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 Open: [Redacted] [Redacted] *BEC*  
 Date: 09/14/2012 11:29 AM Cc: [Redacted] *NCS*  
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For the Committee:

- 1) "White Paper" on press guidance (OPA, OGC, DI, NE)  
 \*\*We've already spoken to OPA who will be coording with the WH as well
- 2) Paper on motivations for Green on Blue violence (OSA)
- 3) Contact State Legl Affairs for questions on document destruction at consulate (OCA)

For DCIA:

- 1) Cable(s) to [Redacted] warning of protests linked to the film and response (NE)
- 2) Cable(s) to stations on 9/11 security (DS, NCS)

Please send Committee responses to OCA for 7th floor coord.

Please send DCIA responses to ODCIA.

Thank you!

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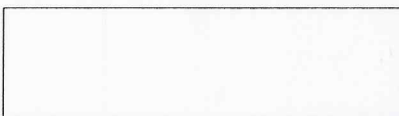
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From: CIA OTA  
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 OPA OCA Stephen W. Preston/STF/AGENCY@WMA,  
 OGC

Date: 09/14/2012 03:19 PM  
 Subject: Re: Looping ODNCS -- Re: Fw: FLASH coordination -- white paper for HPSCI Per DCIA Request

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Good point that it could be interpreted this way -- perhaps better stated that we know they participated in the protests. We do not know who was responsible for the deaths.

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Good question - I'll defer to CIA  
OTA cc'd) given the CT angle.

(Added in OGC and OPA as well as FYI).

*Second tick says we know extremists with ties to AQ participated in the attack, which implies complicity in the deaths of the American officers. Do we know this?*

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**CIA**  
**OTA** NE coords on the below paper, to include the earlier edits.

We have looped in ODNCS and others to ensure everyone has a chance to review given the urgency at which this is being requested.

For ODNCS - at this morning HPSCI coffee with DCIA, HPSCI members eagerly sought some sort of "white paper" they could use to reply to numerous media requests asking for comments on other inflammatory press articles regarding the Benghazi attacks.

*HPSCI has asked for unclassified points immediately that they can use in talking to the media. I have been asked to provide a bit on responsibility. NE is pulling together the final product. In addition to other topics, NE will add material about warnings we gave to Cairo prior to the demonstrations, as well as material on warnings we issued prior to 9/11 anniversary. Please take a quick look to see if you believe that this is A) accurate and B) unclass.*

For CTC/Legal, **DJ** asked that I send this to you and anybody you think needs to see in OGC to make sure that nothing we are saying here is likely to impact any potential future legal prosecution.

Thanks

**CIA**  
**OTA**

- *We believe based on currently available information that the attacks in Benghazi were spontaneously inspired by the protests at the US Embassy in Cairo and evolved into a direct assault against the US Consulate and subsequently its annex. This assessment may change as additional information is collected and analyzed and currently available information continues to be evaluated.*
- *The crowd almost certainly was a mix of individuals from across many sectors of Libyan society. That being said, we do know that Islamic extremists with ties to al-Qa'ida participated in the attack.*
- *Initial press reporting linked the attack to Ansar al-Sharia. The group has since released a statement that its leadership did not order the attacks, but did not deny that some of its members were involved. Ansar al-Sharia's facebook page aims to spread sharia in Libya and emphasizes the need for jihad to counter what it views as false interpretations of Islam, according to an open source study.*
- *The wide availability of weapons and experienced fighters in Libya almost certainly contributed to the lethality of the attacks.*
- *Since April, there have been at least five other attacks against foreign interests in Benghazi by unidentified assailants, including the June attack against the British Ambassador's convoy. We cannot rule out that individuals had previously surveilled the US facilities, also contributing to the efficacy of the attacks.*
- *We are working with Libyan authorities and intelligence partners in an effort to help bring to justice those responsible for the deaths of US citizens.*

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To: [redacted] *NE*  
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I didn't ask NE/INT. Just CTC/INT.

Please see the one suggested addition from OGC.

Let me know if you need anything else. Also, please be sure that DI FO gets a copy.

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[Redacted] *DI, OGC*

Date: 09/14/2012 12:23 PM  
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hi *CIA OTA* -- i've consulted with colleagues and the only statement that might have implications for future prosecution is the first bullet. recommend adding the text indicated to add some insulation: please let me know if you have any questions. thanks.

*CIA OTA*

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To: [Redacted] *CTC, OGC, NE, DI*

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CIA OPA

**From:** CIA OPA  
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2012 11:17 AM  
**To:** Vietor, Tommy  
**Cc:** Rhodes, Benjamin J.; NSS PRESS  
**Subject:** Congressional talking points en route this afternoon for coord

Tommy:

Echoing my voicemail to you:

You should be seeing some "White Paper" talking points from us this afternoon for coordination. They are for Congressional use, per their request, re Benghazi issues.

Thanks,

CIA  
OPA

Chief, Media Relations  
CIA Office of Public Affairs

CIA OPA

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**From:** [redacted] OPA  
**Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2012 3:00 PM  
**To:** [redacted] CIA OPA  
**Subject:** Cleaned HPSCI TPs  
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