

This from the *Times* today makes one proud of our Foreign Service.Â An excerpt: Cables about Kazakhstanâ€™s high-living leaders are written in a satirical tone worthy of Borat, the fictional (and wild) Kazakh played in the movie by Sacha Baron Cohen. One described Kazakhstanâ€™s defense minister turning up drunk for a meeting with an American official, â€œslouching back in his chair and slurring all kinds of Russian participles.â€ He explained that he had just been at a cadet graduation reception, â€œtoasting Kazakhstanâ€™s newly-commissioned officers.â€



The memo concluded: â€œWho was toasted more â€” the defense minister or the cadets â€” is a matter of pure speculation.â€

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**Pawn** compliments Secretary Of State Clinton on her so far masterful handling of the whole leak situation.

Far less palatable is the performance of Sen. Joseph “Useful Idiot” Lieberman, whose harassment of Internet and other businesses has led to the eviction of WikiLeaks from Amazon’s servers, PayPal’s payment processing, and a host of other services.Â These firms seem suddenly to have decided that reporting from purloined documents is now against their terms of service, although they gladly provide the same services for their media partners, such as the *Times*, the *Washington Post*, and others, whose content they host, payment they process, or electronic editions are provided on their Kindles.

Shame of these big businesses of the Internet for revealing how *unfree* it really is.

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