From: David Ignatius
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 6:34 PM
To: 
Subject: RE: Invitation to Speak at 24 May CIA DI Political Islam Conference--
"Political Islam's Future: Challenges, Choices, and Uncertainties"

Smaller roundtable would be great.

RE: Invitation to Speak at 24 May CIA DI Political Islam Conference--
"Political Islam's Future: Challenges, Choices, and Uncertainties"

04/24/2012 06:19 PM

Cc:
Thank you David, we appreciate your willingness. Perhaps next time the schedules will align. Perhaps we can have you by for a smaller roundtable with our PISAP folks sometime in the future.

Take care,

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

----Original Message-----
From: David Ignatius
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2012 6:13 PM
To:
Subject: Re: Invitation to Speak at 24 May CIA DI Political Islam Conference-- "Political Islam's Future: Challenges, Choices, and Uncertainties"

I would be pleased and honored to do this, but unfortunately I will be in Europe on May 24.

Invitation to Speak at 24 May CIA DI Political Islam Conference--
"Political Islam's Future: Challenges, Choices, and Uncertainties"

to:

04/24/2012 04:01 PM

Cc:

From
David,

Our colleagues in the Directorate of Intelligence’s Political Islam Strategic Analysis Program (PISAP) asked us to check your availability to speak at their off-the-record annual conference the morning of 24 May 2012 in Arlington, VA. The theme of this year’s conference is “Political Islam’s Future: Challenges, Choices, and Uncertainties.” The conference organizers would like you to draw upon the insight from your field experience, reporting, and broad network of contacts during the lead up to the Arab Spring to share how journalists sense that major political, social, or religious changes are in the making. The conference is open to US government intelligence analysts and policymakers. They would ask you to speak formally for 30-40 minutes followed by time for discussion.

If you are interested in accepting the invitation please let me know and the conference organizers will contact you with further details.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

[Signature]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2012 11:04 AM
To: David Ignatius
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: [Redacted]

David,

[Blank Line]

Take care,

[Blank Line]

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs

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Thanks David,

Have a good night.

From: David Ignatius
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2012 08:44 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Your Column

Thanks for this. I did try to get comment, and I would have reflected it in the piece. I think it would be worthwhile for the agency to follow up the trail I describe in my article. The reason that these former officers went to the FBI in the first place with the information is that they felt they weren't welcome at CIA—but believed the info should be communicated to the USG. There's a thread worth following here, imho.

David

David Ignatius
The Washington Post

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 05/08/2012 08:34 PM AST
To: David Ignatius
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Your Column

David,
Thanks for the opportunity to weigh in,
From: David Ignatius
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 4:39 PM
To: Re: Quick additional question

I have to be done done about 5:00.

Re: Quick additional question

to:  

05/29/2012 04:11 PM

Cc:  

From:  
To:  
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From: David Ignatius
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2012 3:08 PM
To: 
Subject: Quick additional question

Preston:

Simple question: After receiving the InterAction letter from Worthington, I'd like to say that Petraeus sent the CIA general counsel to meet with the NGO alliance. Can I say anything about what message he conveyed?

David
Best wishes,

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
From:  
Sent:  Tuesday, May 29, 2012 1:27 PM  
To: 'David Ignatius'  
Cc:  
Subject: Comments will be coming shortly,

David,

Media Spokesperson
CIA Office of Public Affairs
To:    'David Ignatius'
Cc:    
Subject:    Comments for your Column

David,

On the record, from me in name as a CIA Spokesperson:

"I cannot comment on, or confirm, any possible operational activity. However, I would note that the CIA certainly respects the great work of medical NGOs in difficult places around the world. The Agency is receptive to the views of the NGO community, and met with community representatives for a full and frank exchange on their concerns. Decisions are not made in a vacuum, and the Agency welcomed the opportunity to hear directly from them."
Okay, many tks.

David Ignatius
The Washington Post

I'm responding to your most recent query.

All the best,

CIA Office of Public Affairs