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Powerful stuff Jean Ann! Bringing in the Governor and his team as requested. Thanks for sharing.

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Jim & Jennifer,

Please share the attachments with GOVERNOR MIKE.....he has the entire Berkemeier Family Blessing to use any part of this AMAZING STORY!

The Berkemeier Family and I continue to be MOST GRATEFUL for **Congressman Pence "stepping in" and basically "saving Adam".....the story is a tear jerker for those who lived thru it!**

Veteran Adam has been stressed about some of the negative media comments about Governor Pence and ADAM WANTED TO SHARE A HEARTFELT STORY ABOUT A WONDERFUL MAN!

First Attachment....has contact information.

Second Attachment is the Berkemeier Story about Governor Pence

I think Governor MIKE would enjoy reading the story – HE'S THE STAR....the gratitude is REAL AND VERY STRONG!

Thanks,

Jean Ann

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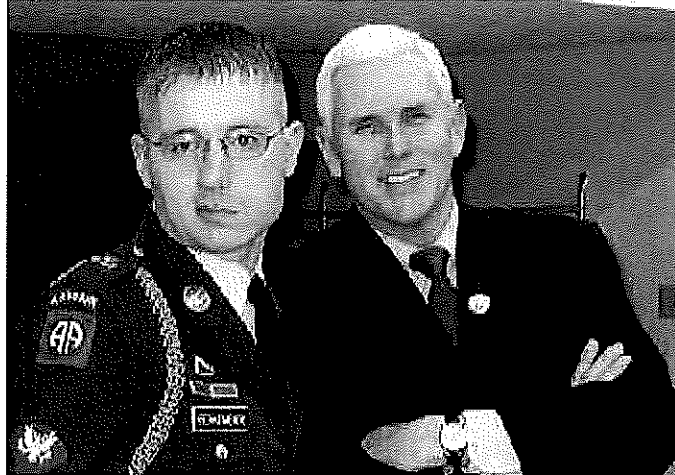
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ADAM'S STORY—AND MIKE'S ROLE

by Bradley A Berkemeier, 27July2016

Mike Pence calls himself “a Christian, a conservative, and a Republican...in that order.” Many are more qualified—and frankly more interested—in addressing the last two labels than I am. Here and now, I ask for a few minutes of your time to share with you the inspiring story of my cousin Adam Berkemeier, and the humble but significant role played by Mike Pence, the Christian. May Adam’s story bless and uplift you. And may the learning of Mike’s role in Adam’s story help inform your personal view of his character.



Adam Berkemeier has never been one to shy away from working hard to get a job done. Growing up in a blue-collar family that knew its value, hard work was engrained into his life firsthand. Adam and his little sister were raised by a truck driver and a child care provider. Growing up in Rushville, Indiana, Adam was surrounded by a community that reinforced that hard work ethic. With such a strong foundation, Adam could have viewed graduation from high school—where he had succeeded in the classroom and the athletic arena—as a promising pinnacle from which to settle. Instead, he saw it as a promising pinnacle from which to springboard.

Already a fine young man—but still a teenager—Adam left for college intent on educating himself for a career in law enforcement.

“I wanted to be a cop on a S.W.A.T. team,” Adam recounts. Not long into his college days, though, he began to realize what some never do—college wasn’t for him. “I hated college. It wasn’t active enough for me. Jumping out of planes sounded more fun to me.”



Adam found a much better fit for his ethic and passion in the United States Army. He joined the Army’s 82nd Airborne Division in 2004 and would serve his country as a paratrooper in Iraq during the next two years. He held fast to the Division’s traditions of “mental toughness, intestinal fortitude, and dedication to duty,” but soon after returning home from Iraq in 2006, Adam learned he would have to depend on those traditions in a way he never expected.

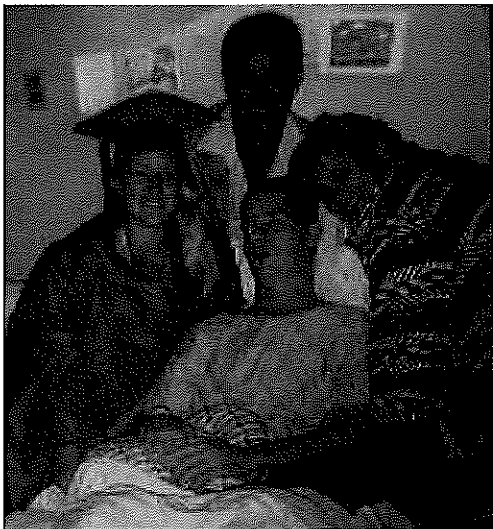
"I'd been having headaches, but I'd take a couple of Advil and they went away," Adam recalls. "I didn't think anything about it."

