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2 Male Speaker: Okay, the Senate Recording Studio is
3 going to do the taping of this. I'm going to call David,
4 46929, when we're done, to make sure they get the tape up to
5 us ASAP. We will then send it to Alderson, which will get
6 it transcribed.

7 I think -- I don't know how we're going to do the
8 voices. We're just going to have to --

9 Male Speaker: Why don't we just go around and
10 introduce ourselves --

11 Male Speaker: -- go around the room.

12 Male Speaker: -- so it'll be on tape, anyway.

13 Male Speaker: Jennifer, why don't you start with you?

14 Ms. Gergen: Jennifer Gergen, Senator Foreign Relations
15 Committee, Majority Staff.

16 Mr. Brannigan: Jay Brannigan, Senator Foreign
17 Relations Committee, Majority Staff.

18 Mr. Foldi: Paul Foldi, Senate Foreign Relations,
19 Majority Staff.

20 Mr. Levine: Edward Levine, Senate Foreign Relations
21 Committee, Minority Staff.

22 Mr. McKeon: I'm Brian McKeon, on the Foreign Relations
23 Committee, Democratic Staff.

24 Janice O'Connell, of the staff, has just stepped out,
25 but she'll be back.

1 Ms. Bradley: Carol Bradley, from the Bureau of
2 Intelligence and Research at the State Department.

3 Mr. Silver: Neil Silver, from the Department of
4 Intelligence and Research at the State Department.

5 Ms. Boric: Jackie Boric, from the Office of the Legal
6 Advisor at the State Department.

7 Mr. Brown: Bruce Brown, from the Bureau of Legislative
8 Affairs, State Department.

9 Male Speaker: Mr. Silver, thank you for coming today.
10 If you could, for the record, just state what your position
11 is, how long you've been there, et cetera.

12 Mr. Silver: I'm Director of the Office for the
13 Analysis of Strategic Proliferation and Military Affairs in
14 the Bureau of Intelligence and Research at the State
15 Department.

16 Male Speaker: And when --

17 Mr. Silver: Started on July 1, 2002.

18 Male Speaker: 2002. Great.

19 And does Mr. Westermann still work for you, sir?

20 Mr. Silver: Yes, he does.

21 Male Speaker: And has there been any change in his
22 portfolio in the time that he has worked for you, sir?

23 Mr. Silver: No, there has not.

24 Male Speaker: I guess the easiest question to ask you
25 is, Did you ever speak to Under Secretary Bolton regarding

1 Mr. Westermann, sir?

2 Mr. Silver: I had a courtesy call on Mr. Bolton
3 sometime after I arrived, in -- after July, obviously, 2002.
4 It was a normal courtesy call --

5 Male Speaker: Was this something -- is this a meeting
6 that you had requested?

7 Mr. Silver: I had requested it.

8 Male Speaker: Okay. And then, did -- when did Mr.
9 Westermann's name come up in the topic -- in the -- in the
10 conversation?

11 Mr. Silver: Somewhere toward the end, maybe -- the
12 whole call, I would recollect, being 10 or 15 minutes. It
13 was, kind of, a normal introduction call.

14 Male Speaker: And did you raise Mr. Westermann's name?

15 Mr. Silver: No, I didn't.

16 Male Speaker: Would you just try to summarize for us
17 what Under Secretary Bolton said, to the best of your
18 recollection, and what you said?

19 Mr. Silver: He, to my -- best of my recollection,
20 raised Mr. Westermann's name, and he asked, or indicated,
21 that he would like me to consider having him moved to some
22 other portfolio, something of -- to that effect. My
23 reaction was to ask Mr. Bolton what -- you know, what -- Was
24 there something I should know? You know, I was basically
25 trying to understand why -- you know, why he said that.

1 Male Speaker: And do you remember, sir, if this was a
2 case of you asking Mr. Bolton, "Is there anything I should
3 know regarding my office?" Or was it something that, to
4 your recollection, Mr. Bolton raised out of the blue?

5 Mr. Silver: It's quite possible, or probable, that I
6 said something to the effect that, "If there were ways that
7 we could be more helpful, or," something to that effect,
8 "that we would like to, you know, work in -- if there were
9 issues, or if there were things which came up, that, you
10 know, we'd certainly like to work on them."

11 Male Speaker: Okay. Thank you very much.

12 Brian, do you have any questions?

13 Mr. Brannigan: Just to follow up.

14 When you said --

15 Male Speaker: This is Jay Brannigan speaking.

16 Mr. Brannigan: When you said to Mr. Bolton -- asked
17 him what the problem was with Mr. Westermann, why he was
18 making this request, what was his reply?

