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Converting to any religion from Islam is a crime in Afghanistan, and proselytizing is also outlawed.

The suspended groups, Church World Service, an American organization, and Norwegian Church Aid, say they do not proselytize.

Both groups have major operations in Afghanistan, disbursing millions of dollars in aid. Church World Service employs 190 people, and Norwegian Church Aid 50 people in a variety of development programs here, the government said.

Students at Kabul University staged a protest on Monday in response to the television report, briefly blocking streets around the campus.

Mohammed Sediq Amarkhiel, a spokesman for the Ministry of Economy, which regulates aid groups working here, said there was no actual evidence against the two groups, which were known for "doing a good job here." However, Mr. Amarkhiel added, the ministry decided on the suspensions because the television reports "raised suspicions" and "made people very emotional and angry." The government will investigate the groups' activities, he said.

"If they are really involved in proselytizing Afghan people for Christianity, then definitely these people will be introduced to the judicial authorities," Mr. Amarkhiel said.

Evangelizing is a delicate issue in Afghanistan, a conservative Islamic country where there are no known native Christians and no formal churches, although some foreign embassies hold services within their own compounds. But many foreign nongovernmental organizations and aid groups here are supported by Christian groups abroad.

Foreign aid groups have to make a "commitment that their activity will be based on the Constitution of Afghanistan," which forbids conversion from Islam, Mr. Amarkhiel said.

The television reports were shown last Thursday and Friday on Noorin TV, a small station in Kabul known as an antigovernment gadfly. Even the station's director, Muhammed Arif Noori, however, said Noorin TV had no evidence that the two aid groups had been involved in proselytizing. The report merely raised "suspicions" about the two groups after finding them in a local telephone directory of nongovernmental organizations and noticing that they each had the word "church" in their names, Mr. Noori explained in an interview.

The television reports showed photographs that were alleged to be of Christian baptisms as well as videotapes of Christian prayer meetings, held at what the station said were seven missionary safe houses in western Kabul. The baptisms, presided over by at least four Western men, were done by dunking Afghan men completely in full bathtubs and pouring buckets of water over the heads of Afghan women as they stood in empty bathtubs.

Atle Sommerfeldt, Norwegian Church Aid's general secretary, said "the N.C.A. is not engaged in missionary work anywhere in the world, and not in Afghanistan."

Mr. Sommerfeldt said most of the group's development work, concentrating on rural and agricultural development in four central and southern provinces, continued as usual because most of it was carried out by local Afghan partners who were not affected by the suspension.

"In Afghanistan, as elsewhere in the world, N.C.A. does not have a mandate to influence people to change religion," he said. "We hope and believe in a speedy and positive solution."

Maurice A. Bloem, deputy director of programs for Church World Service, said in a statement that proselytizing

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was against his organization's code of conduct, The Associated Press reported.

The group has an \$8 million budget for Afghan projects this year, according to Liv Snesrud, its Afghanistan program coordinator.

Last year, Al Jazeera broadcast a report showing evangelical Christian soldiers at an American base who were apparently discussing trying to convert Afghans to Christianity by distributing Bibles in Pashto and Dari, the country's two main languages.

The United States military responded that such activity was forbidden by military rules, and confiscated and destroyed the Bibles.

Pakistani Court Orders Access To Facebook Restored (Ellick, Gillani, NYT)

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

New York Times

By Adam B. Ellick And Waqar Gillani

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - A Pakistani court on Monday ordered the government to restore access to Facebook, nearly two weeks after it blocked the social networking Web site amid anger over a Facebook page that solicited images of the Prophet Muhammad.

Images or drawings of the prophet are considered blasphemous by most Muslims.

"We cannot block access to information," said Justice Ejaz Ahmed Chaudhry, a High Court judge in the city of Lahore who had also issued the original ban.

Still, in the ruling, Justice Chaudhry ordered the government to block specific content considered blasphemous to Islam. He also called on the authorities to explore a central censorship system, such as those used in the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia to block hate content.

The court will reconvene on June 15 to review the government's progress.

The Islamic Lawyers Forum, the group that filed the original case to ban access to Facebook, rejected the court-ordered restoration on Monday, pledging to pursue what it called "a complete ban again" if the government does not adequately censor offensive content.

Outside the courtroom, protesters chanted slogans against Facebook.

The controversy erupted after a Facebook user created a page called "Everybody Draw Muhammad Day" and asked for submissions.

On May 19, thousands of Pakistanis responded with angry protests around the country. As a result, the Lahore High Court ordered the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority to block access to over 600 Web sites, including Facebook, YouTube and certain pages on Flickr and Wikipedia. Access to most sites has since been restored.

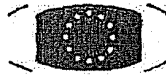
On Saturday, Bangladesh became the second country to block Facebook. As in Pakistan, the ban is expected to be temporary.

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**Declaration by HR Catherine Ashton on behalf of the EU on
the Israeli military operation against the Flotilla**

The EU deeply regrets the loss of life during the Israeli military operation in international waters against the Flotilla sailing to Gaza and offers its condolences to the families of the victims. The EU condemns the use of violence that has produced a high number of victims among the members of the flotilla and demands an immediate, full and impartial inquiry into the events and the circumstances surrounding them.

The humanitarian situation in Gaza remains a source of grave concern. The EU does not accept the continued policy of closure. It is unacceptable and politically counterproductive. We need to urgently achieve a durable solution to the situation in Gaza.

The EU underlines its call for an immediate, sustained and unconditional opening of crossings for the flow of humanitarian aid, commercial goods and persons to and from Gaza.

The EU calls on Israel to urgently provide Member States with consular access to and information about their citizens.

The EU calls upon all parties and relevant actors to prevent a further escalation of tensions and underlines the need to continue the proximity talks with a view to the resumption of direct negotiations.

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To: DRL-MLGA-DL; Ostermeier, Amy A; Nossel, Suzanne F; Aswad, Evelyn M; Lieberman, Jessica D (DRL); Johnstone, Kari A (DRL)
Subject: Fw: Special NAC on Gaza
Attachments: UNSC Statement.docx; EU statement on Gaza Convoy.doc

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Per my email response to Evelyn re broadening our guidance outreach:

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From: Doner, Susan L
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Sent: Tue Jun 01 07:31:43 2010
Subject: FW: Special NAC on Gaza

Forwarding the e-mail w/ attachments...

- Susan

From: Harrison, Paul Q
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 7:02 AM
To: Heffern, John A; Gordon, Philip H; McEldowney, Nancy E; Daalder, Ivo H; Degnan, Kelly C; Baez, Alejandro X
Cc: Turner, Bruce I; Kaidanow, Tina S; Baily, Jess L; Jeffrey, James F; Silliman, Douglas A; Tervakoski, Mark A; 'elizabeth_d_sherwood-randall@nsc.eop.gov'; Wolff, Alex D (USUN); Jones, Stuart; 'Vershbow, Alexander R HON OSD POLICY'; SES-O_Shift-I; Rathod, Rona R
Subject: RE: Special NAC on Gaza

Dear All,

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Attached are the EU and UNSC statements.

POSSIBLE NAC Statement Text:

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Subject: RE: Special NAC on Gaza

Below are cleared talking points per A/S Feltman's earlier email.

Thank you.

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--The Administration has publicly expressed its deep regret and concern for the tragic loss of life and the injuries suffered surrounding the recent incident aboard the Gaza-bound ships.

--We have called for a credible and transparent investigation and urge the Israeli government to investigate the incident fully.

--We continue to believe that the situation in Gaza is unsustainable and have long called on Israel to address the humanitarian crisis there. At the same time, any durable solution to Gaza must address Israel's legitimate security concerns, as the Quartet and the UN Security Council consistently acknowledge.

--Ultimately, the only solution to this conflict is through an agreement, negotiated between the parties, that establishes an independent, contiguous, and viable Palestinian state living side by side in peace and security with Israel.

--For this reason, President Obama, Secretary of State Clinton, and Special Envoy Mitchell have worked from day one of this Administration to launch negotiations between the parties that will achieve Palestinian aspirations to exercise their right of self-determination within their state.

--The proximity talks that are currently underway are the only hope for re-starting direct, credible, and productive negotiations, and we are pursuing them at the request of the Palestinians. They must continue. Further delay in negotiations only empowers extremists on both sides and postpones the day when Palestinians can live in a secure and independent state in the West Bank and Gaza.

--The U.S. is leading diplomatic efforts to resolve the current situation. There will be setbacks and challenges to progress toward peace, but we must remain steadfast. As we continue our efforts in the Security Council and with Israel to

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overcome the current impasse, it is critical that the Arab League not take a decision that would damage the proximity talks, which are the only viable path forward.

