

WILL OBAMA TREAT VICTORIA NULAND MORE LENIENTLY THAN PJ CROWLEY?

Over three years ago, State Department spokesperson PJ Crowley had to resign after he called Chelsea Manning's treatment "ridiculous and counterproductive and stupid."

In a bizarre NYT story suggesting that Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs Victoria Nuland's husband, Robert Kagan, had influenced Obama with a critique of his foreign policy, it quotes Nuland suggesting she agrees with her husband's critique.

His wife and unofficial editor, Victoria Nuland, is an assistant secretary of state and one of the country's toughest and most experienced diplomats, whose fervor for building democracy in Ukraine recently leaked out in an embarrassing audio clip.

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Ms. Nuland declined to comment on her husband's critique of her current boss's foreign policy. "But suffice to say," she said, "that nothing goes out of the house that I don't think is worthy of his talents. Let's put it that way."

Nuland is not going to comment but she thoroughly agrees with Kagan's attack on her boss' foreign policy, I guess.

This dig probably won't be noted, but it does seem remarkably aggressive, even if Nuland is only slamming Obama's policies second-hand.

Nevertheless, she won't pay a price for calling out her boss. That's true, I'm guessing, because John Kerry seems to love being a NeoCon and he

likely has some discretion over her role. And because the NeoCons don't get held to account in DC for their dangerous provocations.

Still, it appears that it's a firing offense to call out inhumane treatment inconsistent with our values, but not one for calling out insufficient imperial designs.