

Sent: Fri, 29 Mar 2013 13:53:51 -0400
From: "Hayden, Caitlin" <caitlin_m_hayden@nss.eop.gov>
To: Robert Beckhusen [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Subject: RE: Wired Danger Room: comment for light-hearted story

Thanks, Robert!

From: Robert Beckhusen [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2013 11:57 AM
To: Hayden, Caitlin
Subject: Re: Wired Danger Room: comment for light-hearted story

Caitlin,

Just wanted to say thank you for playing along with Danger Room earlier this week for our "alien secret service" story, and for being a good sport about it. I'm the padawan at Danger Room, under Spencer's guidance, so talking to the NSC was a real treat. I've added you to my contacts list, so maybe we'll talk again sometime.

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Cheers,

Robert

On Mon, Mar 25, 2013 at 3:53 PM, Robert Beckhusen [mailto: [REDACTED]] wrote:
Awesome. Thanks!

On Mon, Mar 25, 2013 at 3:51 PM, Hayden, Caitlin <Caitlin_M_Hayden@nss.eop.gov> wrote:
How about this:

"I won't confirm the claims made in this video, but any alleged program to guard the President with aliens or robots would likely have to be scaled back or eliminated in the sequester. I'd refer you to the Secret Service or Area 51 for more details."

From: Robert Beckhusen [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2013 3:23 PM
To: Hayden, Caitlin
Subject: Re: Wired Danger Room: comment for light-hearted story

Can you still send me a quote today? - Robert

On Mar 22, 2013 4:30 PM, "Hayden, Caitlin" <Caitlin_M_Hayden@nss.eop.gov> wrote:
Sure, let me watch the video when I get back from this trip to the Middle East and I'll try to come up with something creative for you...

From: Robert Beckhusen [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2013 05:05 PM
To: Hayden, Caitlin

Subject: Wired Danger Room: comment for light-hearted story

Caitlin,

I'm a contributor at WIRED's Danger Room. Spencer Ackerman explicitly asked me to reach out to you for a quote about a light-hearted story scheduled for Tuesday morning. He's looking for a quote by Monday before sundown at the latest.

The piece is obviously very tongue-in-cheek, about conspiracy theorists on the internet who believe a shapeshifting reptile from outer space is guarding the president. Here's the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kR13y76Itks>

Tommy Vietor at the NSS has [played ball with us](#) for these kinds of posts before. So has [George Little](#) at the Pentagon. A quick comment denying that the White House employs shapeshifting reptiles, maybe a little jokingly, or even a denial of comment, would make for a fun story. What do you think?

Thanks!

Robert Beckhusen
Contributor: WIRED Danger Room



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