

**Sent:** Mon, 25 Mar 2013 16:51:54 -0400  
**From:** "Hayden, Caitlin" <caitlin\_m\_hayden@nss.eop.gov>  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Wired Danger Room: comment for light-hearted story

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](mailto: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...

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**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  
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