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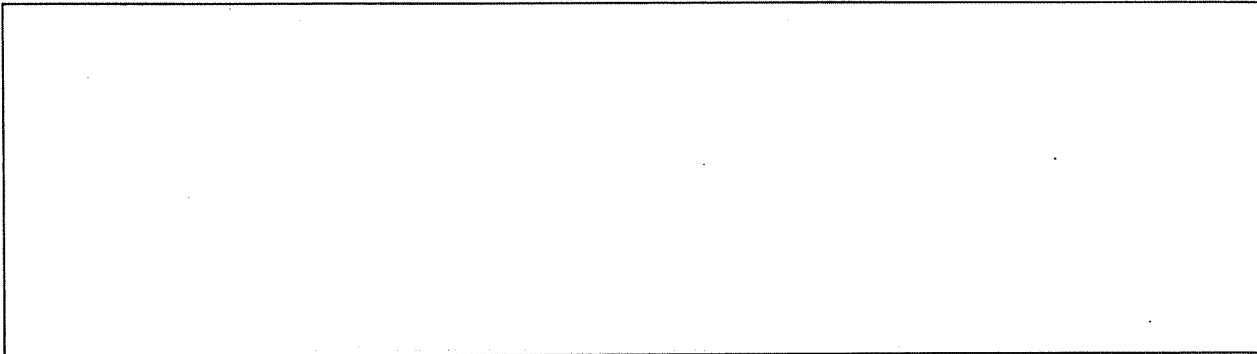
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Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 3:42 AM

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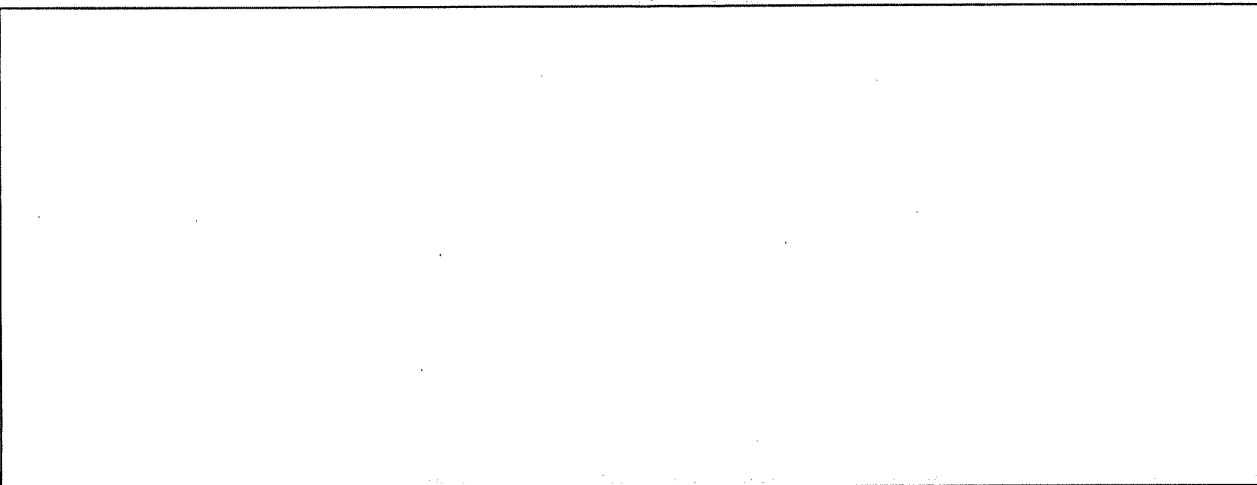
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Sent: Mon May 31 16:53:57 2010
Subject: Fw: Remarks by Ambassador Alejandro Wolff, Deputy Permanent U.S. Representative to the United Nations, at an Emergency Session of the Security Council, May 31, 2010

From: Goldberger, Thomas H
To: Baily, Jess L
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From: Ratney, Michael A
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Thank you, Mr. President and thank you, Assistant Secretary-General Fernandez-Taranco.

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The United States is deeply disturbed by the recent violence and regrets the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the incident last night aboard the Gaza-bound ships. We are working to ascertain the facts. We expect a credible and transparent investigation and strongly urge the Israeli government to investigate the incident fully.

As I stated in the Chamber in December 2008, when we were confronted by a similar situation, mechanisms exist for the transfer of humanitarian assistance to Gaza by member states and groups that want to do so. These non-provocative and non-confrontational mechanisms should be the ones used for the benefit of all those in Gaza. Direct delivery by sea is neither appropriate nor responsible, and certainly not effective, under the circumstances.

The United States remains deeply concerned by the suffering of civilians in Gaza, and the deterioration of the situation there, including the humanitarian and human rights situation. We continue to believe the situation is unsustainable and is not in the interests of any of those concerned. We will continue to engage the Israelis on a daily basis to expand the scope and type of goods allowed into Gaza to address the full range of the population's humanitarian and recovery needs. Hamas' interference with international assistance shipments and the work of nongovernmental organizations complicates efforts in Gaza. Its continued arms smuggling and commitment to terrorism undermines security and prosperity for Palestinians and Israelis alike.

We will continue to work closely with the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, along with international NGOs and the UN, to provide adequate access for humanitarian goods, including reconstruction materials, through the border crossings, while bearing in mind the Government of Israel's legitimate security concerns.

Ultimately, this incident underscores the need to move ahead quickly with negotiations that can lead to a comprehensive peace in the region. The only viable solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is an agreement, negotiated between the parties, that ends the occupation that began in 1967 and fulfills the aspirations of both parties for independent homelands through two states for two peoples, Israel and an independent, contiguous, and viable state of Palestine, living side by side in peace and security. We call again on our international partners – both inside and outside this Council – to promote an atmosphere of cooperation between the parties and throughout the entire region.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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Source: Reuters

UNITED NATIONS, June 1 (Reuters) - Following is the full text of a formal presidential statement adopted on Tuesday by the United Nations Security Council on Israel's action against an aid flotilla heading for Gaza.

The Security Council deeply regrets the loss of life and injuries resulting from the use of force during the Israeli military operation in international waters against the convoy sailing to Gaza. The Council, in this context, condemns those acts which resulted in the loss of at least ten civilians and many wounded, and expresses its condolences to their families.

The Security Council requests the immediate release of the ships as well as the civilians held by Israel. The Council urges Israel to permit full consular access, to allow the countries concerned to retrieve their deceased and wounded immediately, and to ensure the delivery of humanitarian assistance from the convoy to its destination.

The Security Council takes note of the statement of the UN Secretary-General on the need to have a full investigation into the matter and it calls for a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation conforming to international standards.

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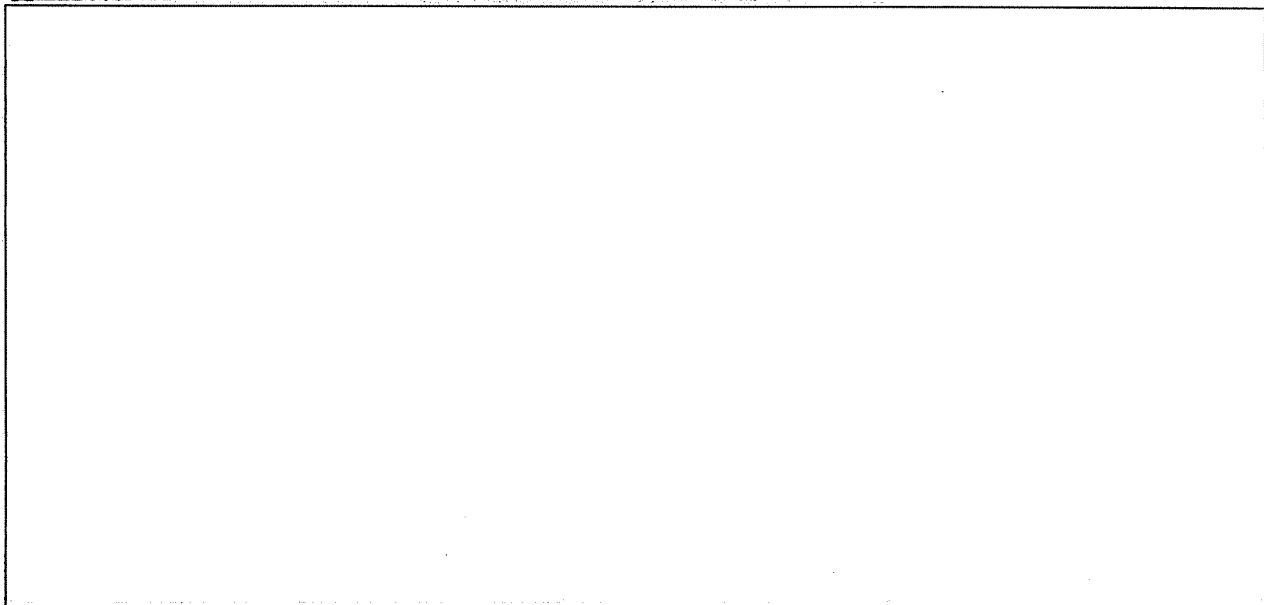
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From: Germain, Ellen J (USUN)
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Cc: Schedlbauer, Amy W; Germain, Ellen J (USUN)
Sent: Tue Jun 01 01:46:22 2010
Subject: Final Gaza PRST

Being read in the SC chamber now.



