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From:

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Sent:

Monday, May 14, 2012 7:06 PM

To:

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Subject:

FW: Regret!

Pretty stand-up move.

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From: Richard H.Solomon

Sent: Monday, May 14, 2012 5:07 PM

To: Sullivan, Jacob J Subject: Regret!

Jake: Just a note to say that I truly regret a statement by one of my staff quoted in Sunday's NYTimes that seemed to disparage State personnel deployed in Iraq. I will not elaborate on the (familiar) explanations of "statement out of context," "not what he actually said, or meant" — even though that is the case. I am writing a note to Ambassador Jim Jeffry expressing regret, and the staffer is writing a personal letter to the Times to set the record straight. Nonetheless, damage done. But I trust the constructive collaboration between USIP's Baghdad office and Jim's mission will continue. If you have any questions or suggestions, please give me a call. Dick Solomon

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