

**EXHIBIT D: State
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EXHIBIT D.1

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Hi Leanne,

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(b)(5) However, below are lines we recommend you use at Post if asked anything by local press. I cleared the response through DHS and AF/C.

On the discrepancy in the COVID numbers, we flagged for CDC. (b)(5)

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Also, ICE put out interim guidance on removals today. (b)(5)

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Let's all keep on the lookout for how this develops.

On the removals,

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On the letter,

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Subject: RE: Congressional on Cameroon misquotes CDC data

One helpful data point I could have included--the current COVID stats, per our CDC Country Director as of yesterday, are just over 33,200 confirmed cases and 508 deaths (vs. 73,000 and 1,197 in the letter). I don't believe CDC data is public, but WHO data is public and tracks very closely to the CDC numbers.

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Subject: Congressional on Cameroon misquotes CDC data

Hi all,

Not sure if you have already seen this, but wanted to flag... There appears to be a congressional letter calling for TPS or DED status for Cameroon. It is circulating on WhatsApp here, including among government contacts. The CDA and Pol/Econ chief both received it from their contacts. Very problematically, the second page of the letter sites incorrect data about COVID in Cameroon, attributing the significantly inflated numbers to CDC. (Mark up on the image is from the Ministry of External Relations.) Everyone here will assume this is what CDC actually has on record for Cameroon, highly problematic on the bilateral health cooperation front given how closely CDC is working with the health ministry for its COVID response.

Thanks,
Leanne

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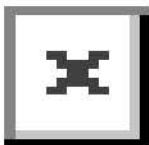
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To:	MacArthur, Laura A (b)(6)@state.gov>
CC:	AF-Press <AF-Press@state.gov>
Subject:	AF/C and AF/S Duty Weekend
Date:	Fri, 19 Feb 2021 21:47:26 +0000

Laura,

Attached are the documents Wes shared for AF/C. Though, nothing is pending. The only thing of note for AF/S that may come up is there is another cyclone scheduled to hit Mozambique again over the weekend. From what I have read, it is not expected to be as destructive as the last one, Cyclone Eloise, but it may cause flooding to the areas previously impacted.

Thanks,



Alaina Brown

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From: Jeffers, James W (b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 6:20 PM
To: AF-Press <AF-Press@state.gov>
Subject: Wes on Leave, Friday 2/19

Hi Team,

I'm out tomorrow, Friday 2/19. Have a good weekend!

On AF/C issues, Greg and Alaina are backup.

On Ebola, Laura's covering.

On social media – i.e. if you need to tweet, contact Greg. I ***will*** be back on social media duty this weekend though if you need anything.

Issues in AF/C currently – no action required for anything but something might pop up:

- Congressional letter to stop Cameroonian Removals
 - Email response to Leanne attached. Does not need elevated to SPOX at this time, but if that changes tomorrow you can run with these lines.

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- PAO Leanne Cannon, APAO Karen Tang
- AF/C Desk is (b)(6)
- Rwanda – Paul Rusesabagina
 - Final PG attached. There could be inquiries (b)(5) but the PG should cover everything.
 - A/DCM Janet Deutsch, A/PAO Jeremy Jewett
 - AF/C Desk is (b)(6)
- Ebola
 - Final PG attached. There's a DC tomorrow.
 - (b)(5)
- DRC: PAO Megan Larson-Kone, IO Ineke Stoneham
- AF/C Desk is (b)(6) has sadly left us for NSC ☺)
- AF/ERA leads are (b)(6) and (b)(6)



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From:	(b)(6)@state.gov>
To:	(b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject:	RE: Sanctions / Removals
Date:	Mon, 16 Nov 2020 21:47:51 +0000

Sure. Happy to delete it.