Stationed at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, Adam went in for routine LASIK vision correction surgery, but the surgery didn't happen. His surgeon discovered something seriously concerning swelling of the optic nerve. Even as he was being rushed by ambulance to Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, Adam was so confident his problem wasn't serious that he made sure someone knew to get word to his lieutenant command that he'd be in formation the next morning.

Adam never saw Fort Bragg again.

Tests would reveal a benign brain tumor on his brain stem; a difficult surgery would follow. What was supposed to be a five-hour surgery to remove the tumor stretched to fifteen hours. Afterward, the tumor was gone, but so was Adam's ability to walk, talk, and feed himself. His family had been told if he survived the surgery, he would most likely end up in a nursing home.

"I couldn't do a darn thing," Adam remembers. "I didn't even know what day it was. It was a life-changing experience."



In less than twenty-four hours, Adam went from an active, healthy young soldier to an invalid incapable of taking care of himself. While at Walter Reed, Adam immediately began rehabilitation—a slow, grueling process of re-teaching his brain and re-training his body on how to walk, talk, and eat again. Days, weeks, and months passed. For Adam, it was frustrating—at times demeaning—but he continued to work hard. For his family—mother Kim, father Greg, little sister Katie, and wife Kristan—it was taxing and tiring. Time spent working to make the money needed to support and enjoy themselves back home was sacrificed for time spent working to support and encourage a son and husband who was fighting his way back to life.

"I ended up missing Katie's senior year of high school, all the special moments she had," Adam laments, who had also already endured the heartbreaking losses of two grandparents and a baby girl in his still-young life.

For two months, the family would travel between their Indiana home and Adam's rehab home in Maryland, necessarily living a frantic and exhausting lifestyle. Kristan was by Adam's side as much as she could be. Their parents were there as often as possible. Even when they weren't

there, though, they would strive to make arrangements for someone—family or friend—to always be there to support both Kristan and Adam.

The family would cheer for Adam, encouraging him as he did what he could do—re-teach, re-train, rehab, fight. They would also do for him what he could not do himself—advocate. Focused on fighting, Adam could not plan his next steps; he could only re-learn how to take them. The job of figuring out where Adam would go after time was up at Walter Reed—and what he would do—fell upon his family.

As the family's resources dwindled, others would step up to provide help financially. Family and friends organized benefits—and gave what they could themselves—and the community chipped in, too. In fact, support came in whatever forms folks could provide. Money was offered, but so, too, were good thoughts, kind words and hugs, and fervent prayers. All were important, but short-term, offerings of relief for Adam and his family.

As the family considered Adam's long-term options and arrangements, one obvious preference was a more convenient location, where Adam could continue his rehab closer to their Hoosier home. Initially, the only proposed options were other VA Hospitals still far from home. Long-term, a VA hospital in Minnesota that specialized in brain injury rehabilitation emerged as the best presented option.

Running out of hope for a better option, the family made pleas to their home state's elected officials. Most of their pleas fell upon deaf ears, or reached the ears of officials who would not or could not help. Adam's mother Kim recalls vividly the moment they finally got a response.

"It was one of those moments you never forget. We were pulling into the parking lot for one of Katie's away softball games, and Greg's cell phone rang." The voice on the other end was Indiana District 6 United States Representative Mike Pence. Jean Ann Harcourt, a close personal friend of both the Berkemeiers and the Pences, was responsible for making the connection. Representative Pence wanted to hear Adam's story. He asked Greg about Adam's prognosis, wanted to know what the VA had done for Adam so far at Walter Reed, and what plans the VA had for taking care of Adam in the future. Then, he asked something you might not expect someone in Pence's position to care to ask.

"What plans does the family have for Adam? What do *you* want to happen?"

Kristan says she will never forget what Mike did for Adam and their family. "Mike came to Walter Reed to meet us personally, and he stayed to visit for a while."

