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Sent: Saturday, April 23, 2011 3:52 PM
To: Abedin, Huma
Subject: Re: McCain update

What is Donna's #?

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From: Abedin, Huma [mailto:AbedinH@state.gov]
Sent: Saturday, April 23, 2011 03:27 PM
To: H
Subject: Fw: McCain update

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From: Davis, Timmy T
Sent: Saturday, April 23, 2011 03:12 PM
To: Sullivan, Jacob J; Abedin, Huma; Wells, Alice G; S_SpecialAssistants
Subject: McCain update

The Watch received the following readout of CODEL McCain's April 23 meetings in Cairo.

Foreign Minister Alaraby:

- McCain discussed his visit to Libya, emphasizing it appeared a stalemate was emerging. McCain supported the decision to send in predator drones and would like NATO to provide equipment, as well as training, to the rebel forces. McCain characterized the TNC as "good people," but said its military was far less impressive.

- Regarding the possibility of Egypt increasing aid to the TNC, Alaraby said Egypt was reluctant to provide additional support out of concern for the estimated 1 million Egyptian nationals living in Libya.

- Alaraby reiterated Egypt is in no rush to restore diplomatic relations with Iran.

- Alaraby said Egypt will abide by all agreements made with Israel. He encouraged the United States to support, or at least not oppose, recognition of Palestinian statehood in the UN.

- McCain said the USG had discussed a modest assistance package for Egypt, but warned it was probably more modest than Egypt wished given the current economic climate. McCain planned to organize a group of businessmen to visit Egypt and encouraged Alaraby to create a more pro-business environment.

Defense Minister, Field Marshall Tantawi:

- The meeting focused on Libya and strategies to increase U.S. and Egyptian assistance. The discussion was not as in depth as McCain's meeting with the FM. Tantawi echoed Alaraby's concern about Egyptian nationals in Libya and request for increased U.S. assistance.

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From: H <HDR22@clintonemail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 02, 2012 1:58 AM
To: Mills, Cheryl D; Sullivan, Jacob J
Subject: Re: CNN

Should I send cable like Panetta sent letter? I think this is both dishonorable and dangerous and want to find way to say it.

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From: Mills, Cheryl D [mailto:MillsCD@state.gov]
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To: H
Cc: Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>
Subject: CNN



Loose lips and the Obama national security ship

Posted at 7:09 pm by: By CNN's Adam Levine

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By Adam Levine, with reporting from Pam Benson and Ann Colwell

The level of detail spilling out through media reports about crucial national security operations is raising the question of whether President Barack Obama's administration can keep a secret — or in some cases even wants to.

In just the past week, two tell-all articles about Obama's leadership as commander-in-chief have been published, dripping with insider details about his sleeves-rolled-up involvement in choosing terrorist targets for drone strikes and revelations about his amped-up cyber war on Iran.

Each article notes the reporters spoke to "current and former" American officials and presidential advisers, as well as sources from other countries.

"This is unbelievable ... absolutely stunning," a former senior intelligence official said about the level of detail contained in the cyberattack story.

The official noted that the article cited participants in sensitive White House meetings who then told the reporter about top secret discussions. The article "talks about President Obama giving direction for a cyberweapons attack during a time of peace against a United Nations member state."

The article follows on the heels of what many considered dangerous leaking of details about a mole who helped foil a plot by al Qaeda in Yemen. The revelations of the British national threatened what was described at the time as an ongoing operation.

"The leak really did endanger sources and methods," Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-California and chair of the Intelligence Committee, told Fox News.

The Yemen plot had many intelligence and national security officials flummoxed and angered by its public airing. Despite that, a senior administration official then briefed network counterterrorism analysts, including CNN's Frances Townsend, about parts of the operation.

But such briefings are an "obligation" for the administration once a story like the Yemen plot is publicized, insisted National Security Council spokesman Tommy Vietor.

"The reason that we brief former counterterrorism officials is because they are extremely conscientious about working with us about what can and cannot be said or disclosed," Vietor told Security Clearance. "They understand that there is an obligation for the U.S. to be transparent with American people about potential threats but will work with us to protect operational equities because they've walked in our shoes."

Subsequently, the intelligence committee initiated a review of its agencies to assess the leak. The FBI launched an investigation as well.

Perhaps the highest profile intelligence coupe for the administration, the killing of Osama bin Laden, was followed almost immediately by criticism of how much detail was leaking out. Then-Secretary of Defense Robert Gates complained that after officials agreed in the Situation Room not to reveal operational details, it was mere hours before that agreement was broken.

"The leaks that followed the successful bin Laden mission led to the arrest of Pakistanis and put in danger the mission's heroes and their families," Rep. Peter King, R-New York, said in an interview on CNN's "Erin Burnett OutFront."

Questions were raised about why details of documents and other articles that were seized during the raid were discussed even before the intelligence community had time to review what they were holding.

Leon Panetta, who at the time was the director of the CIA and is now the defense secretary, penned a letter to CIA staff warning against loose lips.

In the letter, obtained by CNN, Panetta wrote that the operation, "led to an unprecedented amount of very sensitive — in fact, classified — information making its way into the press."

