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From: Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>
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Subject: FW: CJCS Quick Trip Status--22 Feb part 1

From Mullen's guy -- txpt of Mullen on Al Jazeera. Worth a read.

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From: [redacted] Col JCS OCJCS CAG [mailto:[redacted]]
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Per request, rough AJ transcript below. Final transcript will take a while. If you have Feltman itin, can you push?

Thanks

Very rough notes from your interview. Words are right; spelling clearly not. But thought good to push this out.

Powerful interview, especially on AQ, Iran and future of ME.

Do not know yet when it will air.

Will push this to WH as well.

Vr/John

Reax to recent unrest?

It has taken me back in terms of the speed with which it is occurring. I think what happened in Egypt specially in terms of the peaceful resolution while there were swome causlties, each one tragic, is an example for all of us. And all leaders in the region and working as far west as Tunisia and libya needed to take that for example. I the deathsw, the villence that is ongoing in libya rite now is unacceptable and leaders need to elim that as quickly as posile, recogm the ...lgitimiate concerns that so many ppl have and figure a way to the future that resolves those concerns as edxpessed bvy the ppl of these contries.

Many are v v close allies of the united states.

Question: obama's concerns about bharain, yemen, Egypt and Tunisia. And now libya.what dz this mean? Concerns, worries?

Mullen:

The worry initially is that there has been vilolence and certainly my prez has expressed a strong voice to elim that vilolence as rapidly as pssible and to look for ways to resolve the concerns as raised by the ppl of these various countries. And I think b is a good example where the crown prince 2 days ago essentially the forces were recalled, he has taken steps to engage the various groups that have concerns. And that has shown a very positive initial outcome in tems

of it becoming peaceful very rapidly Each leader in each country, I think, the leadership in the countries have to figure out a way to address these issues. And I think prez ob has been very clear in terms of recognizing that.

What happened in Egypt specifically is an outpouring tied to a repression that had been there. Young ppl looking for a brighter future. And you see that, from my perspective recently in both yemen and tunisia. Today in libya where the tragic violence continues and needs to be eliminated.

The united states for decades has engaged countries and leaders throughout the broader middle east to look for ways to sustain stability in what has been a very unstable part of the world. The united states has brought to the attention of these leaders the need for them to evolve over time, to make changes, to create economies which would present opportunities for young people once educated to be employed and to have a better future.

So there are many countries that are good friends. I am in the region this week to reaffirm the relationship, the partnership in what is a very difficult and challenging time and to look to a future where our relationship will be sustained, where our partnership will be sustained and where we can look forward to a much more prosperous region based on the changes which clearly are occurring now and will continue to occur in the future.

Weapons:

In my country it is my president that sets the policy on the military. We have a very strong relationship with many militaries, have had an exceptionally strong relationship with the Egyptian military for 30 years. And it was, I think, that relationship which underpins in many ways the output in Egypt where the Egyptian military did the right thing - did not turn on their own people, supported their people and their country in a brilliant way, which is an example to us all. So I look forward to continuing the military to military relationship. Obviously the policies will be set by the leaders of my country and other countries. But I do expect the united states certainly to stay engaged in this region. And focused in the region in a way where it can be more prosperous, where opportunities are there for young people that have not been there in the future. And certainly we do this in a way seeking stability in which those young people could prosper.

We seek peace, stability and prosperity. And we will certainly not be alone because we will do this with other leaders, other countries throughout the world, and I think it is a role that seeks to support the individual country goals of improvement of prosperity, of employment. What you see today in libya but also what you certainly saw recently in egypt.

And I think we feel that is a noble goal that can be pursued by so many people in the region, countries, and that the united states would be there side by side and in support of both individuals and countries who seek these kinds of changes.

I think the events in each country have been up to the people of that country. That's what you see and certainly you saw that in Egypt, you saw that in tunisia. We see that today in a place like libya as it continues to evolve there.

And from the standpoint of determining their own future, meeting their needs in the future, that is principally up to the people in each country. The united states certainly is in a position to support the peaceful evolution of the kind of change that we see.

The united states as every country throughout the world would look to how to engage, to see how we can support this kind of positive change in any way that is really meaningful. BUT IT is up to the people of each country to make decisions about their future.