"I couldn't even talk to him when he initially came to visit, because I was still re-learning that!" Adam adds. Adam does not remember Mike's visit at all.

"We shared with Congressman Pence our desire to have Adam closer to home for his continued care and rehabilitation," Kim explains. "Adam was responding well to family and friends; it

bolstered his enthusiasm, gave him the will to keep fighting. If he was transferred to Minnesota, too far away to make regular visits and attention from family and friends possible, we were seriously afraid he wouldn't survive. He'd lose the will to get better. He needed to be close to home."

Pence's response, according to Kim: "I don't see any reason why that can't happen."

"Mike made everything possible by filing a 'congressional inquiry,'" Kristan explains. "He then arranged for us to fly from Walter Reed back to Indianapolis, Indiana, in a private jet with a nurse on board! He made it possible for us to come home to Indiana, so that Adam could get his inpatient rehabilitation in Indianapolis, where he would be closer to family and friends, instead of making Adam go to a VA hospital in another state farther away from home."

"Adam and I were raised in a very close-knit family," Katie says, "and I couldn't image what our lives would've been like if Adam had been sent to Minnesota. I credit Mike for changing that."

Adam continued his rehabilitation at a facility in Indianapolis for three months. After that, he continued outpatient rehabilitation. At the time, he had improved enough that he could walk with a cane, but he still suffered from paralysis on the left side of his face. Because of the shunt they had to place in Adam's head, continued military service would not be possible. Adam was medically discharged from the Army in 2007. Tragedy, heartbreak, and all his physical disabilities had left him with a pretty bleak view of life.

"I physically couldn't smile, my body had shrunk, I could barely eat, and my self-esteem was terrible. I hated everything about my life."



Fast-forward to 2016. Adam has endured dozens of facial surgeries—and can now smile again. He has completed countless hours of rehabilitation over the period of a decade, including what Adam describes as some "tough love" rehab from his parents.

"Both of them were working, so they told me, 'If you want to do things, you'll have to learn to do them on your own.' I guess what they say about tough love is true; you don't understand it until you're in that position."

He's on disability, but he is driving and living on his own. He had a house built, ignoring recommendations to include a wheelchair ramp—a testament to his resilience.

"I didn't want something to make it easy on me—I want to keep getting better."

The memories are hard for Adam and his family to relive, but the family remains proud of him.

"I'm so grateful he's still here with us," says Kim.



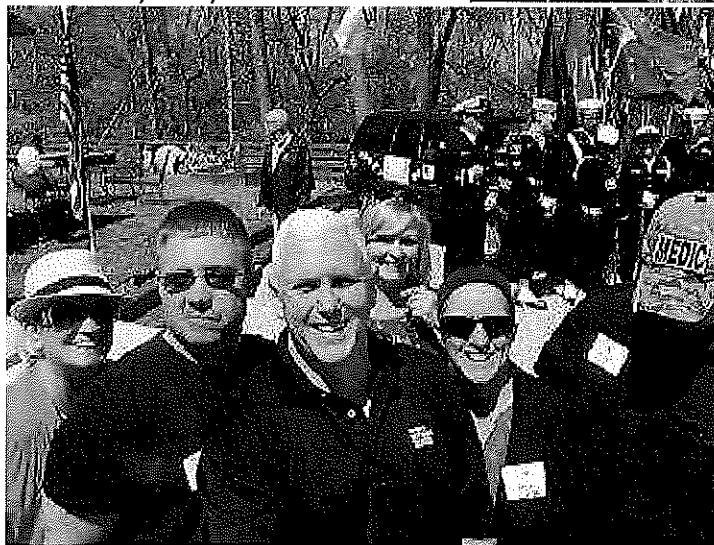
Standing—and walking—on his own two feet now, Adam lives each day with a desire to continue making himself great again. And he maintains a friendship with Mike Pence. Post-rehab, Adam has even had many opportunities to be able to *talk* to Pence.

“Mike is just a very down-to-earth, Christian man who cares about people,” Adam volunteers. “I really believe he’d give you the shirt right off his back if he thought it could help. Mike did things for me that he didn’t have to do—really stuck his neck out for me. I respect that.”

“Mike truly cares for our troops and their wellbeing,” says Kristan.

“2006 was a very difficult year for our family, and it could have turned out a lot different if Mike Pence had not stepped in and did what he did,” Katie lauds. “He is a man of great Christian character, and I will forever be grateful for what he did for our family.”

