

From: [Noble, Rachel](#)
To: [McCarthy, Margot](#)
Subject: Re: WikiLeaks Task Force options
Date: Friday, 26 November 2010 7:52:56 AM

M

I have been making some calls and getting technical advice on this - I have some options/solutions I'd like to talk through with you first thing so we can be sure of our proposal and timings by 330 IDC.

I should be in by 845 at the latest.

R

(Blackberry)

Rachel Noble

Ph: s 22 Mob: s 22

National Security CIO

Prime Minister & Cabinet

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To: Noble, Rachel

Cc: Shoebridge, Michael; Suckling, Patrick; Sheehan, Tony; Wimmer, Sachi; s 22

Sent: Thu Nov 25 19:49:25 2010

Subject: WikiLeaks Task Force options

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From: [Wimmer, Sachi](#)
To: s 22
Subject: Re: WikiLeaks Task Force options [SEC=IN-CONFIDENCE]
Date: Friday, 26 November 2010 8:30:36 AM

s 22 s 47C, unlikely we need to do any of that work as PMC coordinating. S

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From: s 22
To: Wimmer, Sachi
Sent: Fri Nov 26 07:56:29 2010
Subject: FW: WikiLeaks Task Force options [SEC=IN-CONFIDENCE]

Sachi,

At some point, do we need to consider offering someone up for the taskforce? Not sure about the initial triage group but perhaps the group that has to sift through the GTMO docs?

s 22

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From: Sheehan, Tony
Sent: Thursday, 25 November 2010 7:54 PM
To: Wimmer, Sachi; s 22
Subject: Fw: WikiLeaks Task Force options

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From: [McCarthy, Margot](#)
To: [Noble, Rachel](#)
Cc: [Lewis, Duncan](#)
Subject: RE: Wikileaks Taskforce [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Friday, 26 November 2010 10:15:42 AM

That's terrific Rachel. I briefed Duncan a little while ago on where we were at and he was of the view, as am I, that we need you here to oversight this activity.

Margot

From: Noble, Rachel
Sent: Friday, 26 November 2010 9:57 AM
To: McCarthy, Margot
Cc: s 22 ; s 22
Subject: Wikileaks Taskforce [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Margot

Have been in touch with Barry and Helen:

Corp Div are setting up the Alan Carmody Room today for the taskforce

Pete Docwra is getting on a plane back to Canberra

In the meantime, s 22 , s 22 and my folks will start to work on the data management, transfer and search needs with s 47C .

s 22

Rachel

Rachel Noble
National Security Chief Information Officer
Prime Minister and Cabinet
Office: s 22
Direct: s 22
s 22

From: [Noble, Rachel](#)
To: [Wimmer, Sachi](#); [McCarthy, Margot](#)
Cc: [Shoebridge, Michael](#); [Suckling, Patrick](#); [Sheehan, Tony](#); s 22 s 22
Subject: RE: WikiLeaks Task Force options [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Friday, 26 November 2010 11:25:23 AM

All

Thanks for the offers - we are setting up the Alan Carmody Room for the task force.

Rachel

Rachel Noble
 National Security Chief Information Officer
 Prime Minister and Cabinet
 Office: s 22
 Direct: s 22
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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Friday, 26 November 2010 9:33 AM
To: Noble, Rachel; McCarthy, Margot
Cc: Shoebridge, Michael; Suckling, Patrick; Sheehan, Tony; s 22 ; s 22
Subject: RE: WikiLeaks Task Force options [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

We have the same down here if needed and two offices.

Sachi

p: s 22
 m: s 22
 e: sachi.wimmer@pmc.gov.au

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From: Noble, Rachel
Sent: Thursday, 25 November 2010 8:38 PM
To: McCarthy, Margot
Cc: Shoebridge, Michael; Suckling, Patrick; Sheehan, Tony; Wimmer, Sachi; s 22 ; s 22
Subject: Re: WikiLeaks Task Force options

M

We would have 7 pods free for a week or so and my office for 4 days next week while I'm o/s - after that it gets tricky because we have 3 consultants, 1 extra grad and 1 secondee starting over the coming weeks. We'll try to plot out dates in time for the IDC.