19 Mr. Silver: He didn't really reply. He sort of
20 indicated he really didn't want to discuss it further.

21 Mr. Brannigan: Did you press him further to get any
22 more details?

23 Mr. Silver: No. After it was clear that he didn't
24 want to discuss it further, I didn't press him further.

25 Mr. Brannigan: And just one more follow-up. Did he

1 say he wanted Mr. Westermann fired, or just removed from his
2 portfolio?

3 Mr. Silver: My recollection is, to move him into
4 something else. It wasn't in terms of firing. I think I
5 would remember, quite clearly, if it was the latter.

6 Mr. McKeon: This is Brian McKeon talking.

7 What was the rest of the meeting about? What goes on
8 in a courtesy call in the State Department?

9 Mr. Silver: It was so unexceptionable that it's very
10 difficult to remember. I had sent up, beforehand, a sort of
11 curriculum vitae of what I had done in the Department. We
12 may have talked a little bit about what other assignments I
13 had in the Department. I may have indicated, although I'm
14 not an expert in weapons-of-mass-destruction issues, I may
15 have said something about some background that was
16 applicable to the job I was doing. And it was, otherwise, a
17 fairly unexceptionable -- it was a very friendly meeting, I
18 would say.

19 Male Speaker: Did the Westermann matter -- did it come
20 up in the meeting or as you were getting up to leave or --

21 Mr. Silver: No, it came up -- it was a fairly short --
22 as I indicated, probably ten or -- ten-minute meeting or so,
23 and it came up, not as I was getting up to leave, but toward
24 the end of the -- what was -- became the end of the meeting.

25 Male Speaker: And what did you do with that request?

1 Mr. Silver: Well, I came -- afterwards, I discussed it
2 with my immediate supervisor, Tom Fingar, and we -- I -- we
3 discussed -- I mean, I was a little bit surprised, but we
4 discussed -- I mean, he told me some of the background of
5 what had happened the year or so before, so I was informed
6 of that. And we decided that our guidance to Christian
7 would be, certainly, to do his job, continue to do his job,
8 but we had -- we had the luxury of two people doing
9 overlapping portfolios -- one, more senior, Mr. Westermann;
10 and one, more junior, another officer. So both of them
11 worked together on the interdiction of CBW items.

12 Male Speaker: Was this Dave Allen?

13 Mr. Silver: Yes. So we -- in fact, David, in that
14 period, was the primary contact with the intelligence
15 community on biologic-weapons issues, although they both
16 backstop each other and work very closely together. So that
17 was our general guidance. And there really was no
18 particular issue after that, from my point of view.

19 Male Speaker: Did you have any further communication
20 with the Under Secretary or his staff? Did you have a
21 feeling you needed to get back to them on his request?

22 Mr. Silver: I don't believe I ever got back to him on
23 that request.

24 Male Speaker: Did you get any -- were there any
25 inquiries, following up from --

1 Mr. Silver: I don't believe --

2 Male Speaker: -- the Under Secretary --

3 Mr. Silver: -- there were. I don't -- no, I don't
4 believe there were.

5 Male Speaker: -- or anyone on his staff --

6 Mr. Silver: No, there weren't.

7 Male Speaker: -- asking, "Have you done anything with
8 Bolton's request to move Westermann?"

9 Mr. Silver: I am pretty sure that there wasn't. I
10 mean, I would say there wasn't. I won't say I'm "pretty
11 sure" there wasn't.

12 Male Speaker: And, I don't know, are you -- is this
13 your first job in -- we didn't get the rest of your career,
14 so is this -- have you had other management jobs?

15 Mr. Silver: Quite a few.

16 Male Speaker: In the Department?

17 Mr. Silver: In the Department and overseas.

18 Male Speaker: Are you a --

19 Mr. Silver: Foreign --

20 Male Speaker: -- Foreign Service Officer?

21 Mr. Silver: -- Foreign Service Officer.

22 Male Speaker: But have you worked in INR before this
23 tour?

24 Mr. Silver: I have, in fact, worked three times in
25 INR. My -- one of my first assignments, just for a short

1 period when I came in about 33 years ago, was in INR, and I
2 was head of the small INR China shop, about a dozen years
3 ago. So this is my third time working in INR.