“[Mike Pence] is my hero for what he did for Adam and our family,” Kim exclaims. “I tell him that every time I see him, and every time, he just modestly points to Adam, and says, ‘No, Adam is the real hero.’ He’s so humble, but Mike truly is my hero!”



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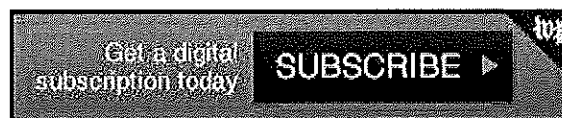
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GOP woos Mike Pence for 2016, and Indiana governor says he's 'listening'

Phillip Rucker and Robert Costa

For a governor who says he is focused squarely on his home state of Indiana, Republican Mike Pence keeps popping up elsewhere.

There he was in Palm Beach, Fla., in February, evangelizing free-market conservatism and drawing a standing ovation from wealthy donors at a private dinner. In Germany last month, he assailed what he called President Obama's "policy of conciliatory diplomacy." In Milwaukee, he urged Republican faithfuls last week to "never relent."



Pence is also quietly cultivating influential Washington figures such as Bill Kristol and Gary Bauer, while becoming one of the loudest voices attacking Common Core, a set of education benchmarks that has sparked a revolt among tea party activists.

The moves all bear the hallmarks of a potential run for president in 2016 — and some Republican leaders have begun talking up Pence as an under-the-radar standard-bearer who could return the GOP to the White House, according to interviews with more than two dozen prominent Republicans. They say the talk-radio-host-turned-congressman-turned-governor has the capacity to electrify grass-roots voters while uniting the constituencies that make up today's deeply divided Republican Party.

"Pence could bridge really every group — the social conservatives, the fiscal conservatives, the foreign policy conservatives," said Chris Chocola, president of the Club for Growth and a friend of Pence's. "He's not viewed as a fringe guy."

In an interview with The Washington Post, Pence acknowledged he was weighing his 2016 options amid calls from some supporters to consider a presidential run.

"In the last few months, people have reached out," Pence said. "I'm listening."

At 54, Pence — who was also talked about as a presidential candidate in 2011 — has the option of waiting another four or eight years to make a White House bid. He is in his first term as Indiana's governor and will be up for reelection in 2016.

The new pressure to think hard about a presidential race comes amid continuing turmoil in the GOP field. Former Florida governor Jeb Bush is openly unsure about whether to run, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie has been seriously damaged by a lane-closing scandal, and Sen. Rand Paul (Ky.) and his libertarian views on foreign policy are considered unpalatable by the party's hawks.

But Pence would face several serious challenges in a crowded field of GOP stars, including the need to raise tens of millions of dollars to be considered a viable candidate. He also would have to assemble a national network and boost his name recognition beyond the engaged partisans who remember him from his days as a rabble-rouser in the House, where he served for 12 years, including two as chairman of the Republican conference.

Pence traveled to Michigan on Wednesday night to raise money for Republican Gov. Rick Snyder's reelection and will be in New York City on Monday to attend a gathering of Wall Street financiers and conservative columnists at the Grand Hyatt hotel. Next month, he will visit Alabama to keynote the state GOP's convention.

"My message is about how I think the wellspring of national renewal is what is happening in the states," Pence said. "I am someone who doesn't believe there is something wrong with the Republican agenda. What our party needs to do is renew our confidence in our ideals and carry that message to every neighborhood."

Former House Republican leader Richard K. Armey of Texas likened Pence's political talent to Ronald Reagan's, and predicted he could become a top-tier candidate. "He would start out with people like, 'Who is he?'" Armey said. "But then they'd say, 'Hey, have you listened to this guy?' and he would catch on."

Armey added: "If Mike got in the race, I'd probably endorse him immediately."

A veteran Republican strategist with both establishment and social conservative ties explained the growing interest in Pence: "The right is always waiting for Godot, wandering around on this barren beach with a metal detector looking for that buried Manchu dynasty, solid-gold vase that's going to both be the real deal — it's in his heart, he's one of us — but can also raise money, has credibility and might be able to win. And that's the promise that Pence offers."