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Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: Levent Gumrukcu [redacted]
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DRAFT SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON THE RECENT INCIDENT IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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Subject: Israeli proposed COE -questions.DOC
Attachments: -LEGAL-#247657-v2-Israeli_Flotilla_incident_-_Commission_of_Experts_-_questions.doc

Here is a newer version of this paper in case we need it at future point.

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Here's a draft paper for 2:30 meeting today on the proposed Commission of Experts, drawing from the questions raised by Joanne and Steve Townley. I can collect comments/edits. Thanks, Kate

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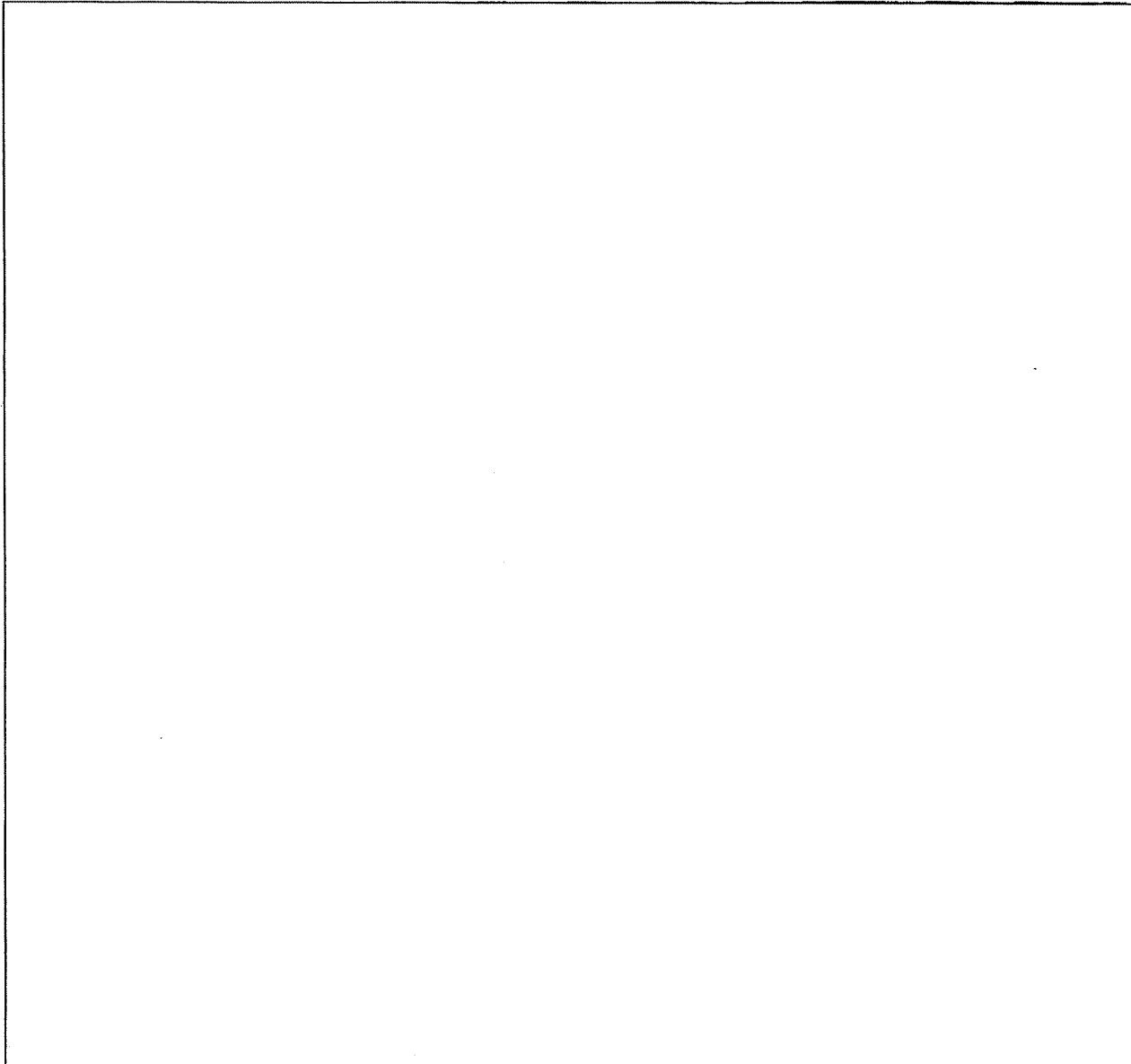
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Jon - per the Samantha Power conversation, FYI.



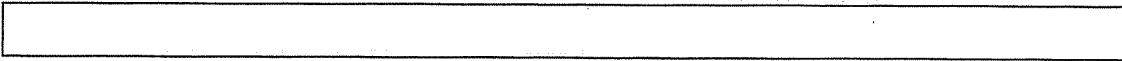
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Inadvertently some of the changes to the prior draft were dropped from the final version. I have reentered them here as tracked changes for others to review and Linda to confirm before we send this to Harold. Please advise if there is anything further. In view of this complication, Stephen may want to wait until OOB to send forward to permit final input from others.

From: Jacobson, Linda
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 4:17 PM
To: Gorove, Katherine M; Banos, Mariano H; Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: Townley, Stephen G; Dolan, JoAnn
Subject: flotilla outline 2.doc

Here is the latest version incorporating some comments from BH and JoAnn. I need to leave at 4:45 today, so please send your comments soonest, or if later, to JoAnn. Steve, I think this is good to go to HHK if addressees have no further thoughts.

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**Israeli military attack on Freedom Convoy going to Gaza Strip
and breaking the Israeli siege imposed on it**

The Arab League council on the ministerial level extraordinary session on 02 June 2010 at the Arab League General Secretariat head quarters,

- After looking at the general secretariat memo,
- Has studied the required steps regarding the Israeli military attack and piracy conduct in international Mediterranean sea waters on the Freedom convoy which carried humanitarian material going to Gaza strip which lies under siege, and which led to the deliberate murder and fall of unarmed civilian victims and injured in this convoy, and all the participants of which were kidnapped using armed force,
- Considers the continuous Israeli occupation of Arab territories and insistence to change the demographic and geographic formation of the occupied Palestinian territories including East Jerusalem to be the basis for disruption and tension in the area,
- Decides that Israel's continuation, as the occupation force, to put Gaza Strip under siege and obstruct its reconstruction is a crime against humanity that should be immediately stopped using all legitimate means including resistance,
- Emphasizes that the continuity of some states to offer support to Israel despite its savage practices and violations against Palestinian people and those who try to offer to Palestinians necessary humanitarian help, is based on a big political mistake by giving Israel an immunity to not respect international law bases which is a precedent that threatens the entire international order,
- Emphasizes that these Israeli policies and practices that form state terrorism feeds terrorist inclinations in the Middle East,
- After discussions and listening to the speeches of the heads of delegations and the general secretary,

DECIDES

- 1- To condemn the intentional military attack that Israel conducted against the Freedom Convoy in the international waters, an issue that constitutes piracy and state terrorism and threat to the stability and security in the Mediterranean Sea, and a clear violation of international law that protects sailing in international waters, and related international humanitarian law concepts and principles.
- 2- To break the siege imposed by Israel on the Gaza Strip and commit to deliver medical and food aid and necessary construction material for reconstruction and other required needs for the Palestinian people in the strip using all the means, and hold Israel internationally responsible for the obstruction of humanitarian aid and necessary requirements for reconstruction, and for not opening all the crossings for the movement of people and goods.

