

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

KHALID SHAIKH MOHAMMAD, WALID
MUHAMMAD SALIH MUBARAK BIN
‘ATTASH, RAMZI BIN AL SHIBH, ALI
ABDUL-AZIZ ALI, MUSTAFA AHMED
ADAM AL HAWSAWI

AE195(AAA)

**Notice of
Defense Motion to Compel**

Production of Communications Between
Government and Filmmakers of Zero Dark
Thirty

31 July 2013

In accordance with the Military Commission Trial Judiciary Rules, the defense provides this notice that it has filed the above captioned motion. This motion has been filed by hand delivery to the Clerk of Court and to the prosecution.

Very respectfully,

//s//
JAMES G. CONNELL, III
Detailed Learned Counsel

Counsel for Mr. al Baluchi

//s//
STERLING R. THOMAS
Lt Col, USAF
Detailed Military Defense Counsel

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 31st day of July, 2013, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court and served the foregoing on all counsel of record by e-mail.

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JAMES G. CONNELL, III,
Learned Counsel

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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v.

~~(U)~~ **Defense Motion to Compel Production**
of Communications Between Government
and Filmmakers of *Zero Dark Thirty*KHALID SHAIKH MOHAMMAD, WALID
BIN 'ATTASH, RAMZI BIN AL SHIBH, ALI
ABDUL AZIZ ALI, MUSTAFA AHMED
ADAM AL HAWSAWI~~(U)~~ 31 July 2013

1. ~~(U)~~ **Timeliness:** This motion is timely filed.
2. ~~(U)~~ **Relief requested:** The defense requests that the Commission order the prosecution to produce unredacted records of all communications to and from United States personnel and the filmmakers of the movie *Zero Dark Thirty*.
3. ~~(U)~~ **Burden of Proof:** The defense as moving party bears the burden of proof.
4. ~~(U)~~ **Facts:**
 - a. ~~(U)~~ On 1 May 2011, U.S. forces killed Osama bin Laden in Abbottabad, Pakistan.
 - b. ~~(U)~~ In early May 2011, filmmakers Kathryn Bigelow, Mark Boal, and their associates contacted officials at the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Department of Defense (DOD) regarding their cooperation in a film about the killing of Osama bin Laden.¹
 - c. ~~(U)~~ Mr. Boal, sometimes accompanied by Ms. Bigelow, met with officials at the CIA and DOD on numerous occasions in May through July 2011.²
 - d. ~~(U)~~ During the period 15 through 19 July 2011 in particular, Mr. Boal and Ms. Bigelow met with several CIA officials with information relevant to the *Zero Dark Thirty* script.³

¹ ~~(U)~~ Att. B (CIA and DOD FOIA production, arranged chronologically) at ZDT-000002 through -07.

² ~~(U)~~ *Id.* at ZDT-000009 through -227.

³ ~~(U)~~ *Id.* at ZDT-000228 through -284, -301 through -356.

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These officials provided the filmmakers with their true first names.⁴ Emails sent around the time of the meetings provide additional information about the CIA officials who met with the filmmakers, including full names and pseudonyms.⁵

e. ~~(U)~~ On 9 August 2011, non-governmental organization Judicial Watch sent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to the CIA and DOD for information about communications between those agencies and Hollywood filmmakers Kathryn Bigelow, Mark Boal, and their associates.⁶

f. ~~(U)~~ In five conference calls between 26 October and 5 December 2011, Mr. Boal discussed the screenplay of the movie which became *Zero Dark Thirty* with the CIA. "From an Agency perspective, the purpose for these discussions was for OPA officers to help promote an appropriate portrayal of the agency and the Bin Laden operation."⁷ The CIA memorialized these calls in a draft memorandum.⁸

g. ~~(U)~~ On 12 January 2012, Judicial Watch filed a FOIA lawsuit against DOD and CIA for wrongfully withholding the records it sought.⁹

h. ~~(U)~~ On 18 May 2012, CIA produced 67 documents and withheld 27 responsive documents.¹⁰

i. ~~(U)~~ On 24 August 2012, after discovering a stack of overlooked records, the CIA produced 53 additional documents and withheld one document in full.¹¹

⁴ ~~(U)~~ Att. C (Declaration of Martha Lutz) at 6-8.

⁵ ~~(U)~~ *Id.*

⁶ ~~(U)~~ *Id.* at 3.

⁷ ~~(U)~~ Att. D (undated CIA draft memorandum) at 1.

⁸ ~~(U)~~ *Id.*

⁹ ~~(U)~~ Att. C at 4.

¹⁰ ~~(U)~~ *Id.*

¹¹ ~~(U)~~ *Id.*

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j. ~~(U)~~ On 14 September 2012, the CIA produced updated versions of four of these documents, disclosing a limited amount of previously-withheld information.¹²

k. ~~(U)~~ On 12 March 2013, in request DR-030-AAA, Mr. al Baluchi requested the prosecution to produce unredacted records of all communications involving the government and the filmmakers of the movie *Zero Dark Thirty*.¹³

l. ~~(U)~~ On 22 April 2013, the CIA declassified a draft memorandum which revealed that the detainee depicted in *Zero Dark Thirty* "is modeled after Ammar al-Baluchi."¹⁴

m. ~~(U)~~ On 23 April 2013, the prosecution denied Mr. al Baluchi's request on the basis that the request was overbroad and not material to the preparation of the defense.¹⁵

n. ~~(U)~~ On 14 June 2013, the prosecution stated that its "anticipated discovery is nearly complete."¹⁶ The prosecution has not produced any discovery relating to the treatment of Mr. al Baluchi prior to September 2006.

5. ~~(U)~~ Overview:

~~(U)~~ The United States has provided more information to the filmmakers of *Zero Dark Thirty* about Mr. al Baluchi's treatment in CIA custody than it has to his defense counsel. More than four months after counsel for Mr. al Baluchi signed the MOU, the prosecution has provided no information about Mr. al Baluchi's rendition, detention, and interrogation. Documents released under FOIA, however, demonstrate that the United States provided substantial information to filmmakers, including a meeting with and information about relevant CIA

¹² ~~(U)~~ *Id.*

¹³ ~~(U)~~ Att. E (DR-030-AAA).

¹⁴ ~~(U)~~ Att. D at 1.

¹⁵ ~~(U)~~ Att. F.

¹⁶ ~~(U)~~ AE175 Government Motion for a Trial Scheduling Order and Notice of Status of Discovery at 1.

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officials. The military commission should compel the prosecution to produce the same information to the defense, as well as information and documents withheld under FOIA.

6. ~~(U)~~ Argument:

~~(U)~~ **The military commission should compel the prosecution to produce information about government cooperation with the filmmakers of *Zero Dark Thirty*, which is likely to include information regarding treatment of Mr. al Baluchi prior to September 2006.**

~~(U)~~ Although the United States has revealed no information about the treatment of detainees prior to September 2006 to the defense, it has apparently revealed such information to the filmmakers of *Zero Dark Thirty*. The military commission should compel the prosecution to produce information relating to communications between the government and these filmmakers, including the information it has withheld from the public under FOIA.

~~(U)~~ As *Time* magazine describes it, *Zero Dark Thirty* portrays “a black site, where Maya ([Jessica] Chastain) observes her colleague Dan (Jason Clarke) as he tortures a detainee, Ammar (Reda Kateb). The first 25 or so minutes of the film are largely taken up with torture: Ammar is strung up, beaten, waterboarded and kept awake for 96 hours straight.”¹⁷

~~(U)~~ “*Zero Dark Thirty* credits its story to ‘firsthand accounts of actual events,’ drawing on Boal’s original reporting and meetings with CIA officials; its composite characters are based on real people, living and dead.”¹⁸ This claim is legitimate: The United States has released documents under FOIA demonstrating that CIA provided the *Zero Dark Thirty* filmmakers access to the CIA officials involved in the events portrayed in the film. After one meeting, Mr.

¹⁷ ~~(U)~~ Jessica Winter, *Art of Darkness*, *Time* (Feb. 4, 2013) at 29. The interrogation scenes may be viewed on Att. H.

¹⁸ ~~(U)~~ Winter, *Art of Darkness*, at 29.

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Boal described two of the CIA officials he met with as “a screenwriter’s dream in terms of compelling characters.”¹⁹

~~(U)~~ The detainee depicted in *Zero Dark Thirty* is clearly based in large part on Ammar al Baluchi. “Dan” the interrogator and other characters repeatedly describe “Ammar” as Mr. Mohammad’s nephew.²⁰ “Dan” references details of the arrest of “Ammar.”²¹ And “Dan” describes the role of “Ammar” as a financial facilitator in the 9/11 attacks.²² These similarities did not go unnoticed after the film’s debut. In February 2013, former FBI Special Agent Ali Soufan wrote in the *New York Times* that, “Ammar is a composite character who bears a strong resemblance to a real-life terrorist, Ammar al-Baluchi.”²³

~~(U)~~ One day before the government refused Mr. al Baluchi’s discovery request as “not material to the preparation of the defense,”²⁴ the CIA declassified a draft memorandum describing conference calls between Mr. Boal and the CIA.²⁵ The memorandum describes

¹⁹ ~~(U)~~ Att. B at ZDT-000099

²³ ~~(U)~~ Ali H. Soufan, *Torture, Lies and Hollywood*, *New York Times*, Feb. 22, 2003, available at www.nytimes.com/2013/02/24/opinion/sunday/torture-lies-and-hollywood.html?_r=0 (last viewed July 22, 2013).

²⁴ ~~(U)~~ Att. F at 1.

²⁵ ~~(U)~~ Att. E.

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“several interrogation scenes the first of which is an interrogation of a character who is modeled after Ammar al-Baluchi.”²⁶

~~(U)~~ The requested discovery reveals information about at least four CIA officers who met with the filmmakers.²⁷ The CIA clearly revealed the names of these CIA officers to the filmmakers, as it “advised Boal to be mindful of characters names that were very similar to the names of real life officers.”²⁸ The interrogator character was originally named “Ted,” but the filmmakers changed it to “Dan.”²⁹ The CIA withheld the true names and pseudonyms of CIA officers from the responsive documents as exempt from FOIA,³⁰ a consideration not dispositive here. There is reason to believe the CIA revealed other relevant information to the filmmakers as well.³¹

~~(U)~~ In multiple pleadings, Mr. al Baluchi has briefed the critical importance of information about his incarceration prior to September 2006.³² Discovery regarding the government’s cooperation in the creation of *Zero Dark Thirty* is likely to provide such information, and the military commission should compel the prosecution to produce it.