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To: (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Sanctions / Removals

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Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 4:39 PM
To: (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Sanctions / Removals

Does this work for you? New sentence in BOLD:

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From: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 4:27 PM

To: (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: RE: Sanctions / Removals

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From: (b)(6)@state.gov>

Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 4:15 PM

To: (b)(6)@state.gov>; (b)(6)@state.gov>

Subject: RE: Sanctions / Removals

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(b)(7)(C)

I'm not 100% certain we know what happened. This is what I got from (b)(6) readout:

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

- AF/ERA (b)(6) asked if all the pax had exhausted their legal options in the U.S.; [redacted] confirmed that yes, all had exhausted options. [redacted] added that some may have been on the A/C and then removed just prior to departure given legal or other admin filings.

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Subject: FW: Sanctions / Removals

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Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:54 PM
To: (b)(6)@state.gov (b)(6) AF (b)(6)@state.gov
Subject: RE: Sanctions / Removals

Thanks, (b)(6)

By the way, I imagine (b)(6) already briefed you, but on Friday's call with ICE, DRL, L, and PRM, we received confirmation from ICE that none of the persons removed to Cameroon last week had open asylum claims. ICE underscored that they do not issue removal orders until all asylum claims have been concluded. (b)(5); (b)(5)

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Subject: RE: Sanctions / Removals

Yes of course will be happy to include (b)(6) on a call with (b)(6)

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Cc: (b)(6)@state.gov
Subject: Sanctions / Removals

(b)(5); (b)(6)

One other request – if you have a call with (b)(6) would you maybe be able to include (b)(6) (b)(6) He's been on several calls with PRM, L and others on the topic.

(b)(6)

Director, Office of Economic and Regional Affairs (AF/ERA)

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To: (b)(6)@state.gov>;
 (b)(6)@state.gov>;
 (b)(6)@state.gov>;
 (b)(6)@state.gov>
Subject: RE: pending removals flight to Africa
Date: Tue, 2 Feb 2021 15:00:01 +0000

Sounds like a charter. I recommend reaching out to your ICE counterpart and emphasizing the need to be looped in. We'll have to keep reminding. I'll convey the same directly to DHS and ICE, as well as through CA.

From: (b)(6)@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 9:47 AM
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Subject: RE: pending removals flight to Africa

Could be a charter. This Cameroonian government document says "Orion Air International" is operating the "special" flight.

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Subject: RE: pending removals flight to Africa

(h)(6) – I had not been tracking a removals flight either. You sure it was a charter flight and not Cameroonians on a commercial flight? If the latter, we usually do not receive heads up on these.

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Hope this helps a little.

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Subject: RE: pending removals flight to Africa

Dear (b)(6)

Thanks for this info. To be clear, desk and post are supportive of the flight but wanted to ensure their was wider visibility that flights were continuing to Central Africa.

As a side note, was there a cable I missed on this removal flight? Admittedly, on the desk we do not always see the outgoing cables from other agencies. I just want to ensure we are all linked up.

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Subject: RE: pending removals flight to Africa

Ben, yes, removals flights are continuing. The Biden EO pause on most removals (apart from criminals etc) was itself put on pause by a Federal judge. See separate email.

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Subject: RE: pending removals flight to Africa

Hi Team:

A source in the Cameroonian government alerted me to an alien removal flight landing in Douala, Cameroon on Thursday, 4 February at 13h45. Post tells me that they are tracking this flight but at the desk, I was not. Is everything all set for this flight so that post can be supportive as they have been in the past?

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Best,

(b)(6)

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Subject: pending removals flight to Africa

Colleagues -- pls see table below outlining upcoming removals flights (caveat that they are always subject to change of cancellation). We, i.e. desks and ERA, should work with posts and local embassies here to make these happen. Additionally, (b)(6); from ICE Removals will be on the call with AF COMs next Wednesday.

Best regards,

(b)(6)

10/12/20	DRC/Cameroon
10/27/20	Gambia/Benin
11/09/20	Cameroon/DRC/Angola
12/08/20	Malawi/Uganda/Zambia

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