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- 3- To assign Lebanon, the Arab member in the United Nations Security Council, and the Arab group in New York to request holding a meeting for the Security Council, in coordination with Turkey, and friend countries and groups, to issue the required resolution condemning the Israeli siege imposed on the Gaza Strip and compulsion of Israel to immediately lift this siege, and request holding the continued 10th session in the context of the UN General Assembly to counter the Israeli siege on Gaza Strip.
- 4- To commit to the resolutions of Sirte Summit and particularly resolution number 508 dated 28 March 2010 to stop all forms of normalization with Israel and commitment to the discussions in this regards, and in light of this continuous Israeli challenge and violation of all its commitments, the ministerial council decides to send a recommendation to their excellencies heads of states to implement the speech of Saudi King Abdallah at the Economic Summit in Kuwait in January 2010 that the Arab Peace Initiative will not stay on the table for long.
- 5- That Israel's continuation of its practices and the last of which was the criminal attack on unarmed civilians emphasize clearly Israel is not serious in reaching fair and comprehensive peace in the region and is committed to make the negotiations useless and in vain and doubts the credibility of assurances offered to the Palestinian side, and assign the Secretary General to direct a message to the US Administration in this regards.
- 6- To Coordinate the Arab steps with Turkey and other concerned sides to file cases to national and international specialized suing agencies, on top of which is the ICC regarding the Israeli siege imposed on Gaza Strip.
- 7- To ask Israel to immediately release the remaining kidnapped members of the Freedom Convoy and detained ships and relief material.
- 8- To welcome the Human Rights Council resolution regarding forming an independent fact finding committee to investigate the violations of international law in the Israeli attack on the Freedom Convoy and express appreciation for the countries that voted for the resolution and express resentment from the position of countries that voted against this resolution.
- 9- To welcome the positions of countries that took clear and strong procedures against the Israeli military attack and condemned it, and express resentment from the positions of some countries at the United Nations Security Council that obstructed the agreement to conduct an independent international investigation.
- 10- To call for coordination with all international rights and humanitarian organizations to actually and immediately begin to show all the sides of this case, including the legal and humanitarian dimensions, and target the world media to reveal this crime and show its consequences, and

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praise the Qatari pledge to cover all the special costs for this movement on the legal and media tracks.

- 11- To appreciate all the activists who participated in this noble humanitarian mission and bless the souls of the victim martyrs and express appreciation of the Arab League council and its support for Turkey's honorable position and international positions that expressed condemnation for this attack and expressed solidarity with the Palestinian people and their fair case.
- 12- To ask the Arab delegation participating in the Arab Turkish Cooperation Forum meetings to express the appreciation for Turkey's positions and offer the condolences for the families of the victims of the Israeli attack on the Freedom Convoy.
- 13- To ask the Secretary General to follow on the implementation of this resolution and keep the Arab League Council in continuous session.

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From: Witmer, Kami A
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2010 1:39 AM
To: Godfrey, Anthony F; Lee, Robert D
Subject: Yesterday's Spot reports -- in case you haven't yet seen them.

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SPOT REPORT No. 2
LATEST SITUATION ON GAZA AID FLOTILLA

Monday, May 31, 2010
 1200 EDT

NETANYAHU TO CURTAIL TRIP AND RETURN TO ISRAEL

(U) The Israeli Prime Minister is currently in Canada, but press report he will cancel his scheduled onward stop in Washington to return to Tel Aviv. (AP)

FLOTILLA SHIPS ENTERING PORT, CASUALTIES NOT YET IDENTIFIED

- (SBU) Embassy Tel Aviv reports nine American citizens are in detention and consular staff hope to have access to them the morning of June 1. Israeli sources say two former U.S. diplomats detained for their participation in the flotilla will be deported from Ben Gurion Airport tonight. One Amciti is hospitalized with minor injuries and will be transferred to a deportation facility shortly. A total of 18 Amcitis are believed to have been part of the flotilla, seven are unaccounted for. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)
- (SBU) Israeli defense officials say 10 to 14 civilians were killed or seriously injured, with an additional 30 wounded. Ten Israeli Navy personnel were wounded, one seriously. All casualties had been aboard the MAVI MARMARA and are now in Israeli hospitals. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)
- (SBU) The CHALLENGER I is now in the port of Ashdod with Americans onboard, and the MAVI MARMARA is expected between 1700 and 1800 local time, with the rest arriving later in the evening. Passengers will have two options -- jail or deportation. (Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)

TURKEY CALLS ON INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO RESPOND

- (SBU) Turkey is alleging a gross violation of international law, saying the raid occurred 64 nautical miles from the Gaza blockade area. The IDF contends a vessel may be boarded prior to entering an area under naval blockade, if there is reason to believe the vessel intends to breach it. (Ops/Embassy Ankara e-mail, Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)
- (SBU) Israeli Defense Minister Barak and Major General Dangot, Coordinator for Government Activities in the Territories, are in communication with officials from the Turkish Foreign and Defense Ministries. They discussed the extent to which rhetoric could be kept in check, the need for security cooperation, and the impact the status of wounded Israeli Arab Islamic leader Raed Salah could have on public reaction. (Ops/ConGen Jerusalem e-mail)
- (SBU) Turkish PM Erdogan cut his trip to Latin America short and will return to Turkey today. FM Davutoglu is in route to New York to request an emergency session of the UNSC today to discuss the incident. Acting PM Arinc ruled out sending Turkish naval forces to the region for the time being, and President Gul condemned the attack, but urged Turks to act with restraint. (Ops/Embassy Ankara e-mail)

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- (SBU) Peaceful protesters gathered outside the U.S. Consulate in Adana (500 to 700 according to local guards, 4000 by Turkish National Police estimates) to lay a black wreath, then dispersed. *(Ops/Embassy Ankara e-mail)*
- (SBU) Embassy Ankara requested additional security for Israeli and American installations in Turkey, and reports the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs has authorized the additional forces. *(Ops/Embassy Ankara e-mail)*

SPOT REPORT NO. 1
LATEST SITUATION ON GAZA AID FLOTILLA

Monday, May 31, 2010
0600 EDT

ISRAELI NAVY INTERCEPTS GAZA FLOTILLA, 15 ACTIVISTS KILLED

- (SBU) Nine of the 15 killed are reportedly Turkish citizens, according to press. In addition, dozens of activists and six Israeli commandos are reported injured. The wounded are being taken to hospitals in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Haifa. *(Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail, France 24)*
- (SBU) There are currently no reports of wounded or killed American citizens. *(Ops/Embassy Tel Aviv e-mail)*
- (SBU) The incident occurred around 0430 local time May 31, when Israeli soldiers boarded the Turkish flagged ship "Blue Marmara," approximately 70 miles off Israel's coast. *(Ops/Embassy Ankara e-mail)*
- (U) Raed Salah, the head of the northern faction of the Islamic Movement, has been wounded in the incident and is undergoing surgery in an Israeli hospital, media report. *(Jerusalem Post)*

FLOTILLA HEADED TO ASHDOD; ISRAELI POLICE ON HIGH ALERT

- (U) The Israeli police are on their highest state of alert and have instituted several road blocks, including one in the Temple Mount area. *(YNet News)*

ISRAELI CONSULATE ISTANBUL SURROUNDED BY THOUSANDS

- (SBU) Consulate General Istanbul reports Turkish police are deployed around the Israeli Consulate and there are no reports of violence or injuries. At least 5000 protestors are marching from the consulate toward the city's main square, according to press. *(Ops/Consulate General Istanbul e-mail, AP)*
- (SBU) Consulate Adana issued a Warden Message May 31 advising American citizens of potential anti-U.S. and Israeli demonstrations. *(Ops/Consulate Adana e-mail)*

TURKEY "STRONGLY PROTESTS" INCIDENT; EU CALLS FOR INQUIRY

- (SBU) The Turkish Foreign Ministry issued a statement calling the incident "unacceptable" and demanding an "urgent explanation" from Israel, according to press. Embassy Ankara reports the Turkish MFA has summoned Israel's ambassador to Turkey but that Ambassador Levi has been unable to meet with Turkish officials due to a protest surrounding the Israeli Embassy. *(Ops/Embassy Ankara e-mail, AP)*
- (U) EU High Representative Ashton expressed her deep regret at the loss of life and violence and demanded a full inquiry. *(Reuters)*
- (U) Arab League Secretary General Moussa called for an emergency meeting June 1 to discuss Israel's "terrorist act." *(Reuters)*
- (U) President Abbas called for three days of mourning throughout the Palestinian Territories. *(Reuters)*

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Subject: FW: text of cable on IHH

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Here is the text of the IHH cable -- already sent to EUR and NEA and NSC via e-mail.

I'm having SMART problems actually sending this as a cable, but IPC is working on it.