7. **Request for Oral Argument:** The defense requests oral argument.

8. **Witnesses:**

Mark Boal

George Little

²⁶ ~~(U)~~ *Id.* at 1.

²⁷ ~~(U)~~ Att. C at 6-8.

²⁸ ~~(U)~~ Att. D at 1.

²⁹ ~~(U)~~ *Compare id.* (“Ted”) with Att. G (“Daniel”).

³⁰ ~~(U)~~ Att. C at 8-14.

³¹ ~~(U)~~ *See* Att. I, additional classified argument incorporated herein by reference.

³² ~~(U)~~ *See, e.g.,* AE112 Motion to Compel Discovery Related to White House and DOJ Consideration of the CIA Rendition, Detention and Interrogation Program; AE073F Defense *Ex Parte* Response to AE073C Order. Mr. al Baluchi incorporates these arguments and their authorities herein by reference.

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9. **Certificate of Conference:** The position of the prosecution is stated in Att. F.

10. **(U) Attachments:**

- A. (U) Certificate of Service;
- B. (U) CIA & DOD FOIA production, arranged chronologically;
- C. (U) Declaration of Martha Lutz;
- D. (U) CIA draft memorandum;
- E. (U) Discovery Request (DR-030-AAA);
- F. (U) Prosecution Response, dated 23 Apr 13;

I. (U) Classified addendum (filed under seal).

(U) Very respectfully,

//s//
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Learned Counsel

Counsel for Mr. al Baluchi

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Lt Col, USAF
Defense Counsel

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Attachment A

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I certify that on the 31st day of July, 2013, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court and served the foregoing on all counsel of record by email.

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JAMES G. CONNELL, III

Learned Counsel

Attachment B

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Subject: Call from Mark Boal

To:

From:

Date: 04/21/2011 05:40 PM

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From:

To:

Please respond to:

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Mark Boal, the screenwriter from The Hurt Locker, called for you. Said he had dinner with DCIA about a year ago and DCIA said to let you know if Boal was ever going to Afghanistan. He's going in about a week and is calling in as DCIA asked. []

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Fisher, Stephen CIV WHS/ESD

From: markboal [mark@b] (6)
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 4:24 PM
To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Cc: Michael Feldman; Kathryn Bigelow
Subject: Bin Laden Movie

Geoff,

As you may know, Kathryn Bigelow and I are focusing on a movie about the hunting and killing of UBL.

We're coming to D.C. in mid-May...and we'd would love to buy you a drink or dinner.

Mark

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Bryant, Mario CTR WHS/ESD/FOID

From: markboal [mailto:markboal@ (b) (6)]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 4:30 PM
To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Cc: Michael Feldman; Kathryn Bigelow; Napier, Tara N MS OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Great!...looking forward to catching up.

Last, would you direct me to the SOCOM PAO to talk to about this?

On May 2, 2011, at 1:25 PM, Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA wrote:

> I should have known!
> Sure, Tara can set up a date/time.
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: markboal [mailto:markboal@ (b) (6)]
> Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 4:24 PM
> To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
> Cc: Michael Feldman; Kathryn Bigelow
> Subject: Bin Laden Movie
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> Geoff,
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> As you may know, Kathryn Bigelow and I are focusing on a movie about
> the hunting and killing of UBL.
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> We're coming to D.C. in mid-May...and we'd would love to buy you a
> drink or dinner.
>
>
> Mark

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DATE Tuesday, May 10, 2011

TO George Little c/o []

FAX # []

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MESSAGE: Letter from Filmmakers Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow

Dear []

Attached please find a letter from writer/producer Mark Boal and director/producer Kathryn Bigelow that was emailed to George Little this afternoon. Can you confirm receipt of this letter? If so, I am reachable via phone at [] or via email at []

Thanks,

[]
Jonathan Leven
Assistant to Mark Boal

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VIA EMAIL

May 10, 2011

Mr. George Little
Central Intelligence Agency
Office of Public Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Little,

Please consider this brief note an introduction and a request for information.

As you may know, as a follow up to our film *The Hurt Locker*, Kathryn Bigelow and I are making a feature film about the extraordinary effort to capture or kill Osama Bin Laden. Given the historical nature of the subject matter, we intend to make accuracy and authenticity hallmarks of the production, for we believe that this is one of those rare instances where truth really is more interesting than fiction.

At this point, we have discussed the film with DCIA and Jeremy Bash, and we hope that now is an appropriate time to engage with your office and discuss the parameters of our research. If you agree, we would very much appreciate your guidance, and look forward to talking at your convenience about the appropriate next steps.

I can be reached by phone at [] or [] or via email at mark@ []

Sincerely,

[]
Mark Boal

[]
Kathryn Bigelow

EASY STREET PRODUCTIONS - 9260 NIGHTINGALE DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90029

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 8:17 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Sigelow
Attachments: GL Letter.pdf; ATT00001..txt

What about giving these kinds of requests to [REDACTED] to manage?

-----Original Message-----

From: Jonathan Leven [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 5:58 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: mb User
Subject: Letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Sigelow

Dear George,

Attached please find a letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Sigelow.

If you could confirm receiving the attachment, it would be much appreciated. Should you have any difficulty opening the attached .pdf file, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone @ [REDACTED]

Best Regards,

Jonathan Leven
Assistant to Mark Boal

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From: mark
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 11:58 AM
To: GEORGE Jonathan Leven
Subject: Re: Letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow

Done

-----Original Message-----

From: George
To: Jonathan Leven
Subject: RE: Letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow
Sent: May 11, 2011 8:23 AM

Mark,

Great! Are you free at 3pm ET?

George

-----Original Message-----

From: mark
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2011 11:15 AM
To: GEORGE Jonathan Leven
Subject: Re: Letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow

Thanks, George. Be great to get on the phone....Today is actually pretty open. If that works let me know when and we can call in.

-----Original Message-----

From: George
To: Jonathan Leven
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow
Sent: May 11, 2011 7:05 AM

Jonathan, many thanks for your note and the letter. Would Mark and Kathryn be interested in talking by phone in the near future?

George

-----Original Message-----

From: Jonathan Leven
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 5:58 PM
To: GEORGE
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Letter from Mark Boal & Kathryn Bigelow

Dear George,

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If you could confirm receiving the attachment, it would be much appreciated. Should you have any difficulty opening the attached .pdf file, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone @

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Best Regards,

Jonathan Leven
Assistant to Mark Boal

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[REDACTED]

From: GEORGE [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 10:17 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Will do.

----- Original Message -----
From: JBB [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 10:02 PM
To: GEORGE [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Yes, and loop in Feldman. Maybe Thursday?

-----Original Message-----
From: George Little
To: Jeremy Bash
Subject: Fw: bin laden movie
Sent: May 17, 2011 8:03 PM

Do you want to get together with him while he's in town?

----- Original Message -----
From: markhoal [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 07:44 PM
To: GEORGE [REDACTED]
Cc: JBB [REDACTED]; Kathryn Sigelow [REDACTED]; Jonathan Leven [REDACTED]; Michael Feldman [REDACTED]
Subject: bin laden movie

George,

Thanks for the briefing just now.

I'll be in D.C. May 18-20

Mark

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From: Mark Boal
 Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 10:29 PM
 To:
 Cc: GEORGE; Michael Feldman
 Subject: Re: bin laden movie

may 20, 4:30 ?

Fyi Michael is out of town May 19

I'm free Thursday morning and early afternoon

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2011, at 7:22 PM, "JBB" wrote:

> Can we do 430 pm?
 >
 > -----Original Message-----
 > From: George Little
 > To:
 > Cc: Jeremy Bash
 > Cc:
 > Cc:
 > Cc: Michael Feldman
 > Cc:
 > Subject: Re: Bin Laden movie
 > Sent: May 17, 2011 10:19 PM
 >
 > Mark --
 >
 > Happy to help.
 >
 > Can you swing by on Thurs to meet with Jeremy and me? What times are open on your calendar?
 >
 > And Michael, can you join us, too?
 >
 > Thanks,
 > George
 >
 >

> ----- Original Message -----
 > From: markboal
 > Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 07:44 PM
 > To: GEORGE
 > Cc: JBB; Kathryn Bigelow; Jonathan Leven
 > Michael Feldman
 > Subject: bin laden movie
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 > George,
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 > Thanks for the briefing just now.
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> I'll be in D.C. May 18-20

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> Mark

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From: Michael Feldman
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 11:56 PM
To: GEORGE
Cc:
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Thanks, George. It's very kind of you guys to make time. I'm out of town until late Thursday night, but I don't want to hold things up. I can get caught-up if the meeting takes place before I return.

----- Original Message -----

From: George
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 10:19 PM
To:
Cc:
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Mark --

Happy to help.

Can you swing by on Thurs to meet with Jeremy and me? What times are open on your calendar?

And Michael, can you join us, too?

Thanks,
George

----- Original Message -----

From: markboal
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 07:44 PM
To: GEORGE
Cc: JBB; Kathryn Bigelow; Jonathan Leven
Michael Feldman
Subject: bin laden movie

George,

Thanks for the briefing just now.

I'll be in D.C. May 18-20

Mark

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From: George E. Little
Director of Public Affairs
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Re: OPA Mtg w/Mark Boal

To:

Cc:

Date: 05/18/2011 09:46 AM

Still confirming a time. Thanks.

05/18/2011 09:28:59 AM



DCIA

To: George E. Little/STF/AGENCY@WMA

cc:

Subject: OPA Mtg w/Mark Boal

05/18/2011 09:28 AM

Good morning. Jeremy mentioned that he will be joining your mtg w/Mark Boal on Fri, 20 May. Can you please tell me what time and where this mtg will be?

Thx.

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From: [redacted]
 Date: 05/18/2011 10:36 AM
 Subject: [redacted] FW: bin laden movie
 To: [redacted]
 Please respond to [redacted]

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Your preference? Breakfast somewhere outside the bldg or meeting here?

-----Original Message-----

From: mark [redacted] [mailto:mark [redacted]]
 Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 10:17 AM
 To: Jeremy [redacted]
 Cc: [redacted] Jonathan Leven; Michael Feldman; [redacted]
 Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Yes, great. Breakfast, anything. Let me know what works for you.
 Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

-----Original Message-----

From: "JBB" [redacted]
 Date: Wed, 18 May 2011 10:29:14
 To: Mark Boal [redacted]
 Reply-To: [redacted]
 Cc: George Little [redacted]
 [redacted] Michael
 Feldman [redacted]
 Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Ok, can we shift to Friday am, then?

