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**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 29, 2009 3:41 PM  
**To:** H; Mills, Cheryl D  
**Subject:** FW: Iran

I asked Bill to provide an update on Iran given recent events. Please see below.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Burns, William J  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 29, 2009 3:35 PM  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Subject:** RE: Iran

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Jake,

Following are a few further thoughts on Iran (pls share with HRC if you'd like):



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Sorry about the Vikings but enjoy the rest of the holidays,

Bill

Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2009 3:23 PM  
To: Mills, Cheryl D  
Subject: Venezuela

Cheryl-- don't know if you remember me. We worked together in the Clinton WH. I worked at the NSC for Sandy and Tony and worked a lot with Pat Griffin. I kept a Dem foreign policy list for the past 8 years or so, circulating national security op-eds and articles by Dems to Dems.

I'm now working for Leon Panetta at the CIA, but I am not writing to you in that capacity. This is my own initiative.

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He is smart, level headed and very loyal. He would do an excellent job.

I am not trying to interfere, but he is such a superb officer and good person that I thought it was important for you to take consider him seriously. Please let me know if you need any additional information. I have know Alex for 35 years, so I am sure I can answer almost all questions.

Hope all is well. The Secretary is doing a great job.

Bill Danvers