4 Male Speaker: And this -- in that past job, as -- were
5 you in a management position --

6 Mr. Silver: Yes.

7 Male Speaker: -- in the China shop?

8 Mr. Silver: Yes.

9 Male Speaker: In that case -- I'm just trying to
10 understand how common this is to -- have you had
11 policymakers complain about analysts, asked that they be --
12 have their portfolios changed?

13 Mr. Silver: That was not my experience.

14 Male Speaker: Mr. Silver, you mentioned that, after
15 the meeting with Mr. Bolton, you went to speak to Mr.
16 Fingar, and he -- and Mr. Fingar related the past history of
17 any incidents. Do you recollect what he said?

18 Mr. Silver: No, I really don't recollect a lot, or
19 much of what he said. And -- I mean, it was clear, although
20 Mr. Bolton didn't say it, when I -- certainly, when I spoke
21 to Mr. Fingar, it was -- although I kind of surmised that,
22 because, listening to, you know, radio and things before I
23 took over the job, I knew there was an issue about Cuba
24 testimony. But then it became clear, if I hadn't already
25 known it, that it was over that issue, over -- you know.

1 Male Speaker: And was the Westermann issue ever raised
2 again by Under Secretary Bolton or anyone in his office?

3 Mr. Silver: Never again by Mr. Bolton. Issues, a
4 couple of times, related to Christian, maybe two times or
5 so, came up later, a couple of months later, and then a year
6 later. But it was not -- it was not in the context of
7 pressure to move him aside, at that point.

8 Mr. McKeon: This is Brian McKeon.

9 Then what was it about?

10 Mr. Silver: One time it related information that
11 Christian had gotten, sort of, a draft from a CIA colleague,
12 sort of, back channel, and had -- certainly, had shown it to
13 somebody in one of the T-family bureaus. But Mr. Bolton, I
14 guess, learned of this draft. Somehow or other, he learned
15 that he wasn't the first person, you know, in the Department
16 to see this draft, and that he was kind of upset. We
17 explained what had happened, to him. We explained to Mr.
18 Bolton, you know, what -- why the draft had not been shared
19 immediately; namely, that -- among other reasons, that the
20 CIA colleague told us -- told Mr. Westermann that it would
21 be out on the -- on the street, IC street, within a day or
22 two. And he had also shared it with a deputy assistant in
23 another -- in one of the T-family bureaus, who had not said,
24 you know, "You should show that immediately to Mr. Bolton."
25 So that was -- that's kind of an incident, but it was not in

1 -- again, it was not in the context of pressure to remove
2 Christian.

3 Male Speaker: Give your name before you speak.

4 Ms. O'Connell: Janice O'Connell.

5 There's an e-mail exchange between Mr. Westermann and
6 -- I think it's a joint e-mail he sends to both you and Mr.
7 Fingar -- in which he talks about his health being harmed by
8 this -- all this intimidation and -- I'm paraphrasing. Was
9 this related to that report incident?

10 Mr. Silver: It probably is. There was another smaller
11 incident, a year later, involving -- which was not actually
12 classified material, but a report -- which Christian had
13 shared very broadly in the Department, but had not put down
14 T. It's a matter of discretion. It was actually the
15 Foreign Broadcast Information Service Report. And I guess
16 somebody sent it to the staff, and they were upset; you
17 know, like, "Why didn't you share it?" So we had a back-
18 and-forth on that.

19 But I can't remember whether it was in that context or
20 the one the year before.

21 Male Speaker: It was --

22 Ms. O'Connell: Janice O'Connell.

23 It was in this September 2002 time frame --

24 Mr. Silver: Then it was --

25 Ms. O'Connell: -- I think.

1 Mr. Silver: -- then it was the -- then it was that
2 first one, almost certainly.

3 Mr. McKeon: This is Brian McKeon.

4 Going back, then, when you left Bolton's office and
5 came back and talked to Tom Fingar, did one or either of you
6 then tell Westermann what had transpired? Because it seems
7 to us, based on his testimony, he knew something about it.

8 Mr. Silver: Yes, we -- ultimately, we did. I mean, I
9 talked to Tom, and ultimately -- I don't remember, it was --
10 probably both Tom and myself, you know, probably talked to
11 Christian, separately. So we did share that with him.

12 Mr. McKeon: And did you -- do you remember what you
13 might have told him?

14 Mr. Silver: Well, it was -- certainly, that he had our
15 every confidence in what he was -- what he -- you know, his
16 performance on the job, so that was not an issue. He was
17 upset, obviously, and we did everything we could to make him
18 know that we -- well, we -- you know, we sympathized with
19 that, but we -- he had our total support.