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Boal
 To: Jeremy Bash
 Cc: George Little
 Cc: [redacted]
 Cc: Michael Feldman
 Cc: [redacted]
 Subject: Re: bin laden movie
 Sent: May 17, 2011 11:08 PM

I'm doing a fundraiser for wounded military veterans 4pm -9 pm on Thursday,
 otherwise free on Thursday and totally free Friday. Hope we can find a time

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someshow

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2011, at 7:22 PM, "JBB" [REDACTED] wrote:

> Can we do 430 pm?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: George Little

> To: mark [REDACTED]

> Cc: Jeremy Bash

> Co: [REDACTED]

> Co: [REDACTED]

> Co: Michael Feldman

> Co: [REDACTED]

> Subject: Re: bin laden movie

> Sent: May 17, 2011 10:19 PM

>

> Mark --

> Happy to help.

> Can you swing by on Thurs to meet with [REDACTED] and me? What times are open on your calendar?

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> And Michael, can you join us, too?

>

> Thanks,

> George

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: markboal [REDACTED]

> Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 07:44 PM

> To: [REDACTED]

> Cc: JBB [REDACTED] Kathryn Bigelow [REDACTED] Jonathan Leven [REDACTED] Michael Feldman [REDACTED]

> Subject: bin laden movie

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> George,

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> Thanks for the briefing just now.

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> I'll be in D.C. May 18-20

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> Mark

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From: JEREMY
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 11:22 AM
To: GEORGE
Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Let's bring them here.

Shall I get the DI conference room, which is sort of nice? How about 9:30 am?

-----Original Message-----

From: GEORGE
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 10:36 AM
To: JEREMY
Subject: FW: bin laden movie

Your preference? Breakfast somewhere outside the bldg or meeting here?

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 10:17 AM
To:
Cc: GEORGE; Jonathan Leven; Michael Feldman;
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Yes, great. Breakfast, anything. Let me know what works for you.
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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From: "JBB"
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To: Mark Boal
Reply-To:
Cc: George Little; Michael Feldman
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Ok, can we shift to Friday am, then?

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Boal
To: Jeremy Bash
Cc: George Little
Cc:
Cc: Michael Feldman
Cc:
Subject: Re: bin laden movie
Sent: May 17, 2011 11:08 PM

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I'm doing a fundraiser for wounded military veterans 4pm -9 pm on Thursday, otherwise free on Thursday and totally free Friday. Hope we can find a time somehow

Sent from my iPhone

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> From: George Little

> To:

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> Subject: Re: bin Laden movie

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> George

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> Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 07:44 PM

> To: GEORGE [REDACTED]

> Cc: JBB [REDACTED] Kathryn Bigelow [REDACTED] Jonathan Leven

> Michael Feldman [REDACTED]

> Subject: Bin Laden movie

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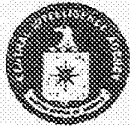
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~~UNCLASSIFIED//FOR~~From: Jeremy B. Bash
Chief of Staff

Subject: Friday at 9:30 am

To: George E. Little

Date: 05/18/2011 11:24 AM

George Little and I are hosting Mark Boal and Michael Feldman here at HQ at 930 am on Friday.

OPA will take charge of clearing folks in.

Can I use the DI conference room [] and can we get coffee?

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From: George E. Little
Director of Public Affairs
Office of Public Affairs

Date: 05/18/2011 11:42 AM

Subject: Re: Friday at 9:30 am

To:

Cc:

Jennifer N. Youngblood

We'll pay for the coffee.

I need to confirm that Boal and Feldman are available. I'll let you know as soon as I hear from them.

Boal is a Hollywood screenwriter who is working on a UBL movie. Michael Feldman is with the Glover Park Group.

George



DCIA

05/18/2011 11:35 AM

To: George E. Little/STF/AGENCY@WMA

cc:

Subject: Re: Friday at 9:30 am

05/18/2011 11:35:52 AM

George: Will OPA request the coffee service AND pay for it?

I've confirmed the DI Conference room for Friday, 20 May, 9:30am - 11:30am.

Who are Boal and Feldman?

Thx.

Jeremy B. Bash

Jeremy B. Bash/STF/AGENCY

05/18/2011 11:24:40 AM



Jeremy B.
Bash/STF/AGENCY
Chief of Staff

05/18/2011 11:24 AM

To: George E. Little/STF/AGENCY@WMA

cc:

Subject: Friday at 9:30 am

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From: GEORGE
 Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 1:19 PM
 To:
 Subject: FW: bin laden movie

I know... this is Friday...

Can you work the accesses?

Thanks,
 George

-----Original Message-----

From: mark
 Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 1:11 PM
 To: GEORGE
 Cc: Jonathan Leven; Michael Feldman;
 Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Yes, perfect

-----Original Message-----

From: george
 To:
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 Cc:
 Cc: Jonathan Leven
 Cc: Michael Feldman
 Cc:
 Subject: RE: bin laden movie
 Sent: May 18, 2011 10:10 AM

Could we do 9:30am on Friday at CIA HQ?

Thanks,
 George

-----Original Message-----

From: mark
 Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 10:17 AM
 To:
 Cc: GEORGE; Jonathan Leven; Michael Feldman;
 Subject: Re: bin laden movie

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 Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

-----Original Message-----

From: "JBB"
 Date: Wed, 18 May 2011 10:29:14
 To: Mark Soal
 Reply-To:
 Cc: George Little

Michael Feldman

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Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Ok, can we shift to Friday am, then?

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Boal

To: Jeremy Bash

Cc: George Little

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Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Sent: May 17, 2011 11:08 PM

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> To: [REDACTED]

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: markboal

> Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 07:44 PM

> To: GEORGE

> Cc: JBB

Kathryn Bigelow

Jonathan Leven

Michael Feldman

> Subject: bin laden movie

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> Mark
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Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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From: GEORGE
 Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 2:12 PM
 To:
 Subject: FW: bin laden movie

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Feldman
 Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 2:12 PM
 To: GEORGE
 Cc: Jenny Nimmo
 Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Michael Beryl Feldman

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 SS#

Copying Jenny in case you need anything else. Thanks so much for having us over.

----- Original Message -----

From: george
 Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 02:09 PM
 To: Michael Feldman;
 Cc:
 Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Just need your SSN.

George

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Feldman
 Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 2:08 PM
 To: GEORGE
 Cc: Jenny Nimmo
 Subject: Re: bin laden movie

I'm copying Jenny from my team in case I am in the air tomorrow and you need anything from us
 Looking forward, Mike

----- Original Message -----

From: george
 Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 01:56 PM
 To: Michael Feldman;
 Cc:
 Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Great, thanks. My colleague, [redacted] will be in touch tomorrow to get some
 information from you that's required for access to our headquarters.

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Looking forward to it!

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Feldman
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 1:45 PM
To: GEORGE
Cc:
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

That's great. We'll plan on it.

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 01:10 PM
To:
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Subject: Re: bin laden movie

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Thanks,
George

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To:
Cc: GEORGE; Jonathan Leven; Michael Feldman;
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From: GEORGE [REDACTED]
 Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 2:27 PM
 To: [REDACTED]
 Subject: FW: bin laden movie

-----Original Message-----

From: mark [REDACTED]
 Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 2:25 PM
 To: GEORGE [REDACTED]
 Cc: Jonathan Leven
 Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Mark Boal [REDACTED]
 SSN [REDACTED]
 Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

-----Original Message-----

From: <george [REDACTED]>
 Date: Wed, 18 May 2011 14:09:37
 To: [REDACTED]
 Cc: [REDACTED]
 Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Just need your SSN.

George

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Feldman [REDACTED]
 Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 2:08 PM
 To: GEORGE [REDACTED]
 Cc: [REDACTED] Jenny Nimmo
 Subject: Re: bin laden movie

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 Looking forward, Mike

----- Original Message -----

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 To: Michael Feldman; [REDACTED]
 Cc: [REDACTED]
 Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Great, thanks. My colleague, [REDACTED] will be in touch tomorrow to get some information from you that's required for access to our headquarters.

Looking forward to it!

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 Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 1:45 PM
 To: GEORGE
 Cc:
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 Cc: George Little
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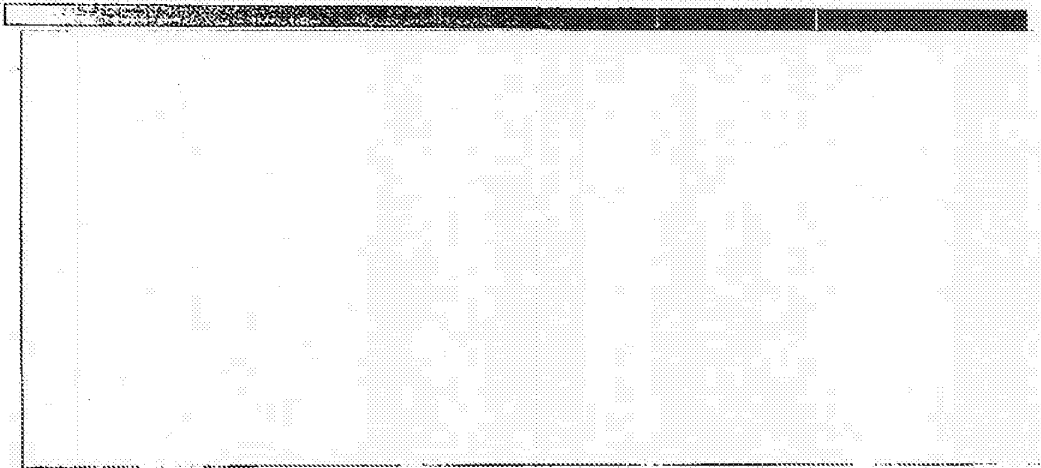
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Approved

05/15/2011

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Director's Executive Support Staff

FROM: Jennifer N. Youngblood
DD/OPA, MediaSUBJECT: ~~(S)~~ Request to Incur Expenses under [redacted]

1. ~~(S)~~ Approval is requested to incur expenses allowed under [redacted] for an official meeting to be held at DI conference room [redacted] for 4 persons on 05/20/2011. The DD/OPA will host Hollywood screenwriters for an upcoming movie project. We will provide coffee and water for this event.