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 US Embassy Ankara, Turkey
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Subject: text of cable on IHH

All,

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Doug

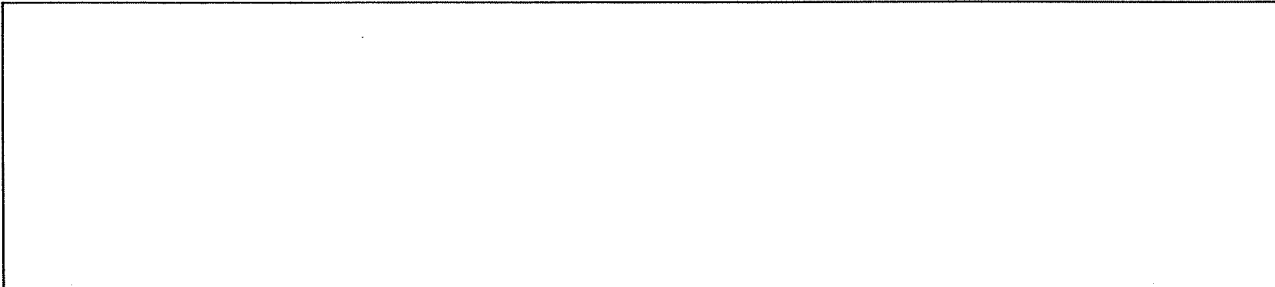
1. (SBU) Summary. The Foundation for Human Rights, Liberties and Humanitarian Relief (IHH), the charitable group which organized the aid flotilla to Gaza, has largely achieved its goal of drawing attention to itself and casting Israel into the role of an oppressor. The IHH has been on the rise for a decade, particularly gaining prominence in its defense first of Bosnians, then Chechens, and now Gazans. Israel designated the organization as a terrorist-supporter in 2008; the organization has had legal problems in the past related to allegations it provides financial and material support to terrorist organizations. End Summary.

2. (C) The IHH flotilla -- flagshipped by the Mavi Marmara, which was stormed by Israeli Defense Forces on May 31 -- achieved a greater success than it bargained for in portraying Israel in as negative a light as possible. The IHH told us before the flotilla set sail that it would either "win" by successfully landing in Gaza to distribute aid, or highlight Israel's intransigence by forming an "artificial island" off the Israeli coast, trying to dominate the world media at least until the World Cup began on July 11. (REF A) They said being boarded would make Israel look "ridiculous." [REDACTED]

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Past Support of Terrorism?

4. (U) A 2006 report on 'Islamic charities' support of terrorist organizations written by American terrorism researcher Evan Kohlman and published by the Danish Institute for International Studies discusses details of the IHH's alleged support of terrorist organizations. Turkish authorities raided the Istanbul office in 1997, discovering arms, explosives, instructions for constructing improvised explosive devices, and jihad propaganda material. Documents uncovered in the raid indicated IHH members were either planning to join jihad or were actively facilitating traveling jihadists' efforts to go to Afghanistan, Bosnia, and Chechnya. The Istanbul office's phone records showed "repeated" telephone calls to what was alleged to be an al-Qa'ida guesthouse in Milan, Italy; to various Algerian terrorists in various places in Europe; and to Abd al-Qadr Mukhtari, a jihadist active in Bosnia during the Bosnia war. The report also quotes French authorities that Bulent Yildirim was personally involved in organizing jihadist facilitation.

5. (U) Following the 1997 raid on their Istanbul offices, the IHH took efforts to protect itself legally from Turkish scrutiny. It registered in Germany as a charitable organization making the bulk of its assets untouchable by Turkish authorities. Bulent Yildirim resigned from formal authority in the organization, although he remained its decision-making and administrative authority; for several years, his son Gokten was President. It appears Bulent Yildirim is now, once again, officially president. The IHH website is registered in Friesdorf, Germany, keeping it out of the authority of Turkish media monitors. The IHH is represented legally, at least in part, by Osman Karahan, an Istanbul lawyer who also defended the suspects in the 2003 Istanbul bombings and Lu'ay al-Saqa who was found guilty of plotting an attack on an Israeli cruise ship in Turkish waters. Karahan has, himself, been arrested on charges of aiding terrorist organizations.

6. (U) Regarding its ties to HAMAS, IHH has met with senior HAMAS officials in Turkey, Syria, and Gaza over the past three years. HAMAS members attended the launching of the Mavi Marmara out of Istanbul. IHH Deputy President Dede is in damage control mode concerning allegations that passengers on the flotilla attacked Israeli forces first, claiming in the press on May 31 that Israel might "place weapons" on the ship to create a justification for the attack and to paint IHH as a terrorist organization.

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7. (SBU) IHH's contact with and seeming support for terrorist organizations is not widely known in Turkish society. In the early 1990s, the organization was only prominent in religious circles. Its advertising and campaigns have always been anodyne, calling for donations to the oppressed people of various Muslim countries, but being vague on the details of who, exactly, would be handling funds and material upon arrival. As a result, the Turkish populace sees it as a supporter of Bosnians, Afghans, Uzbeks, Indonesians, Iraqis, and Palestinians, but is blind to the nuance that some of the groups actually receiving the money use at least part of the funds to perpetuate violent acts. This nuance is especially lost in the Gaza case, because most Turks -- religious and secular -- do not perceive HAMAS to be a terrorist organization.

8. (SBU) Throughout its existence, IHH has been close to the political religious movement in Turkey. Bulent Yildirim and other IHH staff were frequent guests at events held by the now defunct but religiously conservative Refah and Fazilet parties. Members of these two parties form the core of the governing Justice and Development Party (AKP). It is unlikely that most Turkish politicians are aware of the IHH's contacts with terrorist organizations (other than HAMAS), and would find such allegations incredible and offensive. It is a reasonable assumption that many AKP politicians have donated money to the IHH, assuming it to be a purely charitable organization, making investigations into allegations against the organization politically poisonous.

Comment

9. (SBU) The IHH appears to have won the PR battle over the flotilla. The Turkish populace is outraged by Israeli actions on the Mavi Marmara, and is staging anti-Israeli protests in Turkey's major cities. The government, the military, and the opposition parties have condemned the Israeli action. Even the respectable secular press is denouncing what it sees as Israeli aggression against innocent charitable workers. In the midst of it all, IHH's profile as a charitable organization

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defying perceived oppressors is at its highest. Messages coming out of Israel or Washington will meet a jaded public convinced Israel is the aggressor.

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1. (S) Summary: The May 31 Gaza flotilla incident and [redacted] dominated discussion during S/CT Coordinator for Counterterrorism Amb. Daniel Benjamin's discussions with GOI officials on June 13 and 14. [redacted]

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2. (SBU) On June 13 and 14, S/CT's Coordinator for Counterterrorism Amb. Daniel Benjamin met with a number of GOI officials, including NSC Deputy Chairman Vice Admiral (ret) Avriel Bar-Yosef, NSC Deputy Eran Lehrman, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Intelligence Dan Meridor, and Mossad Deputy Director Rami Ben Barak. Amb. Benjamin led a U.S. delegation to participate in the U.S.-Israel Joint Counterterrorism Group (JCG); a read-out from the JCG and other bilateral meetings with GOI officials will be sent septel.

