

Re: FYI... Let me know how you want handled:

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From: H
To: Burns Strider
Sent: Tue Mar 10 18:45:20 2009
Subject: Re: FYI... Let me know how you want handled:

Pls let Larry know that you passed it on and that the request will be reviewed and we will get back to him. Thx.

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From: "Burns Strider"

Date: Mon, 9 Mar 2009 14:43:20
To:
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From: Larry Ross [mailto:
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2009 1:23 PM
To: Burns Strider
Subject: FW: Inquiry about possible meeting with President Obama or Administration Official and Rev. Franklin Graham upon his return from Sudan

Burns:

I hope this email finds you well-situated with the Eleison Group since the rigors of the campaign, when we met at Saddleback Church in California in conjunction with then-Senator Clinton's appearance at the AIDS & the Church conference prior to the start of the primary season.

Perhaps you have been following news this past week about the trip to Sudan by Rev. Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham, for whom I have represented for 28 years, and about whom I met privately with Mrs. Clinton at her request. Franklin Graham met for 45 minutes with President Omar al-Bashir -- four hours before the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued a warrant for his arrest. Franklin then went to Juba and met with Dalva Kiir, President of Government of South Sudan.

Samaritan's Purse, the Boone, NC-based relief and development organization headed by Rev. Graham, has more than 300 staff on the ground in all conflict areas of Sudan -- including Darfur, Nuba, Blue Nile, Hamesh Koreb and South Sudan.

Rev. Graham has a unique relationship with both leaders and an informed perspective on the situation, the longstanding involvement and presence of his work in the region. He asked me to inquire on his behalf whether Secretary Clinton would be interested in meeting with him upon his return this week as the only American to talk to Bashir, to discuss his perspective about Sudan and its future, as well as the situation of South Sudan and the fragile Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

I have reached out to Josh DuBois to see if President Obama might have similar interest, but did not know how to best reach out to Secretary Clinton in her new responsibilities - which make her the likely Administration representative to have such a meeting, if interested or available.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.
Thanks,
Burns.

PS - below is a March 3 New York Times Op-ed by Franklin Graham on the situation in Sudan.

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Put Peace Before Justice

By FRANKLIN GRAHAM

Nyala, Sudan

IN 2001 a hospital operated by my relief organization in the southern Sudanese town of Lui was bombed nine times by forces of President Omar Hassan al-Bashir. Two years later, I had what would be my first of three meetings with Mr. Bashir, now one of the most wanted men on the planet.

When

I confronted him about these attacks he was fully aware of them. After

our
meeting they stopped. Mr. Bashir is rightly accused of great cruelty and
destruction. But I have been able to deal with him.

It now looks as if the International Criminal Court will finally bring
Mr.
Bashir to his knees. Tomorrow the court is expected to announce its
decision
to issue an arrest warrant for the president, the first time it has
sought
the detention of a sitting head of state. Yet arresting Mr. Bashir now
will
likely only cr