Host: George E. Little, DD/OPA

Agency Guest List:
Jeremy Bash, Chief of StaffNon-Agency Guest List:
Mark Boal, Hollywood screenwriter
Michael Feldman, Glover Park group

2. ~~(S)~~ I certify that the attendance of the individuals listed above for this function will facilitate the accomplishment of the duties and responsibilities of the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

3. ~~(S)~~ The estimated cost for this event will be [redacted]

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Jennifer N. Youngblood
Name

APPROVED:

Chief, Director's Executive Support Staff

05/19/2011
Date

Certification for availability of funds

Budget and Finance

05/19/2011
Date

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 4:46 PM
To: Jenny Nimmo
Cc: GEORGE [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Hi Jenny,

Great, thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Jenny Nimmo
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 3:55 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: GEORGE [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Hi [REDACTED]

Below is the new driver's information:

Driver - Shoukat Ali Virk

[REDACTED]

Please let me know if you need any further information. The driver will have both Mike Feldman and Mark Boal with him. Thank you!

Jenny

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 02:39 PM
To: Jenny Nimmo
Cc: george [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Hi Jenny,

You're welcome. They will need about 10-15 minutes to get through security. Can you confirm that the driver is a U.S. citizen? For tomorrow, it would be best for the driver to stay here at Headquarters until the meeting is over. If the driver needs directions to get here, please feel free to give him my phone number. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jenny Nimmo
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 2:32 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: GEORGE [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: bin laden movie

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you so much for your help! I have arranged a car and a driver for tomorrow. How long do you think they will need to get through security and are there any further directions I should pass along? I'm just trying to determine the appropriate pick-up times. I can have the driver get in touch with you if that's easier. Below is the driver and vehicle information:

Driver - Sidi Mohamed Zouazi

Please let me know if you need anything else and feel free to contact me if you have any questions: [REDACTED] Many thanks for your help coordinating this!

Jenny

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 1:58 PM
 To: Jenny Nimmo
 Cc: george
 Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Hi Jenny,

Yes, I will need the driver's name and ssn for tomorrow morning. Having a driver bring them would work best for us. Please let the driver know that he will have to park in general parking. After you get the driver's contact information, you can have him/her call me for further guidance. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jenny Nimmo [REDACTED]
 Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2011 1:51 PM
 To: [REDACTED]
 Subject: RE: bin laden movie

Hi [REDACTED]

I just wanted to touch base about the meeting tomorrow at 9:30am. Mike Feldman and Mark Boal were planning to arrive together. I was going to arrange a car to take them there tomorrow morning - I know last time we needed to send the car/driver info in advance. Is this something I should coordinate with you? Please let me know how I can help or what information you need from us!

Many thanks,

Jenny

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Feldman
 Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 2:08 PM
 To: 'george' [REDACTED]

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C05877102

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Cc: [REDACTED] Jenny Nimmo
 Subject: Re: bin laden movie

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 Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 10:17 AM
 To: [REDACTED]
 Cc: GEORGE [REDACTED] Jonathan Leven; Michael Feldman; [REDACTED]
 Subject: Re: bin laden movie

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-----Original Message-----

From: "JBB"
 Date: Wed, 18 May 2011 10:29:14
 To: Mark Boal

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Reply-To: [redacted]
 Cc: George Little [redacted] Michael Feldman [redacted]
 Subject: Re: bin laden movie

Ok, can we shift to Friday am, then?

-----Original Message-----

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 To: Jeremy Bash
 Cc: George Little
 Cc: [redacted]
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 Subject: Re: bin laden movie
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 > To: [redacted]
 > Cc: Jeremy Bash
 > Cc: [redacted]
 > Cc: Michael Feldman
 > Cc: [redacted]
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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: markboal
 > Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 07:44 PM

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> To: GEORGE]
> Cc: JBB [Kathryn Bigelow [] Jonathan Leven
[Michael Feldman []
> Subject: bin laden movie
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> George,
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> I'll be in D.C. May 18-20
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> Mark
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Visitor Request Summary Status: Complete													
Visit Details Date(s) of visit: 05/20/2011 Buildings to visit: Headquarters Parking Required: General Parking Purpose of visit: Meeting with D/OPA George Little and Chief of Staff Jeremy Szabo													
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From: GEORGE
 Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2011 2:47 PM
 To: MARIE
 Subject: FW: Bin laden movie

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Boal
 Sent: Monday, May 30, 2011 12:23 PM
 To: GEORGE
 Subject: Re: Bin laden movie

Hi George,

Thanks for facilitating this...am just following up to see if you were able to get a sense if anyone in the building will be available any time June 2-6.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 23, 2011, at 9:26 PM, <GEORGE> wrote:

> Mark, it was great to meet you on Friday. We look forward to future discussions. I'll be in touch later this week after touching base with some key folks at the office.

>
 > Take care,
 > George

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: markboal
 > Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 07:15 PM
 > To: GEORGE; JDB; Michael Feldman
 >
 > Cc: Jonathan Leven
 > Subject: Bin laden movie

> Dear Jeremy and George,

>
 > It was a pleasure seeing you both last Friday, and it was very generous of you to take the time out of a busy day. Thank you.

>
 > As a follow up, if I may, I'd like to give you a sense of my travel schedule and let you know that I'll be in the D.C. on June 2-7, and so if that's a convenient time period to set any meetings, that would be great. If another time is better, I can adjust accordingly.

> Thanks again for engaging on this.

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 > Mark
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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Meeting with Mark Boal
To:
Cc: George E. Little

Date: 06/01/2011 05:53 PM

All,

Thank you very much for agreeing to chat with movie producer and screenwriter Mark Boal, who is making a movie about UBL. As you may know, Mark won two Academy Awards for "The Hurt Locker," which focused on an Army bomb diffusion team in Iraq. Mark is a serious filmmaker who's looking to do an accurate portrayal (at least as far as Hollywood goes) of UBL and the operation. He's been working on this movie for some time.

Mark is in DC through next Tuesday and would love to sit down and chat with you guys -- and anyone else on your team you think should be there -- to give him some context for your office and your work. This discussion won't be for attribution in any way.

Does sometime on Monday work for you? If not, let me know what does work, and I can set it up.

And thank you in advance for your willingness to chat with him.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 7:36 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Mark Boal

Ok will do

----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 07:35 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Mark Boal

If you get a response from the UBL team about when works best to meet with Mark, let me know and I can circle back with him.

Thanks!
Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson
[redacted]

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From:

Subject: Re: Reminder: Mark Boal is leaving Monday the 6th at 6pm if you still want to try to accommodate him ... Pls let me know how I can help (nt)

To: George E. Little

Date: 06/02/2011 02:51 PM

This message is digitally signed

Ok, thanks.

George E. Little Thanks - Marie is working the arrangements at t...

06/02/2011 02:50:14 PM

From: George E. Little/STF/AGENCY

To:

Date: 06/02/2011 02:50 PM

Subject: Re: Reminder: Mark Boal is leaving Monday the 6th at 6pm if you still want to try to accommodate him ... Pls let me know how I can help (nt)

Thanks - Marie is working the arrangements at this point.

06/02/2011 02:20:51 PM

From:

George E. Little/STF/AGENCY@WMA

To:

Date: 06/02/2011 02:20 PM

Subject: Reminder: Mark Boal is leaving Monday the 6th at 6pm if you still want to try to accommodate him ... Pls let me know how I can help (nt)

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[redacted]
From: GEORGE [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 3:01 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: catherine

Nope.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 2:57 PM
To: GEORGE [redacted]
Subject: Re: catherine

Yep, got it. Me too.

Any word from CTC on Boel visit?

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

[redacted]

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From: GEORGE
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 9:12 PM
To:
Subject: Re: Updates from tonight

Many thanks!

----- Original Message -----

From:
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 08:56 PM
To: GEORGE
Subject: Updates from tonight

I just got an email from Mark Boal about Monday - I'll get the CTC folks pinned down on timing, but I think we're all good. I'll make sure all the details are arranged tomorrow.

Tony Cappaccio cornered me to ask about Jeremy, you, etc. Was fishing about DoD :)

See you in the AM!
Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

[Redacted]

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[redacted]
From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 8:40 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Mark Boal

No problem. Glad to see that it's working out for the visit.

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2011 8:55 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Mark Boal

Hi [redacted]

Thanks for emailing Mark today about his visit on Monday. He and I were just at a social event together and discussed the details of his visit to HQs. Hopefully I can get the CTC folks pinned down tomorrow on timing.

Thanks again for reaching out to Mark while I was out today.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson
[redacted]

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(b)(3)~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Re: Meeting with Mark Boal

To:

Cc:

George E. Little

Date: 06/03/2011 08:10 AM

Yep, that's perfect!

Thanks so much.

Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Hello Marie - I've scheduled Mr. Mark Boal to visit with [redacted] 06/03/2011 09:02:55 AM

From:

To:

Cc:

Marie E. Harf

George E. Little

Date:

Subject:

06/03/2011 09:02 AM

Meeting with Mark Boal

Hello, Marie I've scheduled Mr. Mark Boal to visit with [redacted]
on Monday, 6/6 at 1pm. Hope this time works for Mr. Boal's schedule. We are located in [redacted]
Many thanks.

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(b)(6)~~UNCLASSIFIED~~

From: [redacted] Subject: RE: Bin Laden movie
 Date: 05/31/2011 01:32 PM To: [redacted]
 Cc: [redacted]
 Please respond to: [redacted]

CLASSIFICATION: ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~

Hi George -- we can discuss this at today's mgr's meeting.

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]
 Sent: Monday, May 30, 2011 12:24 PM
 To: [redacted]
 Cc: [redacted]
 Subject: Fw: Bin Laden movie

[redacted] -let's discuss tomorrow. Thanks!

George

----- Original Message -----

From: Mark Boal [redacted]
 Sent: Monday, May 30, 2011 12:23 PM
 To: [redacted]
 Subject: Re: Bin Laden movie

Hi George,
 Thanks for facilitating this...am just following up to see if you were able to get a sense if anyone in the building will be available any time June 2-6.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 23, 2011, at 9:20 PM, [redacted] wrote:

> Mark, it was great to meet you on Friday. We look forward to future discussions. I'll be in touch later this week after touching base with some key folks at the office.

>
 > Take care,
 > George

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: markboal [redacted]
 > Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 07:15 PM

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> To: [redacted] Michael Feldman
> Cc: Jonathan Leven
> Subject: Bin Laden movie
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> Dear Jeremy and George,
>
> It was a pleasure seeing you both last Friday, and it was very
> generous of you to take the time out of a busy day. Thank you.
>
> As a follow up, if I may, I'd like to give you a sense of my travel
> schedule and let you know that I'll be in the D.C. on June 2-7, and so
> if that's a convenient time period to set any meetings, that would be
> great. If another time is better, I can adjust accordingly.
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> Thanks again for engaging on this.
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> Mark
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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Monday meeting with Mark Boal

To:

Cc:

Georgis E. Little, Jennifer N. Youngblood,

Date: 06/03/2011 01:47 PM

We're all set for Monday's visit by screenwriter Mark Boal. His clearance info is below. I'll have his driver's info by the end of the day today.

