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**From:** sbwhoeop [redacted]  
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[redacted] related some information to me about one of the young Americans being held hostage that might possibly be helpful. This piece of information may be useful if charges are made that he is somehow a spy. [redacted] besides writing a book about the former president, is [redacted] Shane Bauer, one of the hostages, is a young photojournalist who is a Nation Institute grantee. He is an Arabic speaker who has a grant to write on Middle East issues. He has written not only for The Nation but also for Christian Science Monitor, San Francisco Chronicle, and most importantly, the Al Jazeera English speaking website. According to [redacted] he lives in the region most of the time, was traveling with his girlfriend in Kurdistan, has an interest in Kurdish affairs, was on a hiking trip, and obviously and inadvertently crossed an unmarked border. He was not acting as a journalist at the time, though he is a journalist--and a left-wing kid.

Sid