R
 (Blackberry)
 Rachel Noble
 Ph: s 22 Mob: s 22
 National Security CIO
 Prime Minister & Cabinet

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From: [Docwra, Peter](#)
To: s 22
Subject: Fw: National Security Adviser requires your urgent presence in Canberra [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Friday, 26 November 2010 12:34:23 PM

s 22

The email from my bosses for your info -

Let see what happens next

Pete
Pete Docwra
Assistant Secretary
Chief Information Officer
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Sent from Blackberry

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From: Noble, Rachel
To: Docwra, Peter
Cc: Liossis, Helen
Sent: Fri Nov 26 10:25:10 2010
Subject: National Security Adviser requires your urgent presence in Canberra [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Peter

The National Security Adviser requires your urgent presence in Canberra to co-lead with the National Security Chief Information Officer a whole of government taskforce on the impending Wikileaks release of classified information.

s 22

Rachel

Rachel Noble
National Security Chief Information Officer
Prime Minister and Cabinet

Office: s 22

Direct: s 22

s 22

From: [McCarthy, Margot](#)
To: [Noble, Rachel](#)
Cc: s 22 ; s 22 ; [Docwra, Peter](#)
Subject: RE: Today's Proposed agenda for Wikileaks IDC [SEC=IN-CONFIDENCE]
Date: Friday, 26 November 2010 1:26:51 PM

Looks great, pls send.

Margot

From: Noble, Rachel
Sent: Friday, 26 November 2010 1:24 PM
To: McCarthy, Margot
Cc: s 22 ; s 22 ; Docwra, Peter
Subject: Today's Proposed agenda for Wikileaks IDC [SEC=IN-CONFIDENCE]

Margot

s 22

We are also drafting an email on the high side for you to send out very quickly with the final actions from yesterday and a short para on what we propose the role of the taskforce might be.

Rachel

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Margot
McCarthy/People/DFATHIGH
H

To s 2 2
cc Rachel Noble/People/DFATHIGH@DFATHIGH,
s 2 2

26/11/2010 01:49 PM

bcc

Subject Fw: Wikileaks s 2 2 Task Force ~~{SEC-SECRET-AUSTEO}~~

Rachel: thanks, perfect (all I've done is correct a couple of spellos,

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please send to the IDC attendees on my behalf.

Rachel: could one of your folk please ring around to draw this to the attention of addressees.

Margot

----- Forwarded by Margot McCarthy/People/DFATHIGH on 26/11/2010 01:45 PM -----

Rachel
Noble/People/DFATHIGH
26/11/2010 01:37 PM

To Margot McCarthy/People/DFATHIGH@DFATHIGH
cc s 2 2

Subject Fw: Wikileaks s 2 2 Task Force ~~{SEC-SECRET-AUSTEO}~~

Dear colleagues

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I will discuss the task force further this afternoon but offer thanks in advance for your support.

Regards
Margot

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s22
26/11/2010 02:59 PM

To s22
cc s22
bcc
Subject Fw: Wikileaks s22 Task Force ~~[SEC-SECRET AUSTEO]~~

Hi s22

As discussed with s22 pls find the meeting outcomes and additional notes on the establishment of the Wikileaks task force.

Cheers

s22

People/DFATHIGH on 26/11/2010 02:54 PM -----

Margot
McCarthy/People/DFATHIGH
H

To

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26/11/2010 02:01 PM

cc

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Subject Wikileaks IDC and Task Force ~~[SEC-SECRET AUSTEO]~~

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To: [Wimmer, Sachi](#); s 22
Subject: Fw: URGENT APS 5-6 to assist WikiLeaks taskforce early next week [SEC=IN-CONFIDENCE]
Date: Friday, 26 November 2010 3:09:44 PM

Please agree one nomination and advise. Mark O springs to mind depending on precise work

Thanks

Tony

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Cc: Noble, Rachel; s 22
Sent: Fri Nov 26 14:53:59 2010
Subject: URGENT APS 5-6 to assist WikiLeaks taskforce early next week [SEC=IN-CONFIDENCE]

All

Could one of you please free up, for the first part of next week, an APS 5 or 6 officer to assist Rachel with the significant admin load associated with setting up the WikiLeaks taskforce.

Regards

Margot

Dr Margot McCarthy
Deputy National Security Adviser

From: s 22
To: [Noble, Rachel](#)
Cc: s 22 ; [Docwra, Peter](#); s 22 ; s 22
Subject: Laptop update [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Friday, 26 November 2010 3:13:42 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)
[image003.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)
[image005.jpg](#)
[image006.jpg](#)
[image007.jpg](#)
Importance: High

All,

Just spoken to s 22 .

s 47C will be providing one laptop with a USB stick (with data).

He is happy to assist us to put the data and search tools on a PMC laptop or PC.

We can then replicate this setup as required for the Task Force.

s 22

Rache s 22

Have just gotten off the phone with s 22 .

The plan is for s 47C to provide laptop(s) with copies of the data and search tools.

s 22 is my contact.

He is on his way back to the office and will call me.