20 Mr. McKeon: And since you've been in the job, has
21 Bolton or his office -- have they continued to take product
22 from Christian Westermann?

23 Mr. Silver: Yes, they have. Yes, they have.

24 Mr. McKeon: Have they commented on --

25 Mr. Silver: Not specifically. Christian, from time to

1 time, you know, writes assessments and memoranda on the
2 chemical and biological weapons issues, and there certainly
3 has been no criticism of his product. Those products,
4 certainly seen by Mr. Bolton, and are also used primarily by
5 the bureaus that work for him.

6 Mr. McKeon: Have there been any other incidents of Mr.
7 Bolton, or people who work for him, complaining about
8 analysts under your supervision?

9 Mr. Silver: I've -- only one other case I know of, and
10 it wasn't directly of an analyst, as such, but it was of how
11 we handled an issue. And it certainly involved one analyst,
12 but also involved the office, because we all signed off on
13 it. But it was a document which came over from CIA, and we
14 hadn't known it, at the time, but I gather, in --
15 afterwards, that Mr. Bolton's office knew about it. And it
16 was from WINPAC. To make a long story short, we got the
17 document, and, since it came over like a regular document,
18 we don't always do this, but we appended to the document our
19 own assessments on what -- a somewhat different point of
20 view on the issue. And there was some exception take to
21 that. And we just made it clear, that was -- that was what
22 INR did. We are Department on Intelligence, and --

23 Mr. McKeon: Do you recall --

24 Mr. Silver: -- we --

25 Mr. McKeon: -- do you recall the subject matter of the

1 --

2 Mr. Silver: It had to do with China. Yeah.

3 Mr. McKeon: Who was the analyst?

4 Mr. Silver: Who was the analyst over in --

5 Mr. McKeon: This is --

6 Mr. Silver: Another analyst in INR.

7 Mr. McKeon: Your shop?

8 Mr. Silver: Yeah.

9 Mr. McKeon: Not --

10 Mr. Silver: Another --

11 Mr. McKeon: -- Westermann?

12 Mr. Silver: -- analyst. Not Westermann.

13 Mr. McKeon: And so, what were they -- what was -- who
14 took the exception?

15 Mr. Silver: At least -- Mr. Fleitz did.

16 Mr. McKeon: And --

17 Mr. Silver: What happened?

18 Mr. McKeon: What would he -- what did he say? I don't

19 --

20 Mr. Silver: Basically, that we should not have
21 interposed, I guess, our own opinion between WINPAC and the
22 document, and that we had been unprofessional, that we
23 should have told WINPAC that we had a different opinion, et
24 cetera. We didn't hold that opinion, because, among other
25 things, you know, the document which came over was not

1 cleared with us, so we sought -- there are many, many
2 products from the CIA, of various types and various levels,
3 so we didn't see that we had done anything particularly --
4 we, you know --

5 Male Speaker: Hold on.

6 Female Speaker: Okay.

7 Male Speaker: So, how did it come through your office?
8 Just because that's the channel for --

9 Mr. Silver: Probably e-mail, or e-mails, from Mr.
10 Fleitz.

11 Female Speaker: (Inaudible.)

12 Mr. Silver: Oh, the original document? I think it was
13 a WASH-fax over from the agency.

14 Male Speaker: So WINPAC sends it over to you folks and
15 says, "Please transmit to T (inaudible). They've asked for
16 this"?

17 Mr. Silver: I don't actually know how it got in our
18 mailbox, but it got in our mailbox. Because it was SCI, I
19 believe, so it came through us. And on the way up to
20 delivering it, in effect, in this case, we appended a page
21 of our own analysis of the issue.

22 Male Speaker: And do you remember specifically what
23 Mr. Fleitz complained about? He said, "I asked for this
24 from WINPAC, not from you" or --

25 Mr. Silver: You could sum -- you could (inaudible) it

1 that way. I think that's basically it. I gathered that he
2 had heard about it from WINPAC, and thought it was a pretty
3 good document, pretty good analysis, and I -- and I think he
4 felt that he had probably spoken highly of it a few places
5 in the Department, so he was kind of taken by surprise, I
6 think, that INR had appended our own point of view toward it
7 -- to it -- to it.