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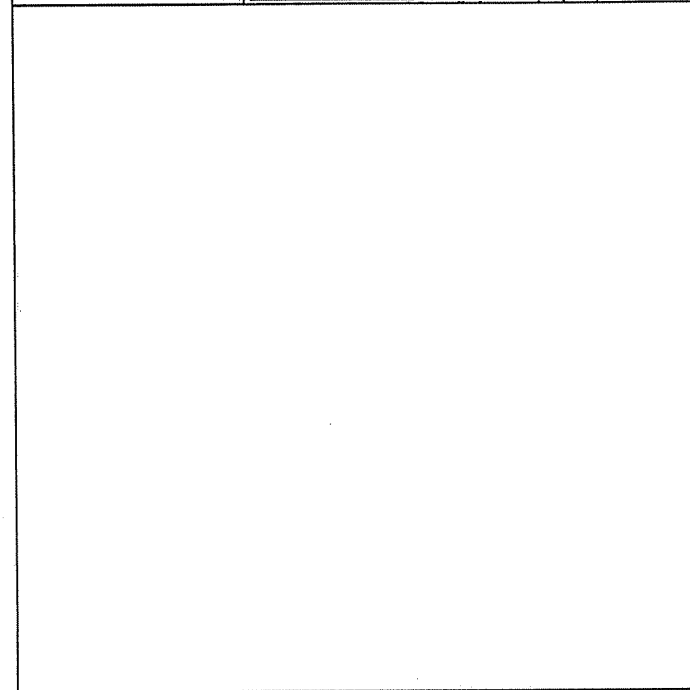
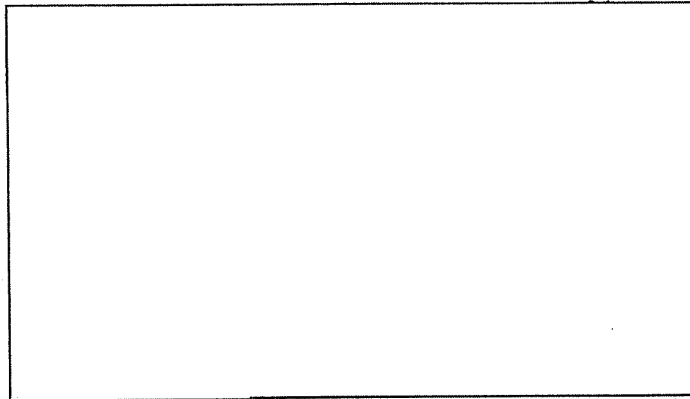
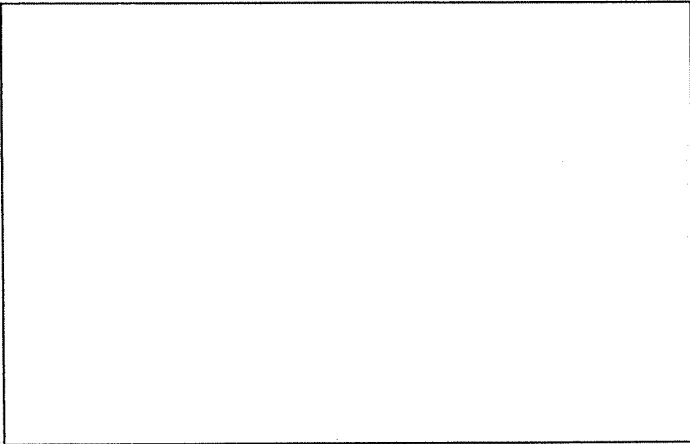
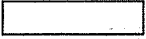
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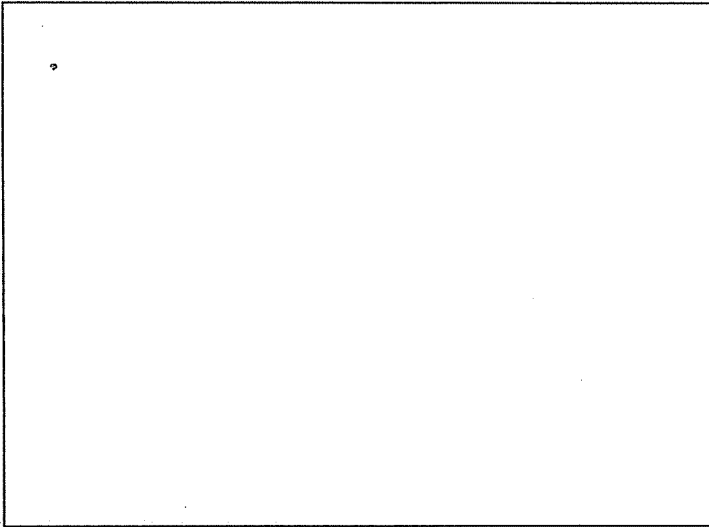
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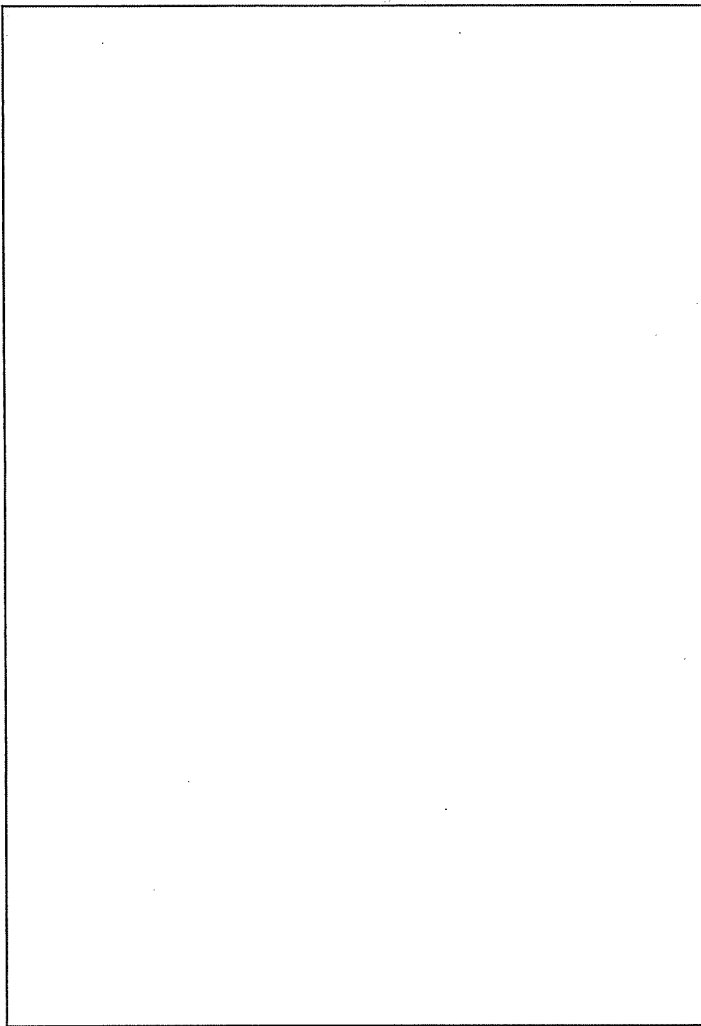
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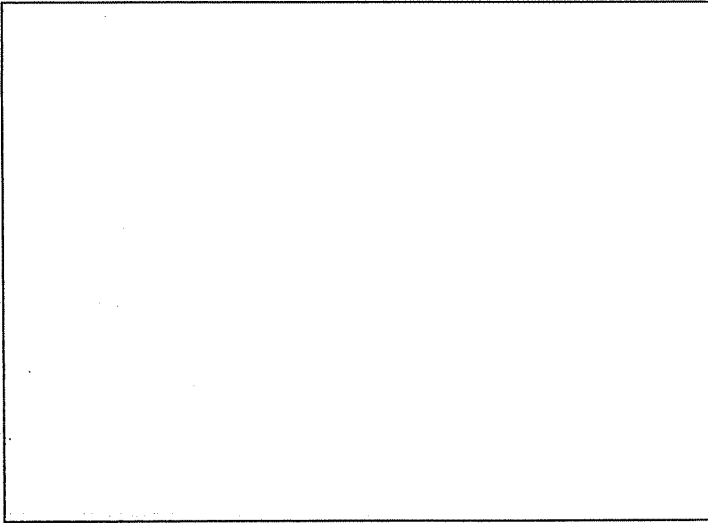
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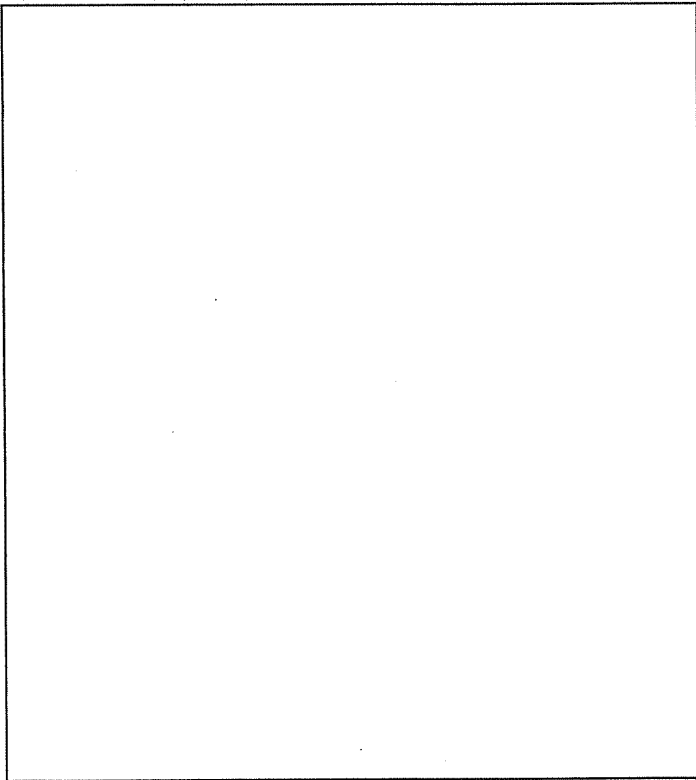
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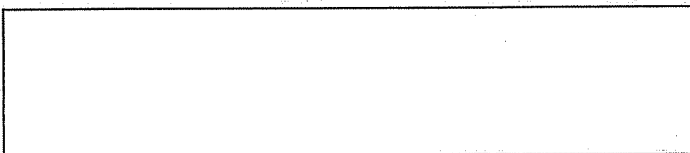
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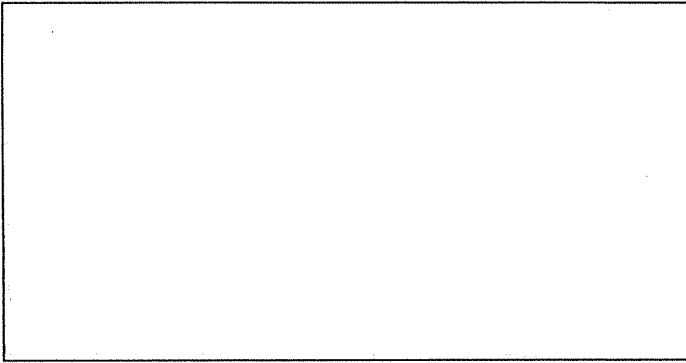


