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From: Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 9:56 PM
To: H
Cc: Reines, Philippe I
Subject: RE: Jihadi Forums feeling the Heat from CSCC's Digital Outreach Team

PIR, I say go for it – it's not inappropriate.

From: H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 9:52 PM
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If not classified or otherwise inappropriate, can you send to the NYTimes reporters who interviewed me today? Copying Philippe.

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This is pretty interesting. This is the CSCC proving its mettle.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 4:42 PM
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The following link is the Arabic text posted last night under the title "Important clarifications for members of the Jihadi Forums) of a statement issued by the veteran jihadist media group, the Global Islamic Media Front (GIMF). The statement, a backhanded measure of CSCC's effectiveness, seems to have now appeared on multiple jihadist sites, not just those connected to Somalia.

The statement seeks to reassure jihadist groups on news from Somalia, warns against disinformation and confusion in the ranks, and seeks to promote greater support for Al-Shabaab and for kindred groups fighting worldwide. Among the guidelines provided is the following under point #2:

“ therefore, we do not allow publishing any lying or not credible news on any matter related to Somalia, and we advise our brothers not to be an aide to the digital outreach team that belongs to the American State Department , which was assigned the task to ruin the reputation of Islam and to discredit the Mujahedin everywhere.”

<http://jihadology.net/2012/04/24/new-statement-from-the-global-islamic-media-front-important-clarification-for-members-of-the-jihadi-forums/>

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