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[Redacted] RE: Ignatius column this weekend on documents from UBL raid

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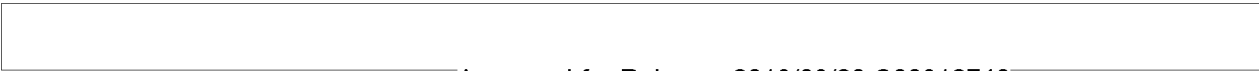
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Per my note below last night, here are background TPs folks can use when asked about the Ignatius story:



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Team,

As you probably know, our CT folks have been working for months with the IC to declassify and analyze documents taken from UBL's compound. They have organized some of the documents thematically for use with press where they could provide a strategic communications benefit. Ultimately, the plan is for all the documents to be hosted by an academic institution for journalists/researchers to study.

The first such collection is called "Al-Qaida's Weaknesses, Internal Disputes, and Bin Ladin's Views". That material was exclusively reviewed this week by David Ignatius. He has secured essentially half of the Washington Post's Sunday editorial page for a 1,200 word column on the subject, and a shorter version (750 words) of his syndicated column will be disseminated globally.

The column will paint a picture of a fractured, weakened AQ core, and a hunkered down, brooding UBL cut off from his organization by our CT efforts.

Some logistical flags – because Ignatius's column is disseminated globally, its very possible that his affiliate papers will put it up during the day tomorrow.

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We will send you guys the background TPs ASAP.

Best,

Tommy

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