"Disclosure of classified information to anyone not cleared for it — reporters, friends, colleagues in the private sector or other agencies, former agency officers — does tremendous damage to our work. At worst, leaks endanger lives," the letter said.

In the latest case, the White House denied it was orchestrating the leak. Asked Friday if the Times' story detailing the cyberattack on Iran was an "authorized leak," White House spokesman Josh Earnest disagreed "in the strongest possible terms."

"That information is classified for a reason. Publicizing it would pose a threat to our national security," Earnest told reporters.

But the White House has tried to be more open about what have been secretive programs. The president himself became the first administration official to acknowledge U.S. drones were conducting attacks in Pakistan when he made a comment to a supporter in an online chat, even though officials through all the years of the program had never said publicly they were being conducted.

Then, in April, the president's assistant for homeland security and counterterrorism, John Brennan, publicly blew the cover off the drone program, saying in a speech that "yes, in full accordance with the law — and in order to prevent terrorist attacks on the United States and to save American lives — the United States government conducts targeted strikes against specific al Qaeda terrorists, sometimes using remotely piloted aircraft, often referred to publicly as drones."

But that speech, Vietor told CNN's Security Clearance last month, was carefully considered for how revealing it could be.

"I'm not going to get into internal deliberations, but as a general matter we obviously push to be as transparent as we can while being mindful of our national security equities," Vietor said.

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From: H <HDR22@clintonemail.com>
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To: Abedin, Huma
Subject: Re: Pakistani lawmakers slam US after private session with military leaders

Can you pls call me at home?

From: Abedin, Huma [mailto:AbedinH@state.gov]
Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2011 11:42 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: Pakistani lawmakers slam US after private session with military leaders

From: OpsNewsTicker
Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2011 10:58 AM
To: NEWS-Mahogany
Cc: SES-O_OS; SES-O_SWO
Subject: Pakistani lawmakers slam US after private session with military leaders

ISLAMABAD - (AP) Pakistan's Parliament has passed a resolution slamming the United States for the raid that killed al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden, calling it an attack on Pakistan's sovereignty.

The resolution also criticizes U.S. missile strikes in Pakistan's tribal areas. It says the government should consider barring U.S. and NATO supply trucks from using land routes in Pakistan if the drone attacks continue.

At the same time, lawmakers are calling for an independent commission to investigate the bin Laden raid. Pakistan's prime minister has said the military would lead the probe, but opposition leaders say that's not good enough.

The resolution followed a rare, private session with top military officials that began yesterday and ran past midnight. During the session, Pakistan's intelligence chief indicated he'd be willing to resign if lawmakers demanded it, but no one did.

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From: H <HDR22@clintonemail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2011 9:44 AM
To: Abedin, Huma
Subject: Re: Pakistan troops battle Taliban for US drone debris (AP)

No--sorry! Also, pls let me know if you got a reply from my ipad. I'm not sure replies go thru.

From: Abedin, Huma [mailto:AbedinH@state.gov]
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2011 09:37 AM
To: H
Subject: Re: Pakistan troops battle Taliban for US drone debris (AP)

Did u mean to send to me?

From: H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2011 09:28 AM
To: Abedin, Huma
Subject: Re: Pakistan troops battle Taliban for US drone debris (AP)

I like the idea of these. How high are they? What would the bench be made of? And I'd prefer two shelves or attractive boxes/baskets/containers on one. What do you think?

From: Abedin, Huma [mailto:AbedinH@state.gov]
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2011 09:16 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: Pakistan troops battle Taliban for US drone debris (AP)

From: OpsNewsTicker
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2011 09:07 AM
To: NEWS-Mahogany; NEWS-Afghanistan
Cc: SES-O
Subject: Pakistan troops battle Taliban for US drone debris (AP)

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DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan - (AP) Pakistani soldiers battled Taliban fighters in an attempt to seize precious debris from a suspected U.S. drone that crashed in a rugged tribal area near the Afghan border, Pakistani intelligence officials and militants said Sunday.

The Taliban said they shot down the unmanned aircraft, which crashed Saturday night near Jangara village in the South Waziristan tribal area.

Pakistani intelligence officials said they were not certain whether Taliban fire or technical problems brought down the drone. Drone crashes have happened before in Pakistan, but they are rare.

Pakistan first learned of the crash by intercepting Taliban radio communications, said the intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

The debris was first seized by the Taliban. Several hours later, the Pakistani army sent soldiers in to wrest it out of militant hands, sparking a fight with the Taliban in which three militants were killed, said the officials.

Three militants and two soldiers were also wounded in the clash, they said.

The intelligence officials said the troops were successful in seizing the debris, but Pakistani Taliban

commander Azmatullah Diwana claimed his fighters repelled the soldiers. The army then sent helicopter gunships into the area where the militants were holding the debris, Diwana told The Associated Press by telephone from an undisclosed location.

Nawab Khan, a government official in South Waziristan, confirmed the drone crash and the subsequent clash between militants and army troops. But he did not know whether the soldiers were successful in seizing the debris.

Neither the Pakistani army nor the U.S. Embassy responded to request for comment.

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