When Pence took office last January, he inherited a relatively stable state government from former governor Mitch Daniels, a Republican celebrated for balancing Indiana's budget with austerity measures and clashing with public-sector unions. Pence's tenure has been low-key by comparison.

"Pence still needs a big thing," said Grover Norquist, an anti-tax activist. "If he's going to be up there at a primary debate, alongside governors like Rick Perry, Bobby Jindal, and Scott Walker, he is going to need something more."

Last year, Pence sought a 10 percent cut in the state income tax, but the GOP-controlled legislature only agreed to a 5 percent cut. Pence also shepherded a repeal of the state's inheritance tax.

Pence said he is perhaps most proud of his state's improving economy: The jobless rate has fallen to 5.9 percent since he took office, slightly lower than the national average. "We are the fiscal envy of the country," he said.

Battling Common Core — math and reading standards for K-12 that have been fully adopted by 44 states and the District — has become a signature issue for Pence. He successfully pushed to replace it with targets "written by Hoosiers, for Hoosiers."

The new state standards do not differ significantly from Common Core, however, and some conservatives have criticized Pence for pursuing them. And Democrats say opting out of Common Core — Indiana became the first state to do so — was an orchestrated appeal to the Republican base in anticipation of a presidential run.

"Everything that has been done in Indiana — the Common Core, the two tax cuts — has been done solely for how it plays in a presidential race," said John Gregg, a former Democratic state House speaker who lost to Pence in the 2012 governor's race.

Nationally, many Democrats dismiss Pence as a weak potential challenger to former secretary of state Hillary Rodham Clinton, who leads the Democratic field as a possible 2016 candidate.

"Clinton would be heavily favored," said Robert Shrum, a longtime Democratic consultant. "All of this sudden talk about Mike Pence is more of a reflection of the decline of Chris Christie and the need for the Republican establishment to find an alternative."

But former Mississippi governor Haley Barbour, an influential GOP establishment voice, said Pence's experience as governor would serve him well in a presidential run.

"He's got executive responsibility, and that's an advantage," Barbour said. "I think people around the country will like him the more they get to know him."

Bauer, a former presidential candidate who has run several social conservative organizations, including the Campaign for Working Families, said Pence has earned a reputation for being "solid in his votes and in his views, but also being Reaganesque in how he presents those views."

In conversation, Pence is known for a soft and smooth Midwestern patter, honed during his years as host of "The Mike Pence Show," a 1990s talk-radio program in Indiana that Pence has described as "Rush Limbaugh on decaf." On the stump, however, he turns up the volume, and is known as a fiery speaker on the conservative circuit.

There is little evidence that Pence has made overtures to key Republicans in the states that will hold early caucuses or primaries. But there are pockets of support for him already, especially among evangelicals who hold outsized influence in Iowa and South Carolina.

"He would be a force to be dealt with," said Bob Vander Plaats, a social-conservative leader in Iowa. "He's not going to walk away from the sanctity of human life. He's not going to walk away from God's design for the family and marriage. He fully understands whose role it is to raise and nurture the children."

Pence was not always a prototypical evangelical Republican. His parents were Roman Catholic Democrats and displayed pictures of John F. Kennedy in the family's home.

Pence's alliance with the GOP's business wing is also strong. He was one of the Club for Growth's first endorsements soon after it was formed in 1999, and he addressed the group's conference in Florida earlier this year. Stephen Moore, the conservative economist and the Club's co-founder, is a Pence confidant, while industrialist David H. Koch was a major backer of his 2012 gubernatorial campaign.

Kristol, the editor of the Weekly Standard, is Pence's link to the foreign policy community and informally advised Pence as the governor prepared for his trip to Germany. The two men met recently for lunch at the Hamilton, a restaurant that sits a block east of the White House, and later compared notes at a policy seminar.

In Berlin, Pence bemoaned Obama's handling of Russia and called for "immediate steps to deploy a robust missile defense" in parts of Eastern Europe.

Despite all his travels, Pence casts himself as flattered and undecided on a 2016 run.

"I'm a small-town kid who grew up with a cornfield in the backyard and dreaming of serving my country in public office," he said. "The future will take care of itself."

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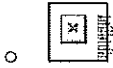
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Slavyansk, Ukraine (CNN) - **[Breaking news update, 12:45 p.m. ET]**

- A Swedish member of a European observer team has been released by pro-Russian separatists in the Ukrainian city of Slavyansk for medical reasons, an OSCE official and a spokeswoman for the city's self-declared mayor said Sunday.