Mark will be arriving around noon, when [redacted] has another event on Monday at the same time) will do a tour of the lobby, Afghan exhibit, and other GWOT-related stuff. Then, at 1pm, he'll meet with the UBL team in CTC.

Thanks!

Marie

Mark Boal: [redacted]

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson

From: Sarah Zukowski
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 4:51 PM
To:
Subject: Driver Information for Mark Boal's Meeting on Mon, 6/6, 12pm

Hi Marie,

Apologies for the delay in getting you this information; the car service took longer than expected to send me the driver's necessary details. Here is the information of the person bringing Mark Boal to the Agency on Monday at noon:

Driver Name: Shoukat Ali Virk

Please let me know if I can provide you with anything else. Thanks so much and have a great weekend.

Best,
Sarah



Sarah Zukowski, Assistant
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202.337.0808 • 202.337.9157 fax
www.gloverparkgroup.com

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Fwd: Driver information for Mark Boal's Meeting on
Mon, 6/5, 12pm - [Link to Attachment (a)]

To: [Redacted]

Date: 06/03/2011 04:53 PM

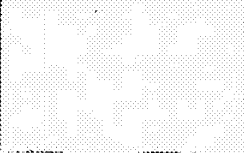
See info below for Mark Boal's driver for Monday.

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

Hi Marie,

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Driver Name: Shoukat Ali Virk



Please let me know if I can provide you with anything else. Thanks so much and have a great weekend.

Best,
Sarah

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Classification by: [redacted] on: 10/11/2011 (10/11/2011 2:01 PM)

Fisher, Stephen CIV WHS/ESD

From: Mark Boal [mark@b] (6)
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 3:17 PM
To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Subject: Bin laden movie

Hope your trip is going well.

I saw Beth and General Chiarelli at dinner the other night , we fondly recalled the lunch you arranged for us all, back in the day, and Pete recommended talking to Mike Vickers, reminding me that you had also suggested same.... Doug, I'm not sure where he left that request... but any chance you can nudge it along from your side? Looks like I'll be in d.c. for a few more days into next week .

Safe travels,

Mark

Sent from my iPhone

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Visitor Request Summary Status: Complete										
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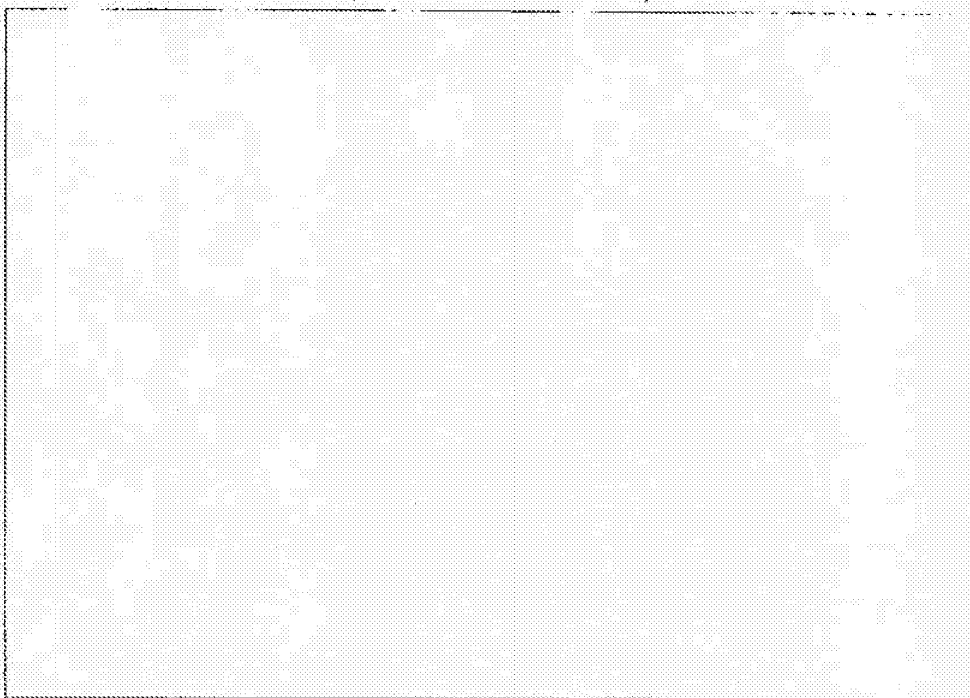


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Michael J. Morell
Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency

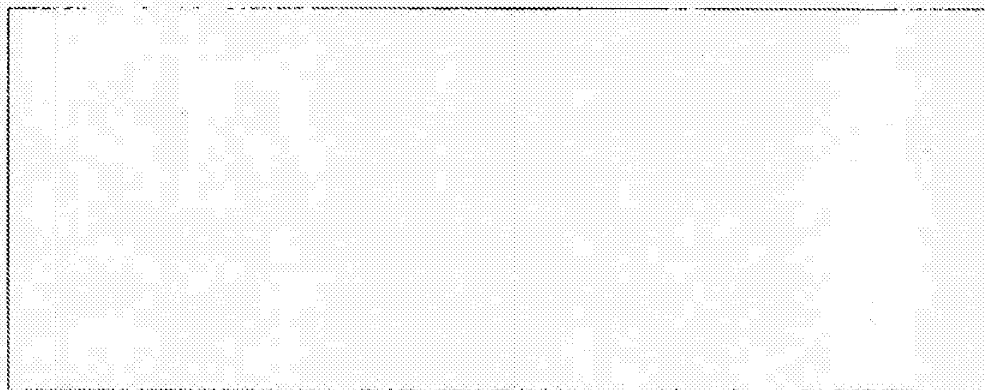
Monday, 6 June 2011



1405 - 1435

Meet-and-Greet with Mark Boal (Screenwriter, "The Hurt Locker"—currently working on UBL movie)

Attendees: Marie Harf (OPA), 



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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Mark Boal at HQs today
To: Jeremy B. Bash

Date: 06/06/2011 11:14 AM

Jeremy,

Mark's coming into HQs today from noon until 2 to meet with CTC folks. If you want to say hi, we can swing by your office. I didn't know what your schedule was like or if you would have time, but I thought you might want to know.

Thanks,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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From: Marie E. Harf
Media Spokesperson
Office of Public Affairs

Subject: Mark Boal
To: [redacted]

Date: 06/05/2011 11:47 AM

Mark Boal, the screenwriter from "The Hurt Locker" who's currently working on a UBL movie, will be in HQs today and tomorrow meeting with folks. I believe last time he was at HQs he met DDCIA briefly, so I wanted to check and see if he would like to say hi to him when he's in the building this week. Today, he'll be here from noon until about 2 or so. And then tomorrow, he'll be here at 1 for a lunch.

Thanks much!
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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Gregory, James LTC OSD PA

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 2:27 PM
To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Cc: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Subject: Re: Bin laden movie

Mr Morrell, Do you have contact info? Or if not, I can just use his e-mail to see if we can schedule something for Thursday or a later date...

Vr/Bob

 Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

----- Original Message -----

From: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 09:07 AM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin laden movie

If he's still in DC, happy to meet on Thurs. If not, can provide dates when I'll be in the Pentagon this summer.

 Sent from my wireless handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 06:59 AM
To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin laden movie

Sir, Only issue will be timing. When are you back - before you head to NC?

Vr/Bob

 Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

----- Original Message -----

From: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 04:57 AM
To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Cc: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin laden movie

They've already talked to DD/CIA Morell.

Happy to meet with them.

 Sent from my wireless handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA

Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 11:30 PM
To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Cc: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Fw: Bin laden movie

What do you all think? These guys are the Oscar winning team behind the Hurt Locker.

Geoff Morrell
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
Pentagon Press Secretary
703-614-2935 (O)
571-309-4978 (C)

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Please let me know if you would be up for facilitating an introduction. I'll be in D.C. for at least a few more days.

Thanks,
Mark Boal

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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 Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

From: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
 Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 9:00 PM
 To: mark (b)(6)
 Cc: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
 Subject: Fw: Bin laden movie

Mark
 Bob Mehal will assist you with this.
 Best, Geoff

Geoff Morrell
 Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
 Pentagon Press Secretary
 703-614-2935 (O)
 571-309-4978 (C)

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Thanks,
Mark Boal

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 9:18 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: ?

No clue...

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 09:13 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: ?

Is Marie still at work? Wonder what happened to Boal's driver.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 8:22 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Driver Information for Mark Boal's Meeting on Mon, 6/6, 12pm
Attachments: image001.jpg

Sarah,

Thanks for the email! We'll get the driver's info in the system.

I hope you had a nice weekend as well.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson
[REDACTED]

From: Sarah Zukowski [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 05:20 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Driver Information for Mark Boal's Meeting on Mon, 6/6, 12pm

Hi Marie,

I hope you had a nice weekend. Mark informed me that he has another meeting at 1pm at the Agency tomorrow and for which I have scheduled another car. His driver will be the same (Driver Name: Shoukat Ali Virk

[REDACTED] Please let me know if I can provide you with any other information before his meeting tomorrow.
Thanks so much!

Sarah

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2011 4:53 PM
To: Sarah Zukowski
Subject: RE: Driver Information for Mark Boal's Meeting on Mon, 6/6, 12pm

Sarah,

Great, thanks! I really appreciate your help.

Cheers,
Marie

Marie E. Harf

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Date(s) of visit: 08/07/2011	
Buildings to visit: Headquarters	
Parking Required: VIP East (CHS)	
Purpose of visit: Meeting with Media Spokesperson Marie Harf	
Sponsor Information	
Office: DHS/OIA	
Visitors	
View Details	
# Name	Representing
1 Mark Boal	Self
2 Shoukat Virk	Self - Mark Boal's dr

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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
 Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 10:27 AM
 To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
 Cc: Marrs, James R BrigGen OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI; Vickers, Michael G
 HON OSD OUSDI; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
 Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Thanks Doug.
 R/Bob

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

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Bob,

USD(I) will meet with Mark Boal at 1245-1330. Thanks.