Bahrain:

The united states navy has been in Bahrain since the 1940s. and we have had an exceptionally strong relationship with Bahrain, with the people of Bahrain and obviously with the leadership. A very important hub for us in terms of stability, not just now but in the future with respect to the region. And it is an area on which we depend a great deal in terms of stabilizing and also preventing the actions of destabilization, often times generated from iran.

The choice of the government in Bahrain, the kingdom of Bahrain, the leadership there, have been good friends for a long time. I think the steps taken a couple of days ago by the crown prince and king were positive steps to work to resolve the concerns that have

been raised. I am not going to guess how this is going to come out. We have been friends of b for decades and I wd look to a future where that fre4idnship and partnership is continued.

Mil strategy re: iran:

I certainly haven't seen anything in recent events that wd indicate that o focus would lesson. It is a focus and a concern expressed bvy all the gulf countries over the course of my career w respect to the pot4ential instability created by iran. Their continued focus on developing nuc weapons, their support of terrorism regionally and essentially consistent steps taken to destabilize as much as possible. So I wouldn't expect from a mil standpoint that o strategy wd change at all.

Iran srstrategy:

Prez o from time became prez approached this on two diff tracks. First track is one of engagement and dialog. And very recently there were renewed talks although they broke down fairly rapidly on the one hand. On the o hand we have also had a very strong mil both posture and mil options certainly remain available. Y also see a very strong sanctions regime that was adopted by the un. And those santions have had a signifc impact. And I look to those sanctions continuing to have an impjact. So it is a multpronged strategy if y will. My part of it is just the mil piece. And from that standpoint, as I indicated, those options still remain on the table.

The resolution of the Palestinian issue certainly has been a priority for the united statesw. Obv a very difficult issue but its one prez o and his admin has stepped forward on. Its not an area I personally spend a lot of time in. but I do know, and it is reemphasized to me how imp resolution of this issue is in the arab world. And in fact I have been counse3led here for many many yrs about the signifcance of it, and at the same time it is an enormously difficult issue that I know there are steps that are continuing to try to resolve it.\

The united states position has been one that we do not support the continuing development or the continuation of the settlements. I also think it was made very clear by the prez and the veto is that the dec on that part of the united s is that the united nations is not the place to resolve this. And that has been a constent policy over the deaces.

Continues to look for solutions... complex isse I wd hop...

I see the united states and other certainly contries still v focused on doing as much as we possibly can to elim al q. and in fact the sgtrength of their leadership is considerably weakened over the course of the last couple of yrs. We have focused very specially on the safehavens that exist in the af, pak border. I do have a growing confcern tht various terrorist orgs work more closely together. And certainly the federation, the al dispersion in yemen, the disp they have in north Africa is a great concern on the one hand. And we are very focused on that. And they still seek to kill as many westernes and as many ams as they can. We will go to every end to protect o peoipel.le

On the other hand, I also think recent events in Egypt, in tunisa, in librya, speak to the bankrupt approachy of al q. al q has been trying to kill its way to victory here. And that is certainly not what the young muslims in those countries who are asking for change are see3king. Theya re actually seeking a b4etter way of life, a more prosperous futire that tha offered by al q. so this change, while it is difficult to see exactly how it ends up, I think it is a very stornq signal w respect to the viability of al q's philosophy and approach to the future.

I wd not say anything absolutely w respect to how the future looks. But it is clear to me that in these countries, the ppl are looking for a better way of life, more opp, an abil to raise their children up to a higher standarde of living. And that is certainly not anything al q or the terrorist philosophy and strategy respresents. So I think the change tht is occurring certainly has great potential for signifcantly impacting al q and likeminded virews of the future which don't go to prosperity, which o go to violence and literally have no positive future.

Certainly very near to here we see ourselves continuing to draw down in iraq. And based on the agree3ment that we have w the Iraqi govt, we are due to have all o troops o out iraq by the end of yr. we will actually start to draw down some level of troops in afgh this summer with an expectation tht by the end of 2014 we will have transitioned the sec lead in afgh.

So while it is difficult to predict the future, based on what I understand right now, based on what I know, we see certainly the combat environment that American troops are involved in with respect to where we are right now is being significantly being reduced.

That said, the future is pretty difficult time. Very complex. And it is hard to know exactly what is going to happen or where it is going to happen, not just in this region but other regions in the world. I look to a future where our military's peaceful engagement, the peaceful training, the relationship building, actually becomes preventative so conflicts don't break out.

