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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 7:25:34 AM Eastern Daylight Time
To: jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh

Oh great.

vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 7:25:51 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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Memo will clean up and put thru clearance

vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:14:50 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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Hi! Chat with FB in a bit. have a TON for them - moldova and kenya and some specifics

vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:19:13 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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cleaning up the memo. on your comment of title and NSC sensitivities - I don't know why they would object to info resilience? I mean.. it's what we do.. right, we don't ever need to talk about disinformation. honestly, you could just call it coordinator for digital democracy or dem/ tech in line with Tim's title too - covers that too. Bottom line - I need to punch equally at the interagency and externally, with my counterparts as coordinators. State has a digital freedom unit and a senior coordinator.. I mean.. you could say digital freedom could be seen as controversial?? maybe not. Anyways, I'm totally flexible in wordsmithig this however you see fit.

vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:19:47 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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I do think that at some point SP will want to say something publically.. so you need to be ready for that.. even if we say we are not gonna do a public rolle out

vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:20:02 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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more to follow! let me clean it up and put it in clearance

jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:21:59 AM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

it's not the terminology itself - i assume i'll remain isolated as the only anti-"resilience" person

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it's the idea of announcing publicly that we have (in whatever terms) a disinformation coordinator

jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:22:44 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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different from, say, a tech-and-democ coordinator or something

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i'm still happy to put it out there and SEE if they object, but once i read that, my hunch was that someone at NSC will quibble

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:27:47 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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oh no worries and i agree.. hence change it to digital democracy or dem & tech.. covers the waterfall. may even help with the SUmmit.. and gets at your anti- resilience comment to cover all of our rear ends

Maybe i'll get you a button for your office that every time someone says resilience, you push the button that says "NO"

although between you and me - you may start a WAR on that one!

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:29:41 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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also - welcome your quick thoughts on this.. drafting a note for isobel to send to Kenya DMD. need to get it toher. You're the best wordsmither I know.

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dude - create a link pls for the meeting with brian

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:31:29 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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did i initiate this? maybe it was sofie

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:31:33 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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one sec though

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:31:35 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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it was sofie

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:31:52 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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wait

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:31:57 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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facebook also sent us their zoom

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:32:02 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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yeah got it

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:32:08 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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so which one.. use fb

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:32:59 AM Eastern Daylight Time
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use fb, i'm on with him

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 12:09:35 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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all good with Brian -

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 12:09:38 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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will send him the list

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 12:10:44 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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Emily messaged me to say that isobel is now talking with other bureaus to work with me and elevating my work.. lol.. and I did NOT even have a chance to tell her about the broader dem / tech agenda, which we by the way should brief her on in one of your upcoming meetings.. maybe Sept

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 12:21:32 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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ok - pls edit this and lets send this up to Rob and Tim. [redacted]

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 12:25:55 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 12:26:02 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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was chit chatting with eileen

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 12:26:09 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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she'll do our council for usaid

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 12:26:20 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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however do know that if the envoy role comes thru, she's all in

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 1:08:36 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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Now go look at Diana putnams email! I can't even

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 2:14:15 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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ok the WP is ready for ROB / TIM. Do you want to push it to them?

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Friday, August 12, 2022 at 2:16:42 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

i haven't looked yet but will

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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 2:16:53 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem Friday, August 12, 2022 at 2:29:03 PM Eastern Daylight Time
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fyi - sending this to Isobel and copy you and Christine. I will note that mission oncurrence is likely going to come on Monday... [redacted]

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i don't need to clear this - do i??

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jowalsh@usaid.gov Johnny Walsh Friday, August 12, 2022 at 3:55:19 PM Eastern Daylight Time
To: vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

this one i think you can just send to isobel/christine

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and emily

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looks good to me

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k - i'm copying you and christine given so many flare ups with this whole fiasco

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Hi! couple of things b4 signing off on a couple of things;
1) so what was submitted into the CN? Did you guys figure out tech / digital / info piece? hub/ center/ team / under Dri+
2) how many centers are we aiming for?
3) Do you think it is useful for me to sit on troika + you meetings sometime?
4) I need to talk you substantively more about the Summit - there are a bunch of threads and pieces there. Thanks!

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we have more time on the CN, but still mainline option is a tech/DRI office

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how many offices: mostly just trying to contain the proliferation. right now we're at 8, but independence movements are springing up everywhere that i'm desperately trying to keep under control.

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you're certainly welcome in my meetings with troika when we're covering something on tech or disinfo. a lot of those meetings turn on personnel things so we need a space to keep that stuff contained, but we can always have guest stars when needed.

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Summit talk: sounds good, wrap into our mtg next week?

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our 1/1 that is

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ok sounds great - good on all. i trust you to just loop me in the senior management meetings when org discussions are taking place related to things I care about. Y to Summit - have a good weekend!

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Same to you