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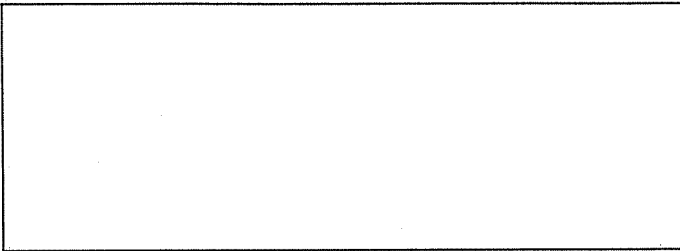
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Rachel -- thanks for the readout! All -- of interest, from CFR's Mavi Marmara session today.

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From: Rachel I. Schneller [mailto:RSchneller@cfcr.org]
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2010 2:29 PM
To: Belmonte, Monica L
Subject: Mavi Marmara event

Hi Monica,

You missed a nice event at the CFR today! Jeremy Shapiro attended though, so State was nicely represented. It was a smaller group-- maybe 15 people-- which made it smaller and more collegial. Your friend Henri Barkey was there, as was former US Amb. To Turkey Ross Wilson. Elliot Abrams too.

The speaker Yigal Schleifer, lives in Istanbul and has a blog: istanbulcalling.blogspot.com, that apparently is in high regard. He opened with a nice analogy between Turkish foreign policy and Turkish Airlines. Turkish Air is expanding, being privatized, and used to make Turkey/Istanbul a regional hub, in the same way that Turkish foreign policy is expanding and making Turkey a regional hub. In this vein, the Mavi Marmara incident was a "charter flight gone horribly wrong," rather than a crash.

Yigal put the Mavi Marmara incident into the context of Turkey-Israel relations, which the AKP has been trying to recalibrate since it was elected in 2002. Starting in 2003 with the Iraq War effort (seen in the Middle East as US being manipulated by Israel), Turkey did not want to be seen as "in cahoots" with the US and Israel. Then after trying to mediate between Israel and Syria, which resulted in Israel "scuttling" Turkey, there has been a near-complete breakdown in high-level relations between Israel and Turkey. Apparently Turkish diplomats were aware that the Mavi Marmara was going to be a lot of trouble but were powerless to stop it.

Israel-bashing has become such a crowd-pleaser in Turkey that Erdogan and Davutoglu could not have stopped the flotilla without incurring substantial domestic backlash. Gaza in particular is a flash-point; Yigal thinks for there to be a breakthrough on Turkey-Israel relations there will have to be a break through on Gaza.

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The Mavi Marmara can be seen as a victory for the "Islamist Right" in Turkey. The rally held in Taksim with the return of the 7 killed from the event was symbolically significant. Taksim is the heart of secular, urban elite, and almost no one gets to hold rallies there. Usually the Islamist Right, when it holds rallies, is only able to do so in the surrounding neighborhoods of Istanbul. Will be very difficult for Erdogan to not cede ground to the Islamists.

Problem is there was no "post-Mavi" game plan for these folks. They are not a credible opposition to the AKP; there is no credible opposition to the AKP, which ultimately Yigal thinks will lead to AKP becoming its own worst enemy.

As for results of the Mavi Marmara, the jury is still out. There is some talk of Israeli companies not getting tenders in Turkey, and some decline in Israel-Turkey tourism, but too early to see.

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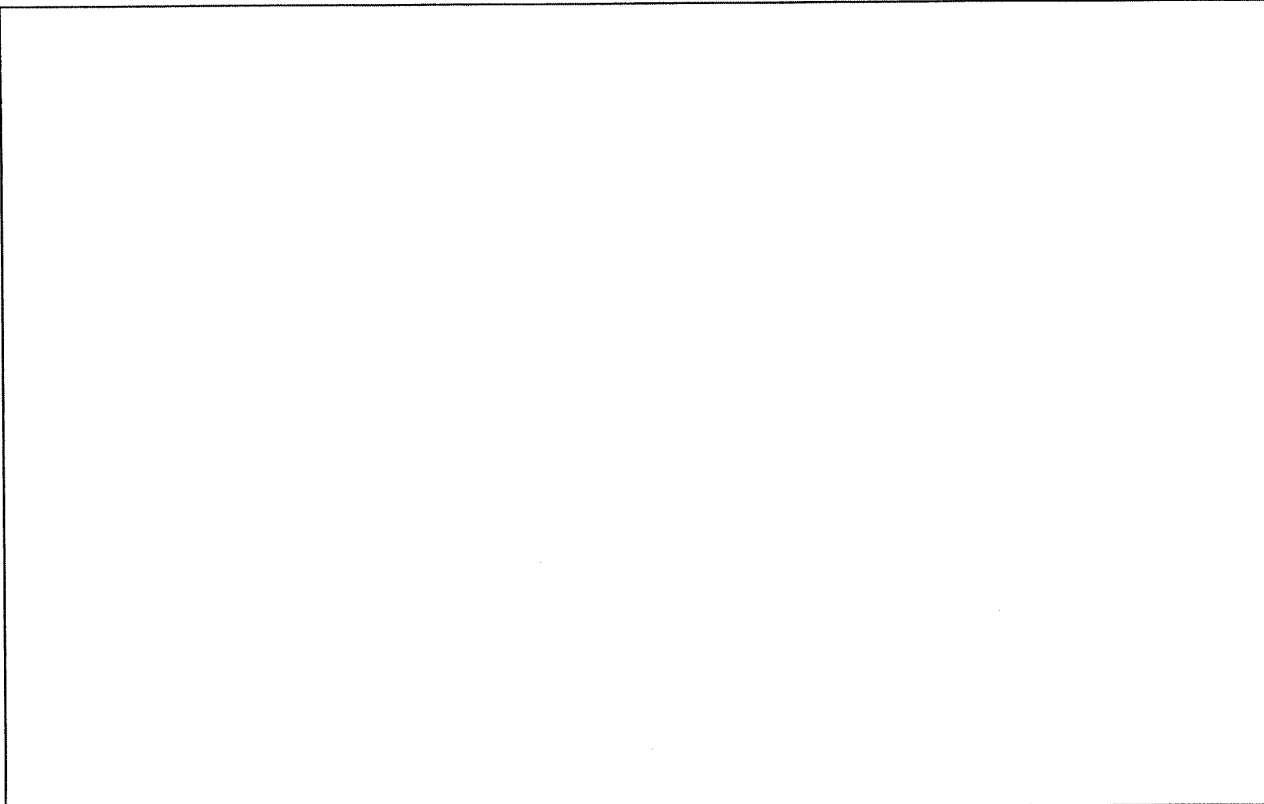


