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Subject: Re: nice story for you from Libya

FOIA-6 I might have given the speech but you wrote it

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On Mar 12, 2012, at 8:14 AM, "Blinken, Antony J." <Antony_J._Blinken@ovp.eop.gov> wrote:

Thought you would want to see this. [Tom is director of Human Rights Watch;f ormer Clinton NSC staff.]

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From: Tom Malinowski [mailto:malinot@hrw.org]
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Subject: nice story for you from Libya

I met the Libyan FM's spokesman today, a career Libyan diplomat named Saad ElshImani. He told us that he had accompanied Biden during his visit to Libya in 2004, and mentioned to us that Biden's speech to the General People's Congress was a breakthrough – the first time anyone had spoken to that body and told the truth about what was holding the country back. He said that he still has Biden's marked up copy of the speech, and would like to give it back to him someday!

Anyway, a nice reminder that stuff you say and do in dictatorships can get through to people even at times when their leaders seem secure and it seems like nothing can ever change.

There is so much more we need to do in Libya, and I have some real concerns about complacency, which this visit by the PM has not alleviated. But it's still good to hear stories like this.

Tom