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For: Hillary
From: Sid
Re: Libya & Big Idea

1. No-fly! Brava! You did it! I am deeply proud and grateful. More intel to come...
2. Big idea: See the article below on a projected Union of the Mediterranean by Mustapha Tlili, research scholar at New York University, founder and director of the NYU Center for Dialogues, and a member of Human Rights Watch's advisory committee for the Middle East and North Africa. Sarkozy hit upon this as an earlier ploy and has not taken it up again because he's playing demagogic games about "multiculturalism." But this is a strategic idea to reorient thinking about integration of the Muslim world and the West, with the US playing a critical role—the Union of the Mediterranean. Such a Union is only possible after the Tunisian and Egyptian revolutions. It can begin with initial economic links much like the EU began with a coal and steel accord and then unfold into many other areas. After your trip to Tunisia and Egypt—and the opportunity that Libya will present—the US can take a leadership role. You might consider formulating some first steps and articulating the concept. This gives the US a new role in Europe; recasts the war on terrorism; isolates those Arab states that remain authoritarian repressive regimes without imposing punitive measures; gives the US a hand in reform and development in Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Libya, etc.; and offers a new incentive into the Mideast peace process (such as it is).

<http://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/mtlili2/English>.

Best regards,

Mustapha Tlili

Imagining a New Mediterranean World