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From: Strobe Talbott <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2011 7:31 PM
To: H
Subject: RE: a grace note

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What I sent along was pretty much the nub of what Kissinger said, though he also quoted something Bill to the effect that Dick attended every conference on foreign policy there ever was, including some he was even invited to. Yes, I shared it with Kati and David (the one son I have an e-mail for). But that little bit of (justifiable) mischief aside, it was really quite sweet. The Trilateral meeting, by the way, was here in DC, at the Mandarin—where you'll be on Tuesday (and of course I'll be there too—wouldn't miss it).

Still on the subject of Henry, he presided over the Commission session today on Afpak and he, along with the Indian panelist (a very smart guy named Raja Mohan), had quite a bit to say about the need for a more coherent, bold regional diplomatic strategy. I sent e-mails to Jake and Derek (Chollet!, I hasten to add). I'll past that message below—I've heard back from both of them. I should add that I'd heard you were going to be seeing Henry and asked him, privately, if he'd relay to you, and discuss, what he said to the group today, and he replied, "Only if she asks my view." So I sent Jake a follow-up message urging that you get some private time with him and definitely discuss Afpak.

Safe travels, Hillary. I sure am proud to know you — and can't tell you how admiring I am of what you're doing and how you're doing it.

Here's the message I sent to the guys....

The Sunday morning session of the Trilateral was chaired by Henry Kissinger focused on Afpak. I was struck by two themes in the conversation, both on the panel and in the room generally: 1) confusion/frustration/criticism with regard to a widely perceived lack of a REAL regional diplomatic/political strategy (as opposed to talk about same combined with emphasis on exit strategies and timetables), and 2) -- more constructively -- some quite bold ideas put forward by Raja Mohan and cautiously endorsed by Kissinger (we'll leave Bob Blackwill's well known prescription aside). The idea involves the exceedingly difficult question of border changes with regard to "Pashtunistan" and addressing Kashmir, with other CBMs etc. I don't know if there's anyone from the Administration in the room to report to State/NSC. I can't do so at length because I've got to get to another event, but I'll try to get from Raja something in writing that you can look at. Regardless of the particular merits of and obvious problems with the proposal, I had the feeling that I was listening to a discussion quite a bit more imaginative and robust than I've heard in a long time--and it's the kind of bigger thinking that's required. Admiral Di Paola, the only official on the panel, did a yeoman's job of reiterating current strategic thinking but, to be blunt, it barely qualifies as strategic and did nothing to ally concerns in the room. By contrast, General Guthrie -- now from the luxury of retirement -- was pushing in somewhat the same direction as Kissinger and Mohan.

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From: H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]
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Thanks for telling me and I hope Henry's comments will be shared w Kati and the family. I'm speaking on Friday in Berlin at their remembrance w Kati and others. At the end of the month, Charlie Rose is interviewing Henry and me on the 8th floor as part of our efforts to raise \$ for the Dip Rooms endowment. So this is good to know. I'd like to know what else Henry said so I'm prepared for the interview. Where was the mtg? Are you now back? Will I see you on Tues night at your big dinner?

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From: Strobe Talbott [mailto: [REDACTED]]
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Henry Kissinger just ended the Afpak panel at the Trilateral Commission this morning with a quite lovely extemp eulogy to RCH -- "a great idealist who will be admired and loved and who would have made a tremendous contribution on [Afpak] had fate allowed him to continue.... We should ask our Chairman to write a letter to his wife expressing the pride and gratitude we all feel for his service."