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--The State Department's P.J. Crowley tells us by phone:

"Certainly, Lanny was helpful. He did open up another alternative channel of communications for us, and was providing the right advice to his client. President Gbagbo has declined to engage our ambassador, Phillip Carter. Absent that avenue, Lanny became another route to encourage President Gbagbo to leave. Unfortunately, every indication is that his client wasn't heeding his advice. Unfortunately, the president isn't listening to any advice he's been given by the international community."