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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2011 1:55 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** FW: CLOSE HOLD - Barbara Walters called me re trip to Syria

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**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2011 10:58 AM  
**To:** Toner, Mark C; Dibble, Elizabeth L; Kennedy, Patrick F; Sullivan, Jacob J; Hammer, Michael A  
**Cc:** Nuland, Victoria J; Mills, Cheryl D  
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+ Cheryl.

All –

Just got a call from Barbara Walters, who called to tell me that she has been invited to Syria to interview President Assad.

Tentative dates have her departing Nov 9 and conducting the interview on Nov 13. She called for two specific things: first, our assessment of whether it's safe for her to travel there; and second, she'd like someone to brief her fully on current political situation.

Pat – would you or someone you designate like to do the security piece and Liz perhaps you could do the political laydown?

Let me know how you'd like to proceed.

Thanks!

Mark

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