[Original story, last published 12:30 p.m. ET]

(CNN) -- Discussions appeared to be under way Sunday aimed at securing the release of Western and Ukrainian military observers seized by pro-Russian separatists in Ukraine, shortly after several of them were paraded before the media.

At least seven of the inspectors from the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe appeared at the news conference staged by the self-declared mayor of Slavyansk, Vyacheslav Ponomarev -- who referred to them as "prisoners of war."

The observers said that although they have diplomatic status, they went along with the news conference because the mayor asked them to -- the implication being that they may have been forced to make this appearance.

The OSCE inspectors, who were seized Friday outside Slavyansk, also said they agreed to the news conference so that their families could see them.

Axel Schneider, leader of the delegation, said, "We are held here; I cannot go home on my free decision ... and it is logical in the eyes of the mayor, Ponomarev, that he can use us to present his positions."

Schneider said the team, which includes eight Europeans and several Ukrainians, was being held in the cellar of a building. No indication was given of when, or if, the delegation will be released.

Holger Schmuck, one of four German members of the team, said the conditions in which they are being held had significantly improved in the past 24 hours.

CNN's Nick Paton Walsh reported from Slavyansk; Gul Tuysuz reported from Kiev, and Laura Smith-Spark wrote and reported from London. CNN's Ralph Ellis, Andrew Carey, Alex Felton, Bharati Naik, Ben Brumfield and Boriana Milanova contributed to this report, as did journalist Victoria Butenko in Kiev.

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Detained observers from the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe arrive to take part in a press conference in the eastern Ukrainian city of Slavyansk on Sunday, April 27.

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Slavyansk, Ukraine (CNN) - **[Breaking news update, 12:45 p.m. ET]**

- A Swedish member of a European observer team has been released by pro-Russian separatists in the Ukrainian city of Slavyansk for medical reasons, an OSCE official and a spokeswoman for the city's self-declared mayor said Sunday.

[Original story, last published 12:30 p.m. ET]

(CNN) -- Discussions appeared to be under way Sunday aimed at securing the release of Western and Ukrainian military observers seized by pro-Russian separatists in Ukraine, shortly after several of them were paraded before the media.

At least seven of the inspectors from the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe appeared at the news conference staged by the self-declared mayor of Slavyansk, Vyacheslav Ponomarev -- who referred to them as "prisoners of war."

The observers said that although they have diplomatic status, they went along with the news conference because the mayor asked them to -- the implication being that they may have been forced to make this appearance.

The OSCE inspectors, who were seized Friday outside Slavyansk, also said they agreed to the news conference so that their families could see them.

Axel Schneider, leader of the delegation, said, "We are held here; I cannot go home on my free decision ... and it is logical in the eyes of the mayor, Ponomarev, that he can use us to present his positions."

Schneider said the team, which includes eight Europeans and several Ukrainians, was being held in the cellar of a building. No indication was given of when, or if, the delegation will be released.

Holger Schmuck, one of four German members of the team, said the conditions in which they are being held had significantly improved in the past 24 hours.

CNN's Nick Paton Walsh reported from Slavyansk; Gul Tuysuz reported from Kiev, and Laura Smith-Spark wrote and reported from London. CNN's Ralph Ellis, Andrew Carey, Alex Felton, Bharati Naik, Ben Brumfield and Boriana Milanova contributed to this report, as did journalist Victoria Butenko in Kiev.

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Sent: Sun 7/17/2016 10:02 AM (GMT-04:00)
To: "Mpence Pence" <Mpence1959@aol.com>
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Fwd: VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE

Governor,

I will try and be careful with what I bring to you as your time must be managed wisely. I thought you should see the exchange below as it sums up so well what I have heard from so many:

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From: "Hill, John (GOV)" <jhill@gov.in.gov>
Date: July 17, 2016 at 9:33:24 AM EDT
To: "Atterholt, Jim" <jatterholt@gov.IN.gov>
Subject: FW: VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE

From a friend of mine when I was in US DOT, he represents all the private trucking companies in the US. Thought you might pass along as appropriate.
John

Sent from my Windows Phone

From: Gary Petty
Sent: 7/16/2016 21:48
To: Hill, John (GOV)
Subject: VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE

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John Hill
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of Governor Mike Pence
State of Indiana

Dear John—

As more than a few years have passed since we last were in touch, please forgive my presumption in reaching out to you and sharing my thoughts. I feel honored to have known you during the time of your engagement with NPTC and have thought of you often in admiration and respect over the past several years during your advancement to key positions

with Governor Pence. In the context of our past relationship, I trust you will accept the following in the spirit intended.

