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Fyi - from [redacted] below

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From: Toiv, Nora F
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See below

From: [redacted]
To: Toiv, Nora F
Sent: Tue Aug 10 21:54:48 2010
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Nora,

This is from a trusted friend [redacted]

Perhaps you can pass it on to Cheryl Mills for the Secretary's briefing, as appropriate.



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

From: [Redacted]

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Sent: Tue, Aug 10, 2010 6:48 pm

Subject: Secretary Clinton's Remarks on the Killings in Afghanistan

Dear [Redacted]

Secretary of State Clinton delivered an eloquent and forceful statement regarding the killing of the team of medical workers.

<http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2010/08/145820.htm>

They were associated with the NOOR Eye program. Here is the home page of the NOOR Eye program that has been active in Afghanistan since 1966.

<http://www.iam-afghanistan.org/what-we-do/eye-care/noor-eye-care>

In almost all articles, it is reported that these were dedicated Christians "but not proselytizers."

It is widely believed, by most people who have worked in Afghanistan, that NOOR was engaged in proselytizing. This has been going on for more than 40 years. Secretary Clinton needs to be careful in commenting about the NOOR group. One of the claims of our enemies in Afghanistan is that the United States is there to convert everyone to Christianity. Laws against proselytizing have been on the books in Afghanistan for perhaps a century. It is behavior that is deeply offensive to all Afghans.

While condemning an extremely heinous crime, which can weaken the Taliban, the Secretary of State should not appear to be condoning efforts to convert the Afghan people to Christianity - a position that can strengthen the Taliban.

I thought that these comments might be useful, since there seem to be no news reports, from any source, on what I view, as the real nature of what was transpiring in Nuristan.

Regards,



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