## Exchange Mail

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12/05/2000 6:26:44 PM

FROM

Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

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SUBJECT

RE: Butt update [TOP SECRET]

TO

Harris, Grant T. (AF)

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will do

----Original Message----From: Harris, Grant T. (AF)

Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 6:26 PM

To: Smith, Gayle E.

(AF)

Subject: RE: Butt update [TOP SECRET]

FYI: I told Witney

we revised the tps and when I commented on the paper and mentioned that we were not included, Prince Schneidman gave me a sarcastic "sorry." In response to your earlier idea, I think a heart-to-heart as a friend would be helpful.

----Original Message-----

From: Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 6:17 PM

To: Harris,

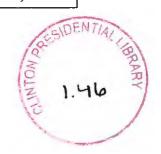
Grant T. (AF); Byrne, Catherine E. (AF); Cooper, Colby J. (AF)

Cc: @AFRICA
- African Affairs

Subject: RE: Butt update [TOP SECRET]

Colby

can you please inform Leon that I would like Grant to attend with me as he is our expert



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----Original Message----
From: Harris,
Grant T. (AF)
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 6:08 PM
To: Harris,
Grant T. (AF); Byrne, Catherine E. (AF); Cooper, Colby J. (AF);
Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
Cc: @AFRICA - African Affairs
Subject: RE:
Butt update <del>[TOP SECRET]</del>
Colby--
Please mark GES calendar with
following event on Thursday:
3:30-3:45 brief Leon Fuerth
3:45-4:45
(end time depends on meeting length) Amb. Sisulu with Leon Fuerth
thank you
----Original Message----
From: Harris, Grant T.
(AF)
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 1:43 PM
To: Byrne, Catherine
E. (AF); Cooper, Colby J. (AF); Smith, Gayle E. (AF)
Cc: @AFRICA
- African Affairs
Subject: RE: Butt update [TOP SECRET]
spoke
with Jim, trying to get 3:30 on Thursday.
----Original Message----
From: Byrne,
Catherine E. (AF)
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 1:32 PM
To: Cooper,
Colby J. (AF); Smith, Gayle E. (AF); Harris, Grant T. (AF)
Cc: @AFRICA
- African Affairs
Subject: RE: Butt update [TOP-SECRET]
yep,
Wed is bad.
----Original Message----
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From: Cooper, Colby J.

(AF)

Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 1:29 PM

To: Smith, Gayle

E. (AF); Harris, Grant T. (AF); Byrne, Catherine E. (AF)

Cc: @AFRICA
- African Affairs

Subject: RE: Butt update [TOP SECRET]

CB -

as you suggested 2:45-5:00 window on Thursday right? Wednesday looks booked solid.

----Original Message----

From: Smith, Gayle E.

(AF)

Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 12:51 PM

To: Harris, Grant

T. (AF); Byrne, Catherine E. (AF)

Cc: @AFRICA - African Affairs

Subject: RE:

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Colby? Cathy any possible overlaps on the Wed side?

----Original Message----

From: Harris, Grant

T. (AF)

Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2000 12:12 PM

To: Smith,

Gayle E. (AF); Byrne, Catherine E. (AF)

Cc: @AFRICA - African

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Subject: RE: Butt update [TOP SECRET]

The 10:45-12:30

on Thursday slot that Cahty suggested does not work for Leon.

Leon's

schedule is as follows:

Wed: Anytime other than 11-12 or 1:30-2:00

or 3:30-4:00

Thursday: If no DC, then free from 2:00-5:00pm.

If DC, free from 3:30-5:00pm.

Friday: open 10-12, 1-4:00 (But Friday

is too late for the meeting, as Mbeki/MKA meeting would already have

taken place given the time difference.

I feel it is very important to meet with Sisulu in time for her to lay the groundwork for the Mbeki/MKA meeting. Can we please find any time that meshes with Leon's calendar that would work for GES to free up for an hour?

----Original Message----

From: Byrne, Catherine E. (AF)

Sent: Tuesday, December

05, 2000 10:12 AM

To: Harris, Grant T. (AF)

Subject: RE: Butt

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1045-1230 she's free

AF/S reports that
MKA will meet
Friday 5:30pm with Mbeki
Saturday 9:00am with Zuma
(also,
FYI: Tutu courtesy call in Cape Town on Thursday)

I suggest Cathy the JEPCatrix nominates any possible times on Thursday. Cathy, can you please let us know the possibilities?

GES-- would you want anyone from CIA or Wolosky in the Sisulu meeting?

----Original Message----

From: Smith, Gayle E. (AF) Sent: Tuesday, December

05, 2000 8:24 AM

To: Harris, Grant T. (AF) Cc: @AFRICA - African

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Subject: RE: Butt update [TOP SECRET]

Yes, you can help

by calling Jim and asking him to schedule a meeting for Leon, me, Babbitt and you with Sisulu, probably Friday, she can then get to Mbeki perhaps before MKA does but on second thought, can you find out when MKA is seeing Mbeki so we can time this right, I have some openings on Thursday when I can leave JEPC (doublecheck with Cathy,

who is my JEPC master, on when I can exit) on Thursday. Tomorrow I must be in JEPC all day. Thanks, your offer is much appreciated.

----Original

Message----

From: Harris, Grant T. (AF) Sent: Tuesday, December

05, 2000 8:21 AM

To: Smith, Gayle E. (AF) Cc: @AFRICA - African

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Subject: Butt update [TOP-SECRET]

## Lee, Witney and I

will have a conference call with the South Africans tomorrow, including with Peter Guessen, who is point person at senior working level. Although I pushed back, there was no logistical way to make this call secure. Thus, we will need to talk around certain issues and not mention any names.

Regarding Sisulu... Is there anything

that I can be doing to help as far as working with Babbitt on details or preparing anything? The butt-kicking team thinks it is important to have this meeting as soon as possible. Sisulu meeting will also help lay the groundwork for MKA-Mbeki meeting.

----Original

Message----

From: Smith, Gayle E. (AF) Sent: Monday, December

04, 2000 11:56 AM

To: Harris, Grant T. (AF) Cc: @AFRICA - African

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Subject: Just raised VB with Susan for Sec's trip <del>[TOP SECRET]</del>

## Susan

said she thought it good idea for MKA to raise, pointed out that it is not locked in yet, told her the reason to do it would be to get MKA to lock it in with Mbeki, she agreed, said they only have one VB point in her papers. She (Susan) asked if Grant could send her (Susan) anything he has on this. Grant, can you put something together including on state of play so that we can get MKA to lock it in? Should probably touch base with Lee. Do not want to override Witney so do not do a whole new memo, but a package of whatever exists,

or something. You decide.