Mr. Pence on Hannity last night spoke with commanding strength and expert knowledge on major issues facing our country. At the same time, he spoke proudly and openly of his Christian faith and trust in God as guiding forces in his life, as inspiration for his willingness to accept the call to serve as our country's next Vice President. His message of "Christian, conservative, Republican" --in that order---was just absolutely perfect to hear at last from a national leader.

Governor Pence's speech following Mr. Trump's introduction today struck mystic chords of memory in my heart, recalling Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teachers in my early life. His sentiments declaring God's redemptive power informed by Christian belief in shaping his life, his family, and his work on behalf of Indiana, and our country's future in the years ahead, were as a great surge of fresh air in the political atmosphere. It feels almost as if God now has summoned in the person of Mike Pence--taken from good and true Midwestern American stock of old--a reborn voice to help save American in this time of great stress and threat.

Mike's talk to a hometown Indiana crowd late this afternoon as he got off the plane left me inspired and impressed with every word. What a great testimony of faith by example, humility, decency, and profoundly exceptional leadership strength he brings to the challenges which lie ahead for the United States of America!

With kind regards and best wishes,

Gary

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From: Brooks, Kara D
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2014 7:12 AM
To: Mike
Cc: Smith, William A;Denault, Christina;Pavlik, Jennifer L
Subject: FOX Sunday update

Sir,

FOX just moved you to the second segment. They are now leading with affirmative action and then a report on Ukraine. Your segment will follow Ukraine. You will still be solo on your segment and the topics will remain the same. Your LIVE hit time is now 9:25 am.

Thank you.

Kara Brooks
Press Secretary
Office of Governor Mike Pence
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From: Mike <mpence1314@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 4:59 PM
To: Pitcock, Josh
Cc: Streeter, Ryan T;Denault, Christina;Smith, William A
Subject: Re: ICYM: McConnell on the Situation in Ukraine

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On Apr 17, 2014, at 10:12 PM, "Pitcock, Josh" <jpitcock@ssso.org> wrote:

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From: Leader McConnell Press (McConnell)
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 12:44 PM
Subject: McConnell on the Situation in Ukraine

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Contacts: Don Stewart, Michael Brumas 202-224-2979, Robert Steurer, Stephanie Penn 202-224-8288

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Subject: CNN - Russia complains of Ukrainian troop buildup

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Kiev, Ukraine (CNN) - The world must unite to show Russia disapproval of its actions in Ukraine, U.S. President Barack Obama said Sunday.

- Rather than going with sanctions alone and making it a United States versus Russia issue, "it's important for us to make sure that we're part of an international coalition in sending that message and Russia is isolated, rather than (the perception that) the U.S. is trying to pull Ukraine out of his orbit," he said, speaking from Malaysia, where he is on a diplomatic visit.

"Russia has not lifted a finger to help -- in fact, there's strong evidence that they've been encouraging the kinds of activities that have taken place," Obama said, referring to the actions of armed pro-Russian protesters.

A team of European and Ukrainian military observers seized Friday by pro-Russian separatists in Slavyansk remains in their control despite international pressure for the inspectors' release.

At least seven of the inspectors from the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe appeared before journalists at a news conference staged Sunday by the self-declared mayor of Slavyansk, Vyacheslav Ponomarev.

The head of the OSCE delegation, which includes eight Europeans and several Ukrainians, said they were being held in the cellar of a building.

No indication was given of when, or if, the team will be released.

The observers said that they have diplomatic status but had given the press conference so their families could see them.

Another OSCE delegation is due to arrive in Slavyansk on Sunday and is expected to discuss ways to free the imprisoned delegation, a spokeswoman for the mayor, Stella Khorosheva, told CNN.

Militants in the town of Gorlivka have also captured Ukrainian Security Service officers who were seeking to arrest a Russian citizen suspected of murdering a pro-Kiev lawmaker, the security service said Sunday.

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