How many laptops do you need?

I will also talk to him about copying the data onto our PC and if we can get the search tools installed if needed.

(depending on how many laptops you need).

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From: [Docwra, Peter](#)
To: [Liossis, Helen](#); s 22; s 22; s 22; s 22; s 22; s 22
Subject: FW: Wikileaks s 22 [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Friday, 26 November 2010 7:32:28 PM

Pete Docwra | Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Assistant Secretary Information Services Branch

p s 22 | m s 22
peter.docwra@pmc.gov.au

From: Noble, Rachel
Sent: Friday, 26 November 2010 7:32 PM
To: NSIPG
Cc: Docwra, Peter
Subject: Wikileaks s 22 [SEC=PROTECTED]

Colleagues

Some of you may be aware that PM&C, through the NSCIO, is leading a whole of government effort to deal with the possible impending Wikileaks release of US classified documents.

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Rachel

Rachel Noble
National Security Chief Information Officer
Prime Minister and Cabinet
Office: s 22
Direct: s 22
s 22

From: [Suckling, Patrick](#)
To: [McCarthy, Margot](#)
Subject: Re: WikiLeaks Task Force options
Date: Thursday, 25 November 2010 8:09:53 PM

s 22 asks if you can call him. P

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From: Moran, Terry
Sent: Friday, 3 December 2010 7:40 PM
To: PMC All Staff
Subject: News@One National 2010/49 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Security Classification:
UNCLASSIFIED



2010/49

3 December 2010

FROM THE SECRETARY

s 22

This week has also seen PM&C establish and lead the **WikiLeaks Taskforce**, another priority whole-of-government activity. WikiLeaks claims to hold over 250,000 US Department of State cables, which began to trickle out on Monday. PM&C responded rapidly by assembling a multi-agency taskforce headed by the National Security Chief Information Officer, **Rachel Noble** and Chief Information Officer, **Pete Docwra**. The Taskforce has been working tirelessly around the clock. So far they have analysed 632 cables and provided up-to-the-minute advice to the Prime Minister, particularly on the implications for Australia. I would like to thank the team for its high-quality response and also **Information Services Branch** for its rock-solid support. At the current rate of release, I am advised that it may take about eight years before all the cables surface!

WIKILEAKS
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Talking Points

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3. Whole of Government Taskforce – confirmation of its role

- Invite agencies to provide confirmation of the role of the PM&C-led team as circulated Friday night.
- Refer to outcomes document supplied.

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Ref: B10/1709

DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

PM&C
Secretary
Mr Lewis
Mr Sterland
Ms Noble
Mr Shoebridge
Mr Sheehan
Mr Suckling

To: Prime Minister

WIKILEAKS RELEASE – UPDATE ON WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY AND IMPENDING RELEASE

Timing: ASAP

Recommendation(s) - that you:

1. **Note** the scope of the whole-of-government effort being led by PM&C.

Noted

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Key Points:

1. As advised yesterday (B10/1702), we have established and are hosting a whole-of-government team to manage this latest Wikileaks release. The team will be fully operationalised once either the material becomes available or major stories are released by international media outlets (expected to be Sunday or early Monday AESDT).
 - a. The team will have a dual focus of: proactively accessing and analysing Wikileaks' data and media reports of high interest to the Australian government and media; and coordinating and preparing whole-of-government media talking points on the issue.
 - b. At least in the first instance, the team will provide you and relevant ministers a daily, high-level situation report.
 - c. The scope of activity for the team is detailed in Attachment A.

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Margot McCarthy
Deputy National Security Adviser
27 November 2010

Contact Officer: Rachel Noble
Phone no: s 22

Attachment A – Scope of activity for whole-of-government assessment team.

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Attachment A – PM&C-led Wikileaks team scope of activity

PM&C will lead a whole-of-government effort with the assistance of secondees from other agencies to cover two lines of action:

Examining the content of the Wikileak data:

- rapidly obtain copies of information published to the wikileaks website pertinent to Australia's national security, intelligence, foreign policy and diplomatic interests (as guided by search terms provided by line agencies),
- undertake the first level of analysis of the information in order to pass it to the government agency or agencies who may need to further analyse it to assess the concern to Australia's interests,
- provide, at least in the first instance, a daily situation report on broad themes of content that has been identified of interest for use by senior officials to ensure situational awareness and to support their briefings to Ministers; and,

Monitoring Australian and international media reporting of the Wikileak data:

- monitor media which may report the content of wikileak data,
- provide alerts to agencies who may need to take action to manage,
- coordinate and maintain an up to date set of whole of government media talking points on the issues.