No subject

jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:04:01 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

hi! i'd say put whatever day you submit the thing, and put wherever you're staying in DC

vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:05:35 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

Ok cool. Go back to having fun!

vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:07:08 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

And let me know if / when you think it’s appropriate to share the IM with state and NSC. Recommend you still send it to Rob when you think it’s appropriate. I told Leah we’ll try to share an IM draft.

vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:07:28 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

Okee dokee. Now for reals. Go back to having fun and playing music :)

jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:07:53 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

oh i have been, the electric cello (only thing i brought with me) is on fire

jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:08:02 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

go ahead and send the IM to leah, unless you see a reason to wait

jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:08:16 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

cc me if you don't mind, so i know i have the final version, and i'll send that to rob

vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:13:10 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

Oh my god. That sounds awesome.

vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:14:09 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

Ari will have to bust out his violin with you

vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:15:43 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

On memo.. honestly. No reason. I’m just nervous after the shit storm over the speech, but maybe I’m over reading into it?!

I’m going to Mary Beth’s going away HH at WH on Thursday so Rob and that whole crew from NSC will be there..

vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:20:52 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

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And while you're playing music, I was making this gorgeousness this afternoon before I fly off!
I shared "IMG_1542.HEIC" using the new Google Chat.
Click here to view.

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:31:07 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

whoa, that looks like an utter masterpiece

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:32:07 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

on the memo, if you're nervous, maybe send it to her from a place of "what do you think about this." ask for her thoughts, say we'll share the general concept widely before jumping at anything; don't even have to specify that this thing is on its way to the administrator

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:43:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:44:19 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

I did tell her that a draft is with FO.. but we'd share with her

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:45:45 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

I'll share, copy you tomorrow night, after the chief of mission conf!

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:47:20 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

Oh. Don't forget to approve my comp leave.. Andy said it can only be used in same pay period. Or, we cancel that and I submit for this one? Just lemme know!

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:49:39 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

sorry, where do i approve it? thought it'd be in WebTA

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:49:55 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

(but have never done this in current capacity, so just direct me!

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:57:35 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

separately - what do you most want me to say on disinfo at the DRG conf opener in the AM?

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:57:51 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

i can include it but may or may not have your ideal points in mind

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:58:35 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

It's in web ta, under advanced leave requests? You should have it as a prompt?

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:58:44 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

When do you speak

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:58:55 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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In intro to SP or separate

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:59:51 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

oh got it - was totally unprompted in webta, but just found it and approved

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 9:59:58 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

Awesome

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:00:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

i speak at 0830 tomorrow AM

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:00:06 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

SP got moved due to scheduling

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:00:12 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

Oh shit ok

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:00:33 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

What do you have on tech and dem right now? Our other tech and dem issues are separate from disinformation

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:00:51 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

i'm literally throwing remarks together as we speak

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:00:55 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

Haha

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:00:56 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

prep was a bit of a mess on this one

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:01:04 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

What do you mean?

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:01:07 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:01:10 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

Lol

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:01:19 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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Here's some stuff you can say

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:01:28 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

And edit as you like to make it yours

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:13:23 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

We are focused with renewed focus and commitment not just as DRG but as an agency to mitigate negative implications of technology on democracy and democratic participation around the world.
Through our advancing digital democracy initiative, we are focused to support open, secure, and inclusive digital ecosystems that advance democracy, counter digital authoritarianism, promote digital literacy and provide equitable access to underserved communities worldwide.

DRG is leading the way at USAID to address disinformation related challenges through programming, support our missions, and implementing partners to reduce vulnerabilities and build resilience in society and information environment, so that we mitigate the most damaging effects of disinformation, mis, and malinformation from countries like Russia, the PRC, and internal domestic actors online and offline.

We are committed to doing so through effective partnerships with our interagency partners in Washington and around the world, big tech, and emerging technologies, and local partners on the ground.

We brought on Vera to lead us on these efforts at agency, IA, etc (cut or keep, or whatever title you want to assign to me).

We know local voices, perspectives, and insights are critical to addressing tech in service for democracy. This is why I hope you'll consider being our partners, co-conspirator in these efforts.

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:13:29 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

Something like that

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:40:21 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

cool, that i can work with

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:40:22 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

thanks

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:46:32 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

Want more specifics on anything?

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 10:50:29 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

Your Tzars comment was hilarious! But seriously.. if Chris is a chief digital officer / coordinator sitting in ITR, why can't we have one equivalent?! Only makes sense!

But I'm a really nice Tzarina! Hehe

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 11:03:55 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

on the comments for tomorrow, i'm all good

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 11:04:09 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

will play around with them a little, but luckily i'm more an improviser rather than a scripter

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 11:04:49 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

on coordinator, do. not. worry. about. it.

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 11:05:01 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

I know you are!! Play around and see what works

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Monday, June 20, 2022 at 11:05:19 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

you're doing a great job, seizing/establishing all the influence you need, and it will likely formalize with a bit of time

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 11:07:09 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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Maybe also mention that as part of our work on broader tech, not disinformation, that we USAID are committed to shaping a tech governance agenda that is inclusive of the global south - b/c we know these voices are critical

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Monday, June 20, 2022 at 11:10:12 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

Thank you on your last comment! Less about me but also showing that we as an agency are following thru on elevating both dem / tech & disinfo stuff. And also so people don't think I'm off my rocker in pursuing these grand visions and advocating for changes in this admin!