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From: Sullivan, Jacob J [SullivanJJ]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 9:25 PM
To: Adams, David S; Nuland, Victoria J; NSC Deputy Press Secretary; Shawn S Turner; Benjamin J. Rhodes
Cc: NSS P/SSS, LNH P/SSS, STATE PA, CIA OCA
Subject: Re: Revised HPSCI Talking Points for Review

I spoke with Tommy. We'll work through this in the morning and get comments back.

From: Adams, David S
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 08:38 PM
To: Nuland, Victoria J; NSC Deputy Press Secretary; Shawn.Turner; Benjamin J. Rhodes; Sullivan, Jacob J
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I'm with Toria. The last bullet especially will read to members like we had been repeatedly warned.

From: Nuland, Victoria J
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 7:39 PM
To: Nuland, Victoria J; NSC Deputy Press Secretary; Shawn.Turner; Benjamin J. Rhodes; Adams, David S; Sullivan, Jacob J
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On that basis, I have serious concerns about all the parts highlighted below, and arming members of Congress to start making assertions to the media that we ourselves are not making because we don't want to prejudice the investigation.

In same vein, why do we want Hill to be fingering Ansar al Sharia, when we aren't doing that ourselves until we have investigation results... and the penultimate point could be abused by Members to beat the State Department for not paying attention to Agency warnings so why do we want to feed that either? Concerned..

+Jake Sullivan, Dave Adams here

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CIA OPA

From: Vietor, Tommy [Thomas_F_Vietor]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 9:26 PM
To: CIA OPA, FBI Press, CIA OPA, 'nulandv, Shawn S Turner, Rhodes, Benjamin J., WH Press, State PA, SullivanJJ, AdamsDS, CIA OCA, FBI Press
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Sent: Fri Sep 14 19:52:25 2012
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On that very issue, Toria, we are waiting to hear back from the Bureau. CIA OPA

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These don't resolve all my issues or those of my building leadership. They are consulting w NSS.

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notified Embassy Cairo of social media reports calling for a demonstration and encouraging jihadists to break into the Embassy.

- The investigation is on-going as to who is responsible for the violence, although the crowd almost certainly was a mix of individuals. That being said, there are indications that Islamic extremists participated in the violent demonstrations.
- The wide availability of weapons and experienced fighters in Libya almost certainly contributed to the lethality of the attacks.
- The Agency has produced numerous pieces on the threat of extremists linked to al-Qaeda in Benghazi and eastern Libya. 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.
- The US Government is 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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Including DOJ on the e-mail DOJ and Dean Boyd.

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Subject: Draf Note for Director on HPSCI TPs

CIA OCA.

Here's a draft note to the DIRECTOR

Sir - We've tried to work the draft talking points for HPSCI through the coordination process but have run into major problems. Perhaps as a result of the afternoon teleconference, a number of agencies have been looped in. The White House cleared quickly, but State has major concerns. The Bureau cleared with a few comments but asked that Justice, which would handle any criminal prosecution, be brought in. It is evident that will not happen tonight, and Ben Rhodes has asked that this issue be reviewed tomorrow morning at the Deputies' meeting.

Additionally, Eric Schmitt of the NYT contacted us to let us know that he had spoken with Rep. Ruppertsberger, who had given him a readout of your session.

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