Doug

-----Original Message-----

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
 Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 7:02 AM
 To: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
 Cc: Ferguson, Thomas A CIV, OSD OUSDI; Marrs, James R BrigGen OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV
 OSD OUSDI; Smith, Heidi A CIV, OSD OUSDI
 Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Doug, Need 30-45 minutes Thursday as per the Boss.
 I will be back in the office Thursday morning. Please let me know what is available so I can
 coordinate. Will be on BB.
 R/Bob

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

----- Original Message -----

From: mark(b)(6) [mailto:mark(b)(6)]
 Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:13 PM
 To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; 'mark(b)(6)' <'mark(b)(6)'
 Cc: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI

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Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Bob,

Thank you. Thursday is good for me, I'm in D.C. and available at your convenience.

Mark

-----Original Message-----

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

To: 'mark' (b)(6)

Cc: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA

Cc: Weinstein, Douglas EMr OSD OUSDI

Cc: Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI

Subject: Bin Laden Movie

Sent: Jun 6, 2011 10:06 PM

Mark, Hello, I am Dr Vickers Public Affairs Officer. He will be in on Thursday if you are still going to be in town. If not we could look at doing something the next time you are in DC. He has agreed to meet with you, but you just caught him at a time when he has travel scheduled.

Resp,

Bob

----- Original Message -----

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To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA

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To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA

Subject: Bin laden movie

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Thanks,
Mark Boal

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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(b)(6)

From: mark
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 10:46 AM
To:
Subject: Morell

Pls shoot me his email, I lost his card from yesterday , and want to thank him.
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 7:51 PM
To: GEORGE
Subject: Re: also...

Yeah, I totally agree on all that. Completely. Maybe I'm being too sensitive, but it felt a little bit in our little mtg at the end of the day that she was kind of on edge about it towards me personally. Again, maybe I'm being hyper sensitive.

Marie E. Harf
CIA Spokesperson

From: GEORGE
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 07:40 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: also...

No one's talking about the full-on CTC treatment. Just SOME CIA treatment at this stage. I don't think anyone disagrees that we should place most of our betting money on the Boal project at this point. We have to do our due diligence with others, and it doesn't hurt to establish stronger relationships with CAA and others even if their projects don't move forward.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 07:34 PM
To: GEORGE
Subject: also...

What is our colleague's obsession with Howard Blum? I know we don't "pick favorites" but it makes sense to get behind the winning horse... I am sure Imagine is talking about working with Howard, but Mark and Kathryn's movie is going to be the first and the biggest. It's got the most money behind it, and two Oscar winners on board.

It's just not a close call. We can certainly talk to Howard, but I don't think they should all get this kind of CTC treatment, that's all.

Marie E. Harf
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson

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Gregory, James LTC OSD PA

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 11:27 AM
To: Rigler, Tara CIV OSD PA
Cc: Gregory, James LTC OSD PA; Robbins, Elizabeth L LTC OSD PA; James, Darryn C CAPT OSD PA; Turner, James Mr OSD PA; Strub, Philip Mr OSD PA; Lapan, David COL OSD PA
Subject: Bin Laden Movie

Tara, Please add this to the events calendar:

INTERVIEW: Dr Michael Vickers, USD(I), background discussion with Mark Boal, Writer/Producer of the upcoming Bin Laden Movie. 1245-1330, Thursday 9 Jun, 3E834.

Note: He has already spoken with DepDir CIA Morrell.

----- Original Message -----

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Thanks,
 Mark Boal

 Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Subject: Re: meeting on wednesday regarding movie proposal [REDACTED]
 To: Marie E. Harf
 Cc: [REDACTED]
 Date: 06/08/2011 12:04 PM

that works great. [REDACTED] I do have some training in the last two weeks of june so please work with [REDACTED] on scheduling as the time gets close, if I'm not directly available to discuss. my training is just over at [REDACTED] so i can get over here very easily for a sit down. take care!

Marie E. Harf [REDACTED] It was SO nice meeting you yesterday! I k... 06/08/2011 11:26:53 AM

From: [REDACTED]
 To: [REDACTED]
 Cc: [REDACTED]
 Date: 06/08/2011 11:26 AM
 Subject: Re: meeting on wednesday regarding movie proposal

It was SO nice meeting you yesterday! I know you're about to run off to catch a plane, so I wanted to update you on where things stand. Mark Boal's schedule got a little crazy, so he wasn't able to come back into the building today. But, he is coming back to DC at the end of the month, and there are several folks that he didn't get a chance to talk to this time -- you included -- that we'll loop into the process then.

Does that work for you? I'm really looking forward to hearing more about your story, and I know Mark is as well!

Safe travels!

Cheers,
 marie

Marie E. Harf
 CIA Office of Public Affairs

[REDACTED] hey marie! nice to meet you today. I wanted to l... 06/07/2011 07:35:30 PM

From: [REDACTED]
 To: Marie E. Harf
 Cc: [REDACTED]
 Date: 06/07/2011 07:35 PM
 Subject: meeting on wednesday regarding movie proposal

hey marie! nice to meet you today. I wanted to let you know that I have a morning 0900 followed by a 1000 that goes about 10 minutes. after that, I'll be available to meet with regarding the movie proposal, given my flight tomorrow, I pretty much need to be walking out of this building at 1230 at the very latest... hope that works. I've cc'd [REDACTED] on here who can help with any needed coordination while I'm in my

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morning meetings, if need be.



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 9:59 AM
To: GEORGE
Subject: tomorrow

As we discussed yesterday, I've asked Preston to be involved in the Mark Boal visit tomorrow (we still don't have a time for that). [REDACTED] has said that he's been asked to lead it, and Marie said you agreed that he can do the visit—and that you agreed to that last night. So, just trying to figure out what's what, so we can cover all the bases tomorrow. We'll figure it out...

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From: [redacted]
 Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 10:34 AM
 To: mark@ [redacted]
 Subject: Wash Post series on hunt for UBL

Mark,

Here's a compilation of all the Post's stories about the killing of Bin Laden: http://www.washingtonpost.com/killing-osama-bin-laden/2010/07/06/APCIwGpF_linkset.html. Some of them are pretty good.

For some of the best info on the Bin Laden hunt -- especially the early years after 9/11 -- the Washington Post also has a good series: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/projects/osama-hunt/?hpid=z13>. It's also pasted below. The story doesn't go into the operation or the intel case for Abbottabad itself, and you've probably read most of it elsewhere, but it's a fairly good series.

Marie

Introduction: Becoming more like him

by Peter Fian, Ian Shapira and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011

Finally, after weeks of searching the caves and mountains of Tora Bora for traces of Osama bin Laden, CIA field commander Gary Berntsen believed his men had a good peg on the terrorist. Berntsen called in the big bomb - the BLU-82, a 15,000-pound device the size of a car.

The bomb was pushed out of the back of a C-130 transport plane. It struck with such force that it vaporized men deep inside caves. The devastation spread across an area as big as five football fields, killing numerous al-Qaeda fighters - including, bin Laden believed, bin Laden.

It was three months after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and Berntsen thought, "I've got him now."

Six days later, two of Berntsen's men were listening to a radio they had picked up from a dead al-Qaeda fighter. They heard bin Laden addressing his troops in Arabic. The hunt went on.

Immediately after al-Qaeda's attack, America went after the world's most notorious terrorist with a quick-action injection of cash, commandos and massive firepower.

Within a few months, that first phase of the search for bin Laden would give way to a decade-long manhunt in which the tedious work of analysis and surveillance would eventually bag the target. To find bin Laden, who had declared holy war on the United States in 1996, the Americans needed to think more like him, to absorb the structures and rhythms of a terror network.

The search that ended Sunday with bullets to bin Laden's head and chest was the result of a new approach to finding an elusive target, the product of a few dozen analysts in Langley who refused to accept that their prey may have vanished forever.

Chapter 1: Cash in a Rubbermaid tub

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by Peter Finn, Ian Shapiro and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011

Less than a month after the Sept. 11 attacks, U.S. bombers began hitting Afghanistan, hoping to bring down the Taliban government for giving al-Qaeda sanctuary. On the ground, the hunt for bin Laden was also underway. A few dozen U.S. paramilitary troops, dressed as Afghans in beards and loose robes and accompanied by hired Afghan fighters, took up the chase.

The American presence at first was thin, and expertise was scarce. The CIA had had a team tracking bin Laden from back home at Langley since 1996, but now it scrambled to find officers who knew Afghanistan and could deploy immediately. Only about a dozen agency people were working in the country on Sept. 11, according to a former senior intelligence official who helped set up agency outposts there.

The first job was to identify tribal leaders and meet with them, always bringing gifts. "The message was 'We're your friends,'" said the senior intelligence official. "We're everyone's friends. But whoever hosts us is in line to get American money."

This account of the hunt is based on interviews with more than 20 senior political, military and intelligence officials from the Clinton, Bush and Obama administrations, some of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss operations.

CIA field commander Berntsen, who led a team charged with finding bin Laden, worked out of a Kabul guesthouse, fueling the hunt with several million dollars in cash that he kept stowed in a Rubbermaid tub. From that makeshift bank, he distributed payoffs in the thousands of dollars to informants in tribal villages where bin Laden sightings had been reported.

"I must have gotten eight reports at the time, saying he's in this village here or that village there," said Berntsen, who had investigated al-Qaeda's 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. "He was stopping and giving speeches."

Intelligence analysts would later learn where bin Laden was in the first weeks after the attack, mainly through interrogations of al-Qaeda operatives held at CIA "black sites" overseas and at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

But in the immediate aftermath of Sept. 11, the Americans had no idea that bin Laden and his chief deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, were on the move, traveling through Afghanistan by car, meeting frequently with followers and Taliban leaders. According to classified U.S. military documents obtained by the anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks, based on interviews with detainees, bin Laden held court at a secret guesthouse in or near Kabul.

Acting like an exiled head of state, he received terrorist operatives from Afghanistan, Malaysia and elsewhere, and met with leaders such as the Taliban's Jalaluddin Haqqani. He issued instructions for campaigns against Western targets, lectured on Islam and history, and sent out a video boasting about how pleasantly surprised he was that the attacks had claimed so many American lives.

In early October, Yunis Khalis, an elderly Afghan warrior who controlled a swath of territory in the country's east, including the regional capital of Jalalabad and the nearby cave complex at Tora Bora, sent a message to bin Laden telling him he could provide sanctuary for the al-Qaeda leader.

Bin Laden had friends and followers all along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. Even before the founding of al-Qaeda in 1988, bin Laden had spent years in the area, developing relationships with tribal and religious leaders, many of whom he worked with side by side in the Afghan mujaheddin's 1980s battles against the Soviet Union.