8 Male Speaker: And why did INR do that, just so I
9 understand?

10 Mr. Silver: I don't remember, in great detail, the
11 substance, but it had to do with an analysis, at that point,
12 of China's commitment to proliferation.

13 Male Speaker: Do you remember when this was, roughly?

14 Mr. Silver: I believe it was also around September of
15 2002.

16 Male Speaker: 2002.

17 Mr. Silver: Yeah.

18 Male Speaker: And are there -- it sounds like Mr.
19 Fleitz -- well, on more than one occasion, we've certainly
20 heard of his dissatisfaction with INR and the way it moves
21 paper. Are there other instances where Fleitz has had
22 conflicts with INR for --

23 Mr. Silver: I would say --

24 Male Speaker: -- these type of things?

25 Mr. Silver: -- I would say that, over the 30 months

1 I've been there, that the number of conflicts and the
2 frequency of them have declined significantly. And there
3 are certainly a significant number of occasions when we've
4 worked on issues fairly smoothly together.

5 Mr. Levine: Edward Levine speaking.

6 One of the complaints that was made by Mr. Fleitz, and
7 today by Under Secretary Bolton, is that Christian
8 Westermann went behind their backs when he appended or put
9 in his e-mail, to the (inaudible) coordinator, INR's
10 nonconcurrence and some suggested alternative language, as
11 he sent out, in an attachment, the T office's proposal of
12 language for clearance. In your experience, is there
13 anything untoward about appending INR reviews as one sends
14 out a request for clearance?

15 Mr. Silver: That event, of course, happened
16 considerably before I came to the office.

17 Mr. Levine: Quite true.

18 Mr. Silver: And since I've come to the office, the
19 number of speeches, speech drafts of that type which are
20 cleared is relatively small. And we certainly -- I think,
21 in two-thousand- -- we've -- we had a couple of speeches.
22 They were handled, as far as I can tell, differently.

23 Mr. Foldi: This is Paul Foldi.

24 Mr. Silver: Yeah.

25 Mr. Foldi: For the record, the issue in question,

1 though --

2 Mr. Silver: Yeah.

3 Mr. Foldi: -- originally, was not a speech, remember?
4 It was, I think, about three paragraphs.

5 Mr. Silver: Uh-huh.

6 Mr. Foldi: Simply a --

7 Female Speaker: (Inaudible) three sentences.

8 Mr. Foldi: Three --

9 Male Speaker: Three sentences, yeah.

10 Mr. Foldi: It was not a full speech. It was simply
11 information that there was a request for declassification.

12 Male Speaker: Declassification. Not clearance, but
13 declassification.

14 Mr. Silver: We -- there are no established procedures,
15 if you're talking about some kind of, "You must go this
16 step, that step." We work daily with WINPAC. Now, they're
17 an office of -- much, much larger than ours. We work ---
18 obviously, depend a lot on the trust between people, working
19 on issues. WINPAC, because it has to do so much work, and
20 because it's chartered, in effect, to speak for the
21 community, makes its own judgement calls on many, many
22 things.

23 I can see, in this instance -- and there are other
24 instances, you know, that -- could it have been handled
25 differently? Yes, it could have been handled differently.

1 Was it handled inappropriately? I don't think so, from my
2 point of view. But we are concerned, being a small
3 organization, that WINPAC not overlook us. That is, that
4 they've got many, many things to clear, and I can see why
5 analysts might want to make it clear that, by sending over
6 something, this doesn't mean that we sign off on it, but,
7 rather, we want -- we have a point of view about it.

8 So, again, it was an incident that happened probably a
9 year and a half before I got there. I can see why that --
10 he may have handled it that way. Was there another way to
11 handle it? Perhaps. You know, over a telephone or
12 something.

13 There is -- there is also the issue, I would say, of,
14 in the intelligence community, as a corporate body, that
15 there be, you know, sort of like a jury, that people are
16 able to discuss issues frankly among themselves. So there
17 is, kind of, that issue.

18 Mr. Brannigan: Jay Brannigan.

19 Just to follow up on Ed's question, it came up today,
20 several times, the question of whether or not Mr. Bolton was
21 unhappy with Mr. Westermann because of process or because of
22 the substance of the -- I mean, do you -- when you talked
23 with Mr. Bolton, did you -- did he -- I think you answered
24 this before, but just to see if -- just to refresh your
25 memory -- did he indicate exactly what the nature of his

1 disagreement was?

