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How it unfolded - fallout. large story
not attributable

Cathie,

Thanks so much for your help. Here are some questions:

- > - Who in the vice president's office communicated to the CIA their interest in the Niger allegation? How and when was that communication performed?
- > - Did the VP or a member of his staff discuss the Niger allegation in any of his personal visits to Langley?
- > - Did the VP or a member of his staff play any role in the inclusion of the allegation in the President's SOTU? ^{NO}
- > - In addition to the VP sitting in on the President's regular intel briefings, what other intel briefings does the VP get? Part of the answer to this, if I recall correctly from newspaper accounts, is that he often or regularly gets his own CIA briefing in the morning as he's being driven to work.
- How many persons are employed by the veep's national security staff?
- > - In previous VP stories TIME has done (before my time), we've been told that the VP has a voracious appetite for "raw" intelligence. Still true?
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Again, many thanks. It's possible more may come up as we approach our deadline. You can reach me at the numbers below. We'll write today and go to press tomorrow. Thanks.

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