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Khalis and bin Laden had known each other since those days, when Khalis, one of the most prominent leaders of the anti-Soviet resistance, had received tens of millions of dollars in guns and money from the CIA. He later introduced bin Laden to Mohammad Omar, the Taliban leader. After the United States began to bomb Afghanistan on Oct. 7, Khalis, then 82, called for jihad against the Americans.

Taking advantage of Khalis's hospitality, bin Laden arrived in Jalalabad just two months after the Sept. 11 attacks and immediately began to spread cash among local tribes, either directly or through trusted intermediaries.

When the bombing around Jalalabad intensified, bin Laden fled into the fortified caves of Tora Bora, about 35 miles south of the regional capital. Bin Laden knew the territory; as a young man, he had driven bulldozers there as Afghan resistance fighters excavated miles of tunnels.

In late November, probably within days after bin Laden had arrived in the area, Berntsen's team tracked him to a mountainous area called Milawa, just below the peaks of Tora Bora. Berntsen's men called in airstrikes - a barrage from B-52s, F-15s and plenty more - that lasted nearly 60 hours.

"Our guys were exhausted; they had been hammering Osama for days," Berntsen said. "Finally, bin Laden fled deeper into the mountains."

Berntsen, who was back in Kabul, summoned several members of his team to tell him what they would need to take down bin Laden now that they thought they knew where he was. The response: "We need 800 Army Rangers between bin Laden and the border."

Berntsen wrote to his superiors, begging for troops. His pleas went unanswered, according to a Senate Foreign Relations Committee report on Tora Bora. Without more manpower, Berntsen couldn't risk a ground assault.

Still, the Americans tried to stay close to bin Laden. Berntsen's deputy, a CIA paramilitary officer, recruited an Afghan to trek into the mountains and offer bin Laden and his followers food and water, then report back on the terrorist's location.

"The guy saw bin Laden and his son," Berntsen said. "When you're desperate, you're desperate. And when you don't have food and water, you'll take it."

As the United States carpet-bombed the cave complex, bin Laden and Zawahiri urged their fighters to carry on against the Americans. In the bitter cold of the caves, bin Laden sipped mint tea. He heard pleas from his fighters for medicine and, with ever-greater urgency, escape routes.

A videotape later obtained by the CIA shows bin Laden in that period, teaching followers how to dig holes where they could spend the night without being seen by U.S. spy planes. As bin Laden speaks, a U.S. bomb explodes in the background. The terrorist casually notes that "we were there last night."

Chapter 2: Lessons learned

by Peter Finn, Ian Shapiro and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011

The American campaign was conducted primarily from the air. Despite the pleas from CIA operatives, U.S. officials were reluctant to send in ground troops to flush out bin Laden. They told officers on the ground in Afghanistan that Pakistani troops would help them, cutting off bin Laden if he tried to cross into their country.

But in early December, over lunch at his palace in Islamabad, Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf made it clear to U.S. officials that he didn't want to commit troops unless the Americans would help transport them to the border by air. According to Wendy Chamberlin, then the U.S. ambassador to Pakistan, Musharraf told her

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and Gen. Tommy R. Franks, commander of U.S. Central Command: "I'd put the troops in trucks, but that'll take weeks. Could you give me air support?"

Franks would not comment for this article, but according to Chamberlin, he was noncommittal about air support. Only later did she learn that the general was already "planning for Iraq," she said. "Even if he could have helped out, he was already starting to have to reshuffle." Without the air support, the Pakistanis sent some soldiers to the border, but never enough to secure it.

Back in Tora Bora, a team from Delta Force - the military's secretive, elite Special Operations unit - planned to sneak up on bin Laden from behind, crossing into the terrorist's suspected lair from Pakistan, through an undefended back door. That would have required using supplemental oxygen to scale a 14,000-foot peak, but according to the leader of the Delta Force team, who later wrote a book under the pseudonym Dalton Fury, the plan had a better chance of succeeding than any frontal assault that relied on help from Afghan fighters.

Fury, the assault troop commander who retired from the Army as a major, said in an e-mail interview that the Pakistani forces who were supposed to seal the border "never made it there." He said his superiors told him to skip the border-side assault and instead "align our mission with the Afghan mujaheddin to put an Afghan face on killing" bin Laden.

Fury didn't trust the Afghans. "The mujaheddin were not very skilled or motivated fighters," he said. But following orders, the Delta Force team stayed on the Afghan side of the border.

On Dec. 10, Fury's team got a tip from a source who claimed to know bin Laden's general location in the Tora Bora area. Thirty members of the team launched a hasty assault, but when some of his men were abandoned by their Afghan allies behind enemy lines, the team halted its advance and spent two hours rescuing their mates. Fury aborted the mission.

The next summer, Fury's men returned to Tora Bora with a forensics team to search 80 graves of al-Qaeda fighters. None of the remains they dug up was a match for bin Laden.

The team stayed on the hunt. In December 2002, they conducted a nighttime raid on Tora Bora, capturing a man who had given medical care to bin Laden. But bin Laden himself was long gone. The trail had gone cold.

Tora Bora taught both sides important lessons. The Americans learned, as a top intelligence official said, "that it was a bad idea to 'outsource' something as important as capturing or killing bin Laden." Mutual mistrust kept the Pakistani military and Afghan fighters from embracing the Americans' search for bin Laden.

After Tora Bora, the Americans knew that "when the time came to move, we would do it ourselves," said the official, who was involved in the search for years.

Bin Laden, who took the U.S. bombing seriously enough to have written his will in mid-December of 2001, learned that he had lost his safe haven and was now a fugitive on the run. "Hiding and isolation from operatives and recruits transformed him from a hands-on leader into an almost mythical figure within al-Qaeda," the intelligence official said. That new mystique lent additional import to each video or audio transmission that bin Laden managed to smuggle out, but it also dampened al-Qaeda's fundraising and recruiting capacity.

Chapter 3: Somehow, he escapes

by Peter Finn, Ian Shapira and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011

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The popular version of bin Laden's escape from Tora Bora was dramatic enough. Somehow, a hunted man made it over the mountains, south to the tribal areas of Pakistan.

But U.S. interrogators later learned from Guantanamo detainees that bin Laden had actually taken a more daring route, to the north toward Jalalabad, right past the approaching U.S. and British special forces and their Afghan allies. After resting there, he proceeded on horseback on a several days' journey into Konar province, in Afghanistan's far northeast. A U.S. intelligence official this week confirmed this account.

"It's still unclear who bribed who and who talked to who," the official said, but "bin Laden got out. Knowing the land, knowing the people who could direct you, he was able to get out to Konar," into valleys "that no one has subdued ... places the Soviets never pacified."

Bin Laden and Zawahiri next moved on to an "unknown location," according to military documents. Some detainees reported that the two had stayed in Konar for up to 10 months. Even bin Laden's closest followers didn't know where he had gone, according to U.S. analysts who mined the interrogations of al-Qaeda operatives.

"It became clear that he was not meeting with them face to face," said an intelligence official. "People we would capture had not seen him."

U.S. forces believed that at Tora Bora they had come within perhaps 2,000 yards of bin Laden. Yet he managed to slip away, vanishing so completely that several years went by without a single tip, surveillance photo or monitored transmission of any value. On the ground, American operatives continued to try to pry intelligence from "locals willing to talk for some pocket change," Fury said. "The CIA did a lot of this fishing. Mind-numbing. A million dead ends."

Chapter 4: 'You have to know the network'

by Peter Finn, Ian Shapira and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011

A few months after Tora Bora, as part of the preparation for war in Iraq, the Bush administration pulled out many of the Special Operations and CIA forces that had been searching for bin Laden in Afghanistan, according to several U.S. officials who served at the time.

Even the drones that U.S. forces depended on to track movements of suspicious characters in the Afghan mountain passes were redeployed to be available for the Iraq war. Lt. Gen. John Vines told The Washington Post in 2006. Once, when Vines's troops believed they were within half an hour of catching up to bin Laden, the general asked for drones to cover three possible escape routes. But only one drone was available - others had been moved to Iraq. The target got away.

Back home, frustration over the long search led to a debate between critics of the Bush administration's global war on terrorism, who argued that the cause of security would be better served by focusing on targeted strikes against bin Laden and al-Qaeda, and defenders of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, who said the best way to contain terrorism was to take the fight to where the enemy lived.

As that debate raged, the analysts in the CIA's HV Unit — dedicated to hunting for high-value targets (bin Laden was known in the agency as "HVT-1") — began to envision the search in a new way.

"The story of hunting bin Laden is a story of increased sophistication in thinking," said an intelligence official. Maybe bin Laden was in the mountains; maybe not. But that was the wrong question.

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Even al-Qaeda's top guns didn't know where bin Laden was, yet they still managed to get instructions from him. So the most important question wasn't "Where is bin Laden?" but rather "How does he communicate?"

Interrogations determined that bin Laden got his orders out only once a month, by courier, and that led analysts to decide that, as the intelligence official said, "you have to know the network, the couriers and how that leads to the location."

At the White House, under pressure from mounting public skepticism about the hunt, Bush moved on a different track. He ordered up "Operation Cannonball," directing the CIA to "flood the zone," beefing up the number of officers on the hunt in Pakistan and Afghanistan. But there were no breakthroughs.

That didn't discourage the analysts at the HV Unit. They were learning more about how al-Qaeda worked, and that led them to think about networks in which information doesn't get passed up through a hierarchy but rather is shared across all ranks.

The network idea was catching on in the military as well. In 2006, Army Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal launched raids against al-Qaeda leaders in Iraq as well as in Yemen and Afghanistan, said a former White House official. To make those raids happen, McChrystal needed information to move in new ways, and he adopted a networked structure modeled on what he called al-Qaeda's "alarming" ability to grow quickly and shore up weak spots.

"To defeat a networked enemy," McChrystal wrote in Foreign Policy, "we had to become a network ourselves."

That meant instantly sharing intelligence with people throughout the battlefield rather than sending it up the chain of command. Video from drones was now delivered not just to analysts who controlled the unmanned flying cameras but also to combat teams on the ground. The result was a dramatic increase in the number of raids and their success rate.

At the CIA, analysts searched for clues not in caves but in books and interrogation transcripts. Even popular books such as "Growing Up Bin Laden," by the terrorist's wife Najwa and son Omar, were mined for insights. In the book, Omar says his father kept safe houses in Kabul because he believed the Americans would never bomb a big city for fear of killing innocent civilians. That got analysts thinking about urban hideouts.