2 Mr. Silver: No, he did not.

3 Mr. Brannigan: So you have no light to shed on whether
4 it was a dispute over substance or a dispute over procedure.

5 Mr. Silver: I really don't. I think that Mr. Fingar,
6 who was there at the time, earlier, knows better than I do
7 about what -- how the issue was handled and how it was seen
8 by both sides at that -- at that time.

9 Mr. Brannigan: Okay. And if I could just continue,
10 When you went to Mr. Westermann, you said -- can you
11 remember what you told him about the conversation you had
12 with Mr. Bolton?

13 Mr. Silver: Well, of course, before I spoke to
14 Christian Westermann, I had conversation with Tom Fingar,
15 and I really can't remember -- you know, both -- probably
16 both Tom and myself spoke to him.

17 Mr. Brannigan: Uh-huh.

18 Mr. Silver: But I -- I'm not a hundred-percent sure of
19 Tom. But I told him -- and I told him what had been said,
20 basically. I told him that I had now -- I had some
21 understanding of the issue, which was a past issue. I told
22 him that he had our total, you know, support. And I told
23 him that our judgement was that he should certainly do his
24 job, but, you know, not go out of his way to make his
25 presence felt.

1 Mr. Brannigan: And you said -- you said, earlier, that
2 he was -- in response to your statements, that he became
3 very upset. Could you remember what he said, and what he
4 said he might do, or why he was so upset?

5 Mr. Silver: Well, he was upset, I -- Mr. Westermann
6 has expressed to me his military background, had, you know,
7 sworn his -- you know, basically, his life to the country.
8 And, on that basis, you know, I think he was -- he was -- he
9 was upset. He was upset about the issue. And I certainly
10 did everything I could to express both our support for him,
11 but -- my understanding why he was upset, but tried to --
12 you know, tried to put things in some perspective.

13 Mr. Brannigan: Again, exactly what -- what was he
14 upset about? I mean, what, specifically? And what did he
15 say that he -- that made him so upset?

16 Mr. Silver: Well, he was -- he was upset about the
17 initial incident, which happened before I got there. I
18 think he was upset that it had come back.

19 Mr. Brannigan: Uh-huh. Did he say he was going to
20 take any steps, that he -- or does -- or he was going to
21 consider taking any steps?

22 Mr. Silver: He may have, but I -- he didn't -- he
23 didn't take any steps. And it was not clear to me that he
24 -- where he was -- you know, where he would -- what steps he
25 might take.

1 Mr. Brannigan: Okay, thank you.

2 Ms. O'Connell: Janice O'Connell.

3 There's actually e-mail from Mr. Westermann to you, on
4 that --

5 Mr. Silver: Uh-huh.

6 Ms. O'Connell: -- point, in which he ponders about
7 taking additional measures.

8 Mr. Silver: Okay. Does he -- well, I'm not sure that
9 he spoke in great specificity, but -- at any rate.

10 Mr. McKeon: Just going -- this is Brian McKeon --
11 going back, quickly, to the -- this incident with the WINPAC
12 paper -- not even an incident; this matter you discussed of
13 the WINPAC -- and INR attaches a comment and Fleitz sent you
14 an e-mail --

15 Mr. Silver: Uh-huh.

16 Mr. McKeon: -- complaining. Was that -- was he
17 expressing his complaint or somebody else's?

18 Mr. Silver: I don't -- I don't remember, at this
19 point.

20 Mr. McKeon: Then I guess I'm still struggling to
21 understand what he's complaining about. "Why are you -- why
22 are you, INR, bothering to opine. If we want your opinion,
23 we'll ask for it," something like that?

24 Mr. Silver: I think he saw -- he saw INR's role as --
25 in this -- in this incident, as, I guess I'd have to say

1 sort of a mailman. We should have delivered the mail, or we
2 should have -- didn't have to put our own views on it.

3 Mr. McKeon: Would you still have this e-mail --

4 Mr. Silver: Yeah. We do, yeah.

5 Mr. McKeon: Is this -- and what time period is this?

6 Sorry.

7 Mr. Silver: Let's see, I believe it's September of

8 2002.

9 Mr. McKeon: So, soon after you got on the job --

10 Mr. Silver: Correct.

11 Mr. McKeon: -- in July.

12 Mr. Silver: And, again, it has nothing to do with Mr.

13 Westermann.

14 Male Speaker: Any other questions?

15 [No response.]

16 Male Speaker: Mr. Silver, thank you very much for your
17 time.

18 Mr. Silver: Okay.

19 Male Speaker: Thank you.

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