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Thanks - look forward to reading AJ txpt,

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To: Sullivan, Jacob J
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Good morning Jake. Can't imagine you're sleeping much.

Don't over react to pirates.

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Sent: Tue Feb 22 04:03:19 2011
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Sir:

- CJCS tracking recent events in the Gulf, incl CENTCOM, DoD and NSS status and rxns. PAO engaged.

- Yesterday, CJCS had a late night, well-attended feast with Qatari military leadership (J2, J3, Chiefs of Staff of Services) and senior gov't officials (M of Interior and M of Commerce, etc). All good. DJ5 has the pulse.

- This morning, CJs met with the AMB and country team. A good session that ranged from near term "tactical" concerns to the long term implications of hosting of the World Cup in 2022.

- CJCS then conducted a long and wide ranging interview with the much viewed and much maligned al Jazeera.

-- **Headline: Events in the past three weeks show that AQ strategy of change through violence is "bankrupt"**

-- other quick reads: US wants leaders to help resolve their people's grievances--better opportunities and more prosperous future is key // Self-determination of people's to choose their governments will be supported by the US-- support for process not outcome // Praise for Egypt and initial steps in Bahrain wrt violence // Iran strategy ("all options on the table"), level of concern unchanged.

(Note-- this transcript worth reading in entirety, I think. Really good stuff)

- CJCS concluded on a high point in Qatar with a session with Crown Prince Tahim, heir apparent. A comfortable, engaging, and like minded session. DJ5 has read out.

- CJCS now wheels up to next stop, Suspect will clear overnight SIPR traffic. enroute, and focus attention on Quest.

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Subject: CJCS Quick Trip Status--21 Feb

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Sir:

CJCS completed his visit to Saudi Arabia with mildly downgraded visits with defense officials today:

- LTG Qubail, Deputy Chief of Staff, MODA
- Sheik Mohsen, A/CDR of Saudi National Guard
- Prince Khalid, Assistant Minister of Defense and Aviation

The meetings were all collegial. CJCS conveyed he was here to listen as 'he does not live here'. Counterparts conveyed they sought his advice. This mutual quest for counsel allowed for good, warm and open exchange about regional shifts, and Iran.

There was also good attention to Sudan. All interlocutors talked about Abdullah's reforms to date, particularly in education (e.g. the message was: not only are they for reform, they've been doing it for some time)

CJCS throughout emphasized was that developments in the region ultimately undermine and discredit Iran's regime and AQ's message in the long run. And we are committed to KSA and its security.

Prince Khalid expressed very directly concern over the state of U.S. military support programs, complaining of changing expectations, insufficient performance, and incomplete equipment. He was pretty insistent. CJCS somewhat surprised, and not happy. Expect some RFIs and follow-up, I would think.

- Wheels up to next location. CJCS will be able to scan SIPR for next hour

- Tracking a NSS-requested call to Mr Donilon

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Sir--

- CJCS departed Andrews late the evening of the 19th due to high winds, and did paperwork/ email through the 15 hour transit. No phone calls.

- CJCS tracking next 12-36 hours:

- high OPSEC force deployments (J3)
- probable emerging Iran, Morocco protests and rxn
- ongoing Bahrain, Yemen, Libya protests and rxn
- opening of Egypt banks and public announcement of progress on constitutional reforms and rxn
- possible travel in the region by senior State reps (when and where? soon?)

- CJCS is first high level USG visitor to KSA since Mubarak fell

-- On arrival in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, CJCS received an in brief with Ambassador Smith and a country team brief. Although press pushing our focus on Bahrain, Yemen as much or more of a concern to KSA.

-- Chairman stressed not only that he was here to work on relationships, reassure our friends in region, but also to hear from them what their issues and concerns are:

-- commonality of interests re Iran, despite bumpiness over Mubarak

-- Still see rationale differently for unrest past each other on reasons for unrest: disappointed youth who can't get ahead vs sectarian splits inspired directly or indirectly by Iran.

-- Warm glows on F15SAs--modernizing BMD and the Navy comes next. Model mil-mil relationship

-- AMB pushing DHS to bin Nayif counterpart visit in the US...much potential here

- CJCS had a late evening engagement w/ bin Nayif, but was canx'd, while bin Nayif attends to floods in Jeddah.

- CJCS has SIPR for next 4 hours, then sleep

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