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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 7:44 AM
To: H
Subject: FW: from Lorne Craner

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From: Posner, Michael H
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 7:39 AM
To: Sullivan, Jacob J
Cc: Mills, Cheryl D; Abedin, Huma
Subject: Fw: from Lorne Craner

This is a note from Yusuf Juma , whose case the Secretary raised in December with Karimov, and who was finally released Friday and allowed to come to the US. [REDACTED] He told our embassy staffer who flew back with him that as soon as the Secretary raised his case in December his treatment by prison guards improved immediately.

Can you pass this on to her with our thanks.

Mike.

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From: Melia, Thomas O
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 04:40 PM
To: Posner, Michael H
Cc: Graze, Deborah E; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Baer, Daniel B; Hawkins, Jeffrey; Crowley, Kathleen
Subject: from Lorne Craner

To all the anonymous people who made this happen.

From Yusuf Juma
 May 23, 2011

"From the very bottom of my heart, I would to thank all individuals that were involved in my release. I know there are a lot of people who were involved in pushing and advocating for my release and I am looking forward to meeting all of them, but right now I would like to thank two people: Lorne Craner of IRI for not forgetting about me and constantly reminding his colleagues about my case, and Madam Secretary Hillary Clinton. I believe it was her personal involvement in my case that ensured my release. I am very touched that despite difficult geopolitical realities of Central Asia, Madam Secretary found time to bring up my case during her meeting with [President] Karimov. There is a third actor that I would to thank, too. It is the people of the United States of America. If it wasn't for the people of this great country, there wouldn't be individuals like Lorne Craner and Hillary Clinton, which would mean that people like me would be most likely to perish in dungeons of tyrants and dictators of this world. Only people as great as Americans could build a country that sees freedoms of other people and nations as important as their own. The U.S. saved me from death two times: in 2001, when I was arrested for criticizing the Uzbek government and now, when I was so close to death that I gave up all hope of seeing my family every again. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and it is all thanks to Madam Secretary, Lorne, the staff of the US Embassy in Uzbekistan and everyone else who worked on my case. I deeply appreciate everybody's efforts to have me released from prison and I am looking forward to meeting you all in the nearest future. "

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