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Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2014 5:26 PM
To: RONALDDB
Cc: [redacted] Mark Mazzetti; Mike Schmidt; Thomas Shanker; [redacted] (b)(3)
Subject: [AIN] Re: IMPORTANT -- 2nd UK hostage killed? (b)(3)

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Thanks, Dean.

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On Sat, Sep 20, 2014 at 5:13 PM, RONALDDB [redacted] wrote: (b)(3)
Eric;

We will not be jumping through hoops to help you today, given the unwillingness of your paper and editors and Mark Mazzetti to retract one name from a story which could get people killed. Feel free to go talk to them if you are unhappy with our response. Many thanks.

Dean

From: Schmitt, Eric [redacted] (b)(6)
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Subject: IMPORTANT -- 2nd UK hostage killed?

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A Syrian activist I follow in Raqqa has posted a detailed description saying ISIS fighters were seen loading a man in an orange jumpsuit and taking him in a car with enormous security to a hill. The activist says ISIS blocked the roads to Deir Azzour, plus the roads to the north and south and to the desert -- and kept around 30 cars in a perimeter around the site.

They drove - he said - to the hill across from Private Union University, same place where Foley is believed to have been killed. They had a large convoy of cars including one that appeared to be carrying a TV camera. He says one man in an orange jumpsuit was killed at 7:50 am.

He didn't say the day but I assume he meant today Syria time.

He says moreover that there was a red Nissan station wagon and a black 4x4. In this black car witnesses saw another man in an orange jumpsuit.

It sounds to me as if they have killed Alan Henning and brought out whoever the next victim is to show him in the video.

This activist is apparently in touch with the team helping the US hostages -- and I am assuming they will pass this on to the US government.

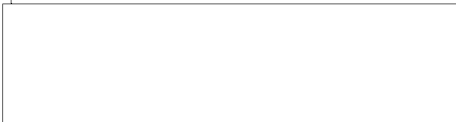
It seems too specific to not be accurate - but if true it indicates that ISIS is taking the hostages to the same place to be killed, which is rather bold given that the US is supposed to be doing surveillance now.

Are you picking up anything today that would confirm this information?

Thanks,

Eric

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