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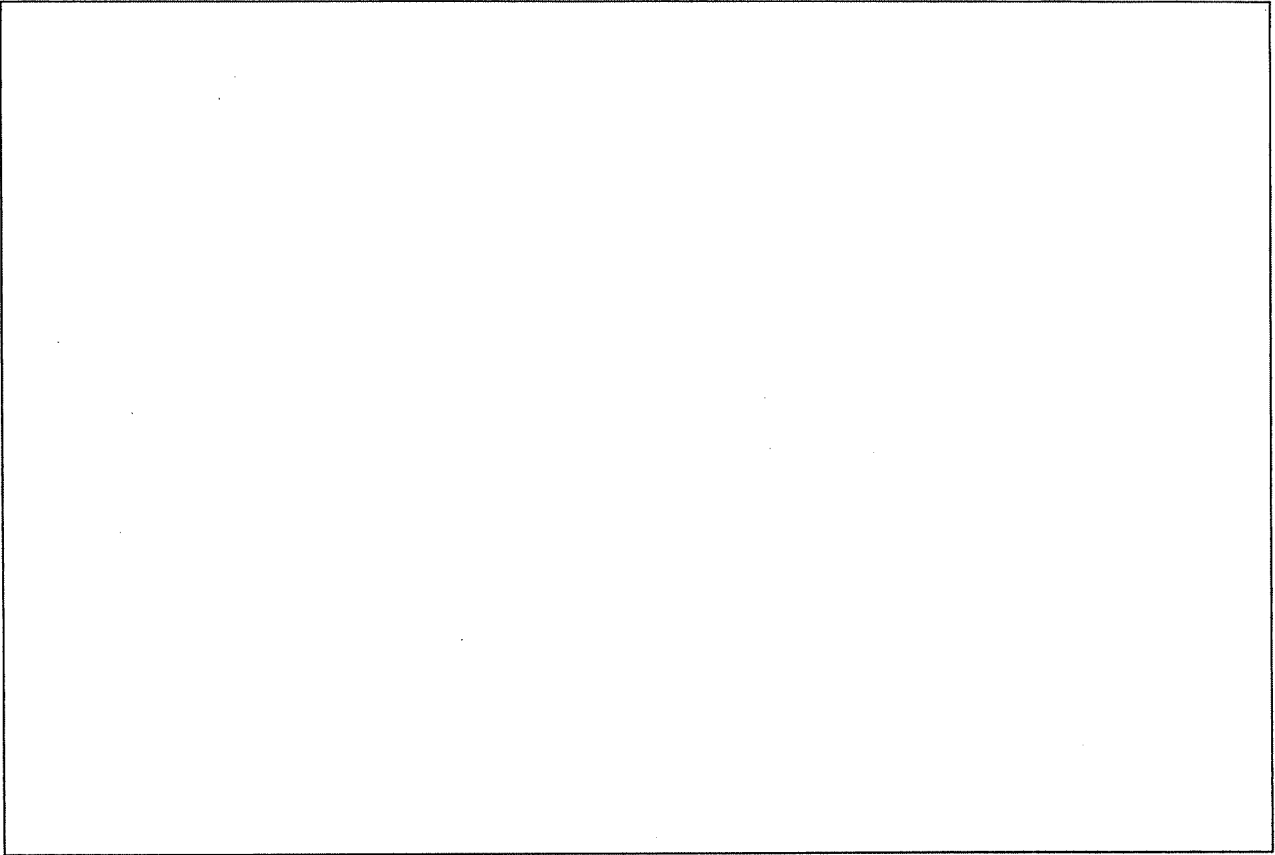
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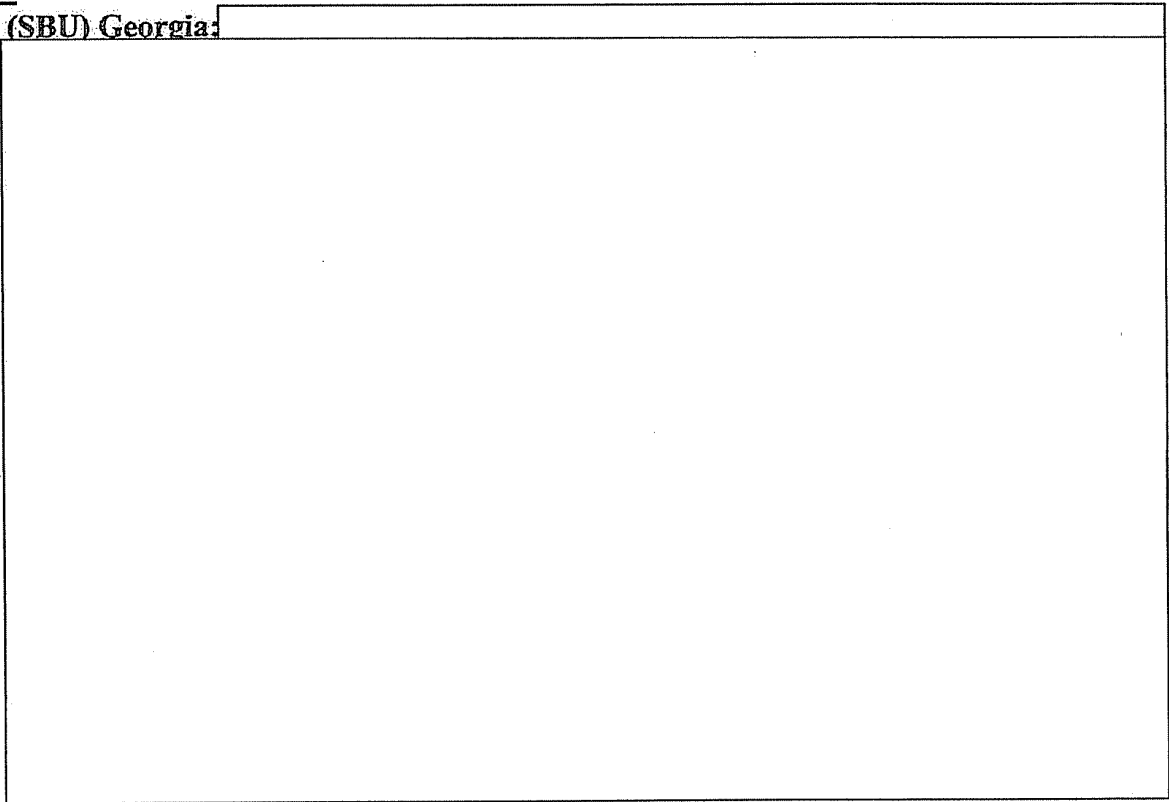
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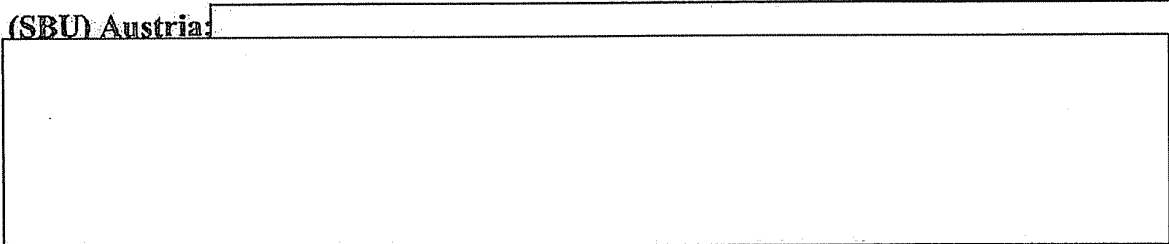
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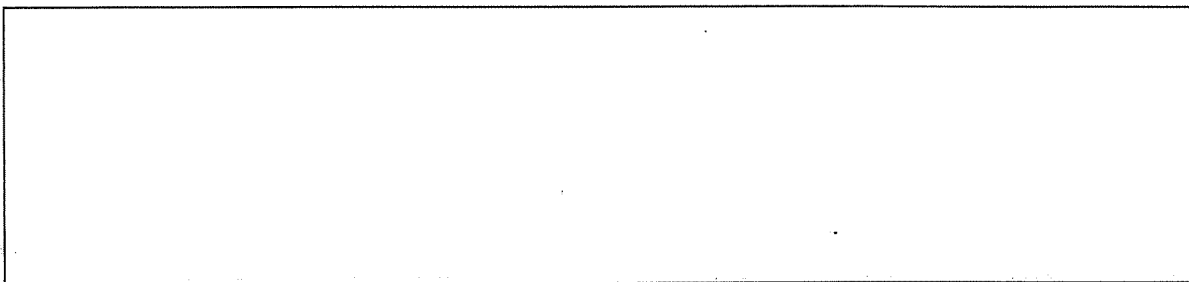
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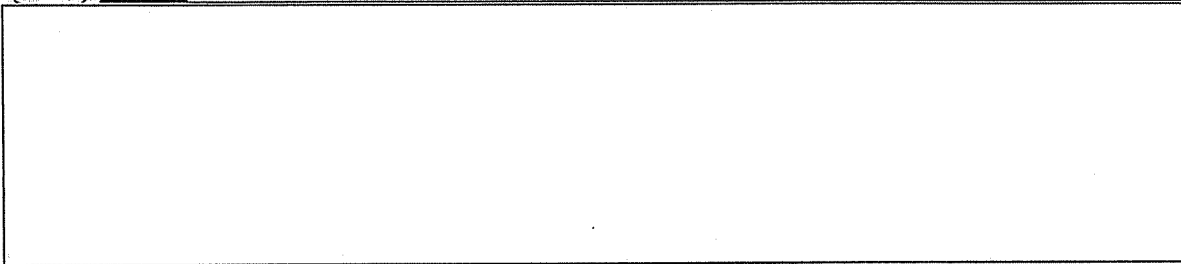
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