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Subject: FW: American journalists and Curt Wheldon

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From: Cretz, Gene A
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 2:50 PM
To: Carl Yoder, Samantha A; Winstead, John N; Koh, Harold Hongju; Jacobson, Linda; Polaschik, Joan A; Kalmbach, Heather E
Cc: SES-O; Catalano, Elisa; Schrepel, Dawn M; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Sanderson, Janet A; Sullivan, Jacob J
Subject: American journalists and Curt Wheldon

Former Congressman Curt Wheldon who recently visited Libya called me to say that he and Congressman Galegly of HFAC (vice Chair) were on a conference call with Saadi Qadhafi, son of the leader. Wheldon said he was maintaining contact with Saadi to try to get the 4 journalists released and to get [REDACTED] out of the country. Saadi was very positive that the journalists would be released very soon. He was taking a personal interest in seeing that Ms. Gillis had her own laptop and was going to be moved to a hotel. He acknowledged he is up against hardliners (including Saif el-islam) who are arguing what will they get if the journalists are released. Saadi promised to call Wheldon back in a few hours hopefully with good news.

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Wheldon told me he and Galegly are willing to travel again to Tripoli to give the firm message to Qadhafi if the administration believes that would be useful.

From: Carl Yoder, Samantha A
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 11:16 AM
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Subject: Clare Gillis call to parents, April 26

All,

I received a call from The Atlantic today, and they forwarded me the below message from Clare Gillis's parents. Clare Gillis was able to call her parents again this morning; below is the mother's direct readout. The parents are not going public with this information, but felt it should be shared with people at the Department.

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The Atlantic will be running a story on Clare, to keep the pressure on for her release. The parents will not raise the issue unless asked by the press; they will only focus on the fact that Clare has called again.

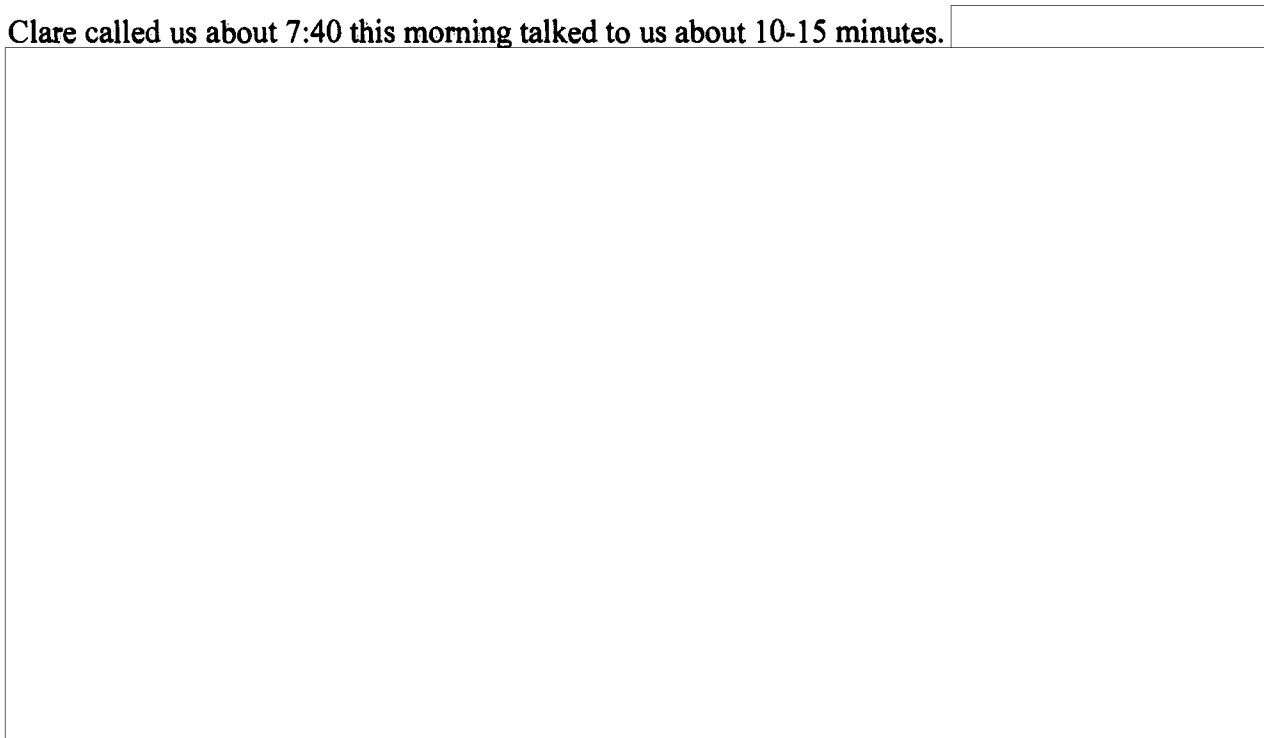
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To: Carl Yoder, Samantha A
Subject: FW: Clare called again this morning

Here's the email from Clare's mom

Clare called us about 7:40 this morning talked to us about 10-15 minutes.



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Main question is what do we say? I will continue to try to contact the John Winstead and State.

A very nice way to start the day!

Jane