippe I  
**Subject:** Re: (No Subject)

Isn't she doing a press avail while tom isn't doing any press?

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**From:** Vietor, Tommy  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 14, 2012 06:06 PM  
**To:** 'Sullivan, Jacob J' <SullivanJJ@state.gov>; 'Reines, Philippe I' <reinesp@state.gov>; Rhodes, Benjamin J.  
**Subject:** RE: (No Subject)

Seems fair

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

**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J [[SullivanJJ@state.gov](mailto:SullivanJJ@state.gov)]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 14, 2012 06:04 PM Eastern Standard Time  
**To:** Vietor, Tommy; Reines, Philippe I; Rhodes, Benjamin J.  
**Subject:** Re: (No Subject)

I've prepared the readout: S going to clean up Tom's mess. Is that okay?

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**From:** Vietor, Tommy [mailto:  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 14, 2012 06:01 PM  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J; Reines, Philippe I; Rhodes, Benjamin J.   
**Subject:** FW: (No Subject)

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See below. Would u guys just mind letting me know of you read out her trip at all. Gracias

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

**From:** Vinograd, Samantha  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 14, 2012 02:06 PM Eastern Standard Time  
**To:** Vietor, Tommy  
**Cc:** Canegallo, Kristie A.; #PRESS  
**Subject:**

Tommy -

Can we be sure that we coordinate with State on any messaging in/around Tom's trip and Clinton's trip to Israel?

Spoke with Tom about it earlier. Thanks a million and hope you got home safely!

SV