"Finding bin Laden was not a problem susceptible to human-wave tactics," said an intelligence official who helped supervise the early years of the search. "Lots of people who knew little was almost certain to be less efficacious than a small, dedicated cadre of people with experience working the problem."

The slow, painstaking work of analyzing data met with impatience at the White House, where "a little fatigue had set in," said a former Bush White House official. "We weren't about to find him anytime soon. Publicly, we maintained a sense of urgency: 'We're looking as hard as we can.' But the energy had gone out of the hunt. It had settled to no more than a second-tier issue. After all, those were the worst days of Iraq."

The troubled war in Iraq, mounting concern about Iran's nuclear program, and the increasingly unstable situation in North Korea stole attention from the bin Laden hunt, White House and CIA officials said.

The search for bin Laden, once the clarion cry of a nation bent on striking back, morphed into a topic Bush and his top staffers sought to avoid.

Through the next few years, leaders of the hunt hoped that the drones surveying the tribal areas would generate new leads, "but it was just a hope," said Juan Zarate, Bush's deputy national security adviser for counterterrorism in the middle years of the search. "It was a very dark period."

Chapter 5: The strangely overbuilt house

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by Peter Finn, Ian Shapira and Marc Fisher, May 6, 2011

In the Bush White House, the lack of credible leads led to public statements designed to play down the individual and focus attention on the broader threat.

The idea was "not to overly aggrandize the man even as we tried to find him," Zarate said. Outside the HV Unit, the landscape looked grim: "I can't remember any single piece of intelligence that got us especially excited," Zarate said.

But even as the hunt became a political liability, the road to bin Laden's house in Abbottabad was being built, not "brick by brick," said former CIA director Michael V. Hayden, but "pebble by pebble."

Turning vague references to a courier into a verified name took upwards of four years, but that opened the way to discovering how he operated, and that led to the surveillance of the strangely overbuilt house that curiously had no phone or Internet service.

The couple of dozen U.S. commandos who dropped onto bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad last weekend had to complete their mission in minutes, but it had taken years to get them there. The analysts who built that road believe that in addition to getting their man, they learned an essential lesson in how to think like their adversaries.

In 2006, bin Laden swore "not to die but a free man." But Osama bin Laden died a prisoner in a jail of his own making, a man without a nation, living apart even from those who shared his belief that mass murder was the path to power.

In his final months, bin Laden could only watch as a wholly opposite force channeled the frustrations and aspirations of the Muslims for whom he claimed to act - a peaceful exercise of people power on the streets of cities across Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen and throughout the Middle East and North Africa, a stirring and decisive uprising by those who yearned for change, yet turned their backs on the ways and means of Osama bin Laden.

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Gregory, James LTC OSD PA

From: mark@ (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 11:01 AM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Yes, I can make 12:00
I missed your email until now
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

-----Original Message-----

From: "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil>
Date: Thu, 9 Jun 2011 09:59:52
To: 'mark@ (b)(6)' <mark@ (b)(6)>
Subject: RE: Bin Laden Movie

Mark, Please let me know if you can be here by 1200; trying to hold the spot.

Vr/Bob

Commander Bob Mehal
Public Affairs Officer
Defense Press Operations
1400 Defense Pentagon (Rm 2D961)
Washington, DC 20301-1400
(703) 697-4162

-----Original Message-----

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 8:42 AM
To: 'mark@ (b)(6)' <mark@ (b)(6)>
Subject: RE: Bin Laden Movie

Mark, Is there any chance we can move up the meeting to 1200 or 1215? Dr Vickers is back today and his schedule is really full. He is willing to use his lunch to meet.

Please let me know soonest.

Resp,
Bob

Commander Bob Mehal
Public Affairs Officer
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-----Original Message-----

From: mark@ (b)(6) [mailto:mark@ (b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, June 07, 2011 5:57 PM

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To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Roger
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

-----Original Message-----
From: "Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA" <Robert.Mehal@osd.mil>
Date: Tue, 7 Jun 2011 16:23:27
To: 'mark(b)(6)' <mark(b)(6)>
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Mark, Meet at the visitors' center at the Metro entance at 1230 pm Thursday. We have a 1245 with Dr Vickers.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Bob

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

----- Original Message -----
From: mark(b)(6) [mailto:mark(b)(6)]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 10:13 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; 'mark(b)(6)' <mark(b)(6)>
Cc: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI; Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
Subject: Re: Bin Laden Movie

Bob,
Thank you. Thursday is good for me, I'm in D.C. and available at your convenience.
Mark

-----Original Message-----
From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
To: 'mark(b)(6)'
Cc: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Cc: Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI
Cc: Lowery, Todd R CIV OSD OUSDI
Subject: Bin Laden Movie
Sent: Jun 6, 2011 10:06 PM

Mark, Hello, I am Dr Vickers Public Affairs Officer. He will be in on Thursday if you are still going to be in town. If not we could look at doing something the next time you are in DC. He has agreed to meet with you, but you just caught him at a time when he has travel scheduled.

Resp,
Bob

----- Original Message -----
From: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 04:57 AM
To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Cc: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Re: Bin laden movie

They've already talked to DD/CIA Morell.

Happy to meet with them.

Sent from my wireless handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 11:30 PM
To: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Cc: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA
Subject: Fw: Bin laden movie

What do you all think? These guys are the Oscar winning team behind the Hurt Locker.

Geoff Morrell
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
Pentagon Press Secretary
703-614-2935 (O)
571-309-4978 (C)

----- Original Message -----

From: mark (b)(6) [mailto:mark (b)(6)]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 11:27 PM
To: Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA
Subject: Bin laden movie

Hi Geoff,

Regarding our upcoming film about the hunt for OBL -- which Kathryn Bigelow is directing and I am writing and producing, as our follow-up to The Hurt Locker -- am thinking that it would be wise for me to touch base with Under Secretary Mike Vickers.... Naturally, I understand the sensitivities, and more than anything, am simply hoping for an opportunity to briefly tell him about the project's scope.... Please let me know if you would you be up for facilitating an introduction. I'll be in D.C. for at least a few more days.

Thanks,
Mark Soal

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 11:47 AM
To: mark@ [redacted]
Subject: Potentially useful New York Times coverage of UBL's death

The Times has a pretty useful page with maps of the compound, graphics about the operation (including the 7 steps in the raid), and a timeline of the intel case:

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2011/05/02/world/asia/abbottabad-map-of-where-osama-bin-laden-was-killed.html>

This is the general NYT site on UBL's death. There's some other good stuff on here too:

http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/people/b/osama_bin_laden/index.html?scp=1-spot&sq=osama%20bin%20laden&st=cse

Marie E. Hart
Central Intelligence Agency
Media Spokesperson
[redacted]

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Weinstein, Douglas E Mr OSD OUSDI

Subject: Interview w. Mark Boal
Location: 38E834

Start: Thu 6/8/2011 12:15 PM
End: Thu 6/8/2011 1:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Vickers, Michael G HON OSD OUSDI
Required Attendees: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

6/7/11 DEW
POC: CDR Bob Mehal, 697-4162

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 12:35 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fw: Mark Boal discussion

Pls reach out to Bob

----- Original Message -----

From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA [mailto:Robert.Mehal@osd.mil]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 09:46 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Mark Boal discussion

George, Anything worth noting from Mr. Boal's meeting with DD Morrell?

Vr/
Bob

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Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA

From: mark (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 1:26 PM
To: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA; Morrell, Geoff Mr OSD PA; Wilson, Douglas HON OSD PA
Subject: Bin Laden movie

Thanks to all for facilitating the meeting with Under Secretary Vickers.

It was very productive... and we discussed meeting again when I am back in DC at the end of the month.

Mark

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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From: [redacted]
 Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 2:22 PM
 To: Robert.Mehal@osd.mil
 Cc: [redacted]
 Subject: Re: Mark Boal discussion

Bob,

Great, thanks much for the read-out. Glad it went so well.

Cheers,
 Marie

Marie E. Harf
 CIA Spokesperson

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From: Mehal, Robert S CDR OSD PA [mailto:Robert.Mehal@osd.mil]
 Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 02:18 PM
 To: [redacted]
 Cc: [redacted]
 Subject: RE: Mark Boal discussion

Marie, I will have an EXSUM done by COB today and will cc all.
 Dr Vickers basically said the three major components were CIA, DoD, and WH.
 Mark mentioned CIA has done a good job of also highlighting NSA and NGA roles.

Went well. Expect him back the last week of June.

Thanks.
 R/
 Bob

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Bob,

George forwarded me your email from this morning -- he's downtown at Director Panetta's confirmation hearing.

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I was in the meeting with Mark Boal and DD/CIA Morell earlier this week. They talked about what it was like on a personal level to be Deputy Director of the CIA when we found UBL, and about some of DD/CIA's experiences at the Agency since 9/11. Mr. Morell emphasized the essential, close partnership between the CIA and our military partners in making this operation such a success. DD/CIA also talked about the kind of officers we had working on the UBL hunt and the level of tenacity that went into locating him at the Abbottabad compound.

I hope this is helpful and that Boal's meeting with your folks goes well today.

Cheers,
Marie

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George, Anything worth noting from Mr. Boal's meeting with DD Morrell?

Vr/
Bob

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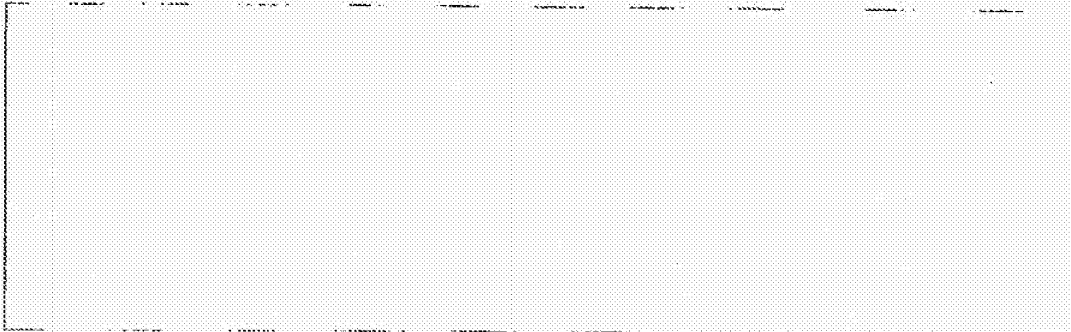
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AHA!

I searched through several old emails, and pieced together contact info for Mark Boal. His email is mark@ [redacted]

And his phone numbers are: [redacted]

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