

From: Jay.Solomon@awsj.com  
To: otaiba7@hotmail.com  
Date: Thu, 12 Nov 2009 15:05:52 -0500  
Subject: RE: How was your lunch?

Interesting. Thanks. Can I ping you on two more things?

1.) Did he say anything about the state of Iran's reply/non-reply on the LeU deal? A European official I talked to today suggested the Iranians told ElBaradei in recent days that they're turning down the deal. The Iranians essentially said: our internal political discord makes it impossible for us to execute this deal.

2.) Yemen: How much concern is there now that this Yemen situation could be morphing into an Arab-Persian war? I just read Mottaki's statements, and they're pretty sharp. I know the Yemenis have detained some Iranian ship in recent days that was moving around the Gulf of Aden.

Do you guys eat at the White House mess?:-)

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From: Yousef Al Otaiba [mailto:otaiba7@hotmail.com]  
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2009 3:00 PM  
To: Solomon, Jay  
Subject: RE: How was your lunch?

Very good, we talked about everything from palestine to afghanistan but no mention of nuclear umbrella. That issue must only exist in the secretary's world cuz even the NEA guys don't mention it and I talk to them frequently.

Yousef Al Otaiba  
Re: How was your lunch?  
To: Jay Solomon

Sent - Yousef Al Otaiba November 12, 2009 at 12:22 PM

YO

We both agreed that there appears to be more sunni-shia conflicts erupting in places like yemen, pakistan, lebanon all with a common theme and players behind it.

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Subject: RE: How was your lunch?

Ross was alarmed by the Yemen situation, no? He's pretty hawkish on this type of stuff.

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From: Yousef Al Otaiba [<mailto:otaiba7@hotmail.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2009 3:16 PM  
To: Solomon, Jay  
Subject: RE: How was your lunch?

We ate the J&G at the new W hotel, phenomenal steakhouse if you haven't already been.

1. Basically on the Iran issue he mentioned they are not going to shut the door yet on the LEU deal cuz the Russians and the chinese are still holding the line well. The IAEA board meeting on the 25th, and the president's meeting with medvedev on sunday are all big markers for how things will play out the next few weeks.
2. We in the region are very concerned with how yemen is shaping up. It most certainly is a shi'ite-sunni clash with the iranians and the saudis clashing behind the scenes so to speak. What alarms me is the continuous US insistence they do not see an iranian hand in the situation, we certainly do.

Yousef Al Otaiba  
Re: Yemen  
To: Dick Clarke

November 20, 2010 at 4:22 AM

YO

Yes, this was based on the report your team put together.

I believe he was also going to try to get an exemption on firearm restriction.

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From: Richard Clarke <[rac@goodharbor.net](mailto:rac@goodharbor.net)>

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Subject: Yemen

You probably know this, but in case you don't...

The boss called Sanna and got agreement to put some of Terry O'Farrell's guys and an aircraft into Aden as an emergency extraction team for the emiratis at the games.

My team there is linked up and will discretely support with liaison and info, without crossing our client there.

Mike Hindmarsh has been the channel to us.

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Yousef Al Otaiba  
To: Andrew Steinfeld

January 8, 2010 at 12:02 PM

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YO

Its a pretty nice little movie, should be a good event.

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Subject: RE: Yemen

Thank YOU for the lovely invite Wed after the flick on Mecca.

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