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And Landler just added this: "She also said she had the "highest esteem" for General Jones, according to her spokesman, Philippe Reines, who added in a statement, "Anyone asserting otherwise is speaking for themselves, not the secretary."

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**From:** Reines, Philippe I (PACE) [mailto:ReinesPi@state.gov]

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Subject: FW: HRC re Jones

Cheryl,

HRC called me understandably upset with the section of this NYT story regarding General Jones: http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/02/world/02clinton.html? r=1&hpw=&pagewanted=print

She made it clear that this in no way reflects her feelings or anything she thinks about him, let alone anyone "in her circle" would say. She wanted me to make that clear to the reporter. I just spoke to Mark Landler, told him on the record (which I reiterated below via email) that Secretary Clinton holds General Jones in the highest regard, she has nothing but the highest praise for him, and that I was more than happy to put her on the phone to make herself clear on this point - since they did not speak about their relationship during her lengthy interview for the story. I especially made the point that identifying this person as someone "in her circle" was incredibly misleading. Someone in her circle is someone like you, or a Jake, or me. And none of us would ever say anything like that. Someone who was slated for a position at State irrespective of the choice of HRC as Secretary should not be allowed to be identified that way. Mark conceded that point and let me know he will be changing the sourcing to read, "But State Department officials, and others in the administration..." It's a small consolation, but I think a very important one.

I just spoke to Sarah Farnsworth to share the above, and told her we stand ready to help any other way we can to debunk this falsehood. If you hear from Denis or anyone else at the White House, please let me know if there is something else they'd like us to do, and I will.

Philippe

From: Reines, Philippe I (PACE) Sent: Friday, May 01, 2009 4:49 PM

To: (U)landler

**Subject:** HRC re Jones

Mark -

Just to reiterate what I said on the phone, Secretary Clinton holds General Jones in the highest esteem and has nothing but the most glowing things to say about him and his contribution to the Administration. Anyone asserting otherwise is speaking for themselves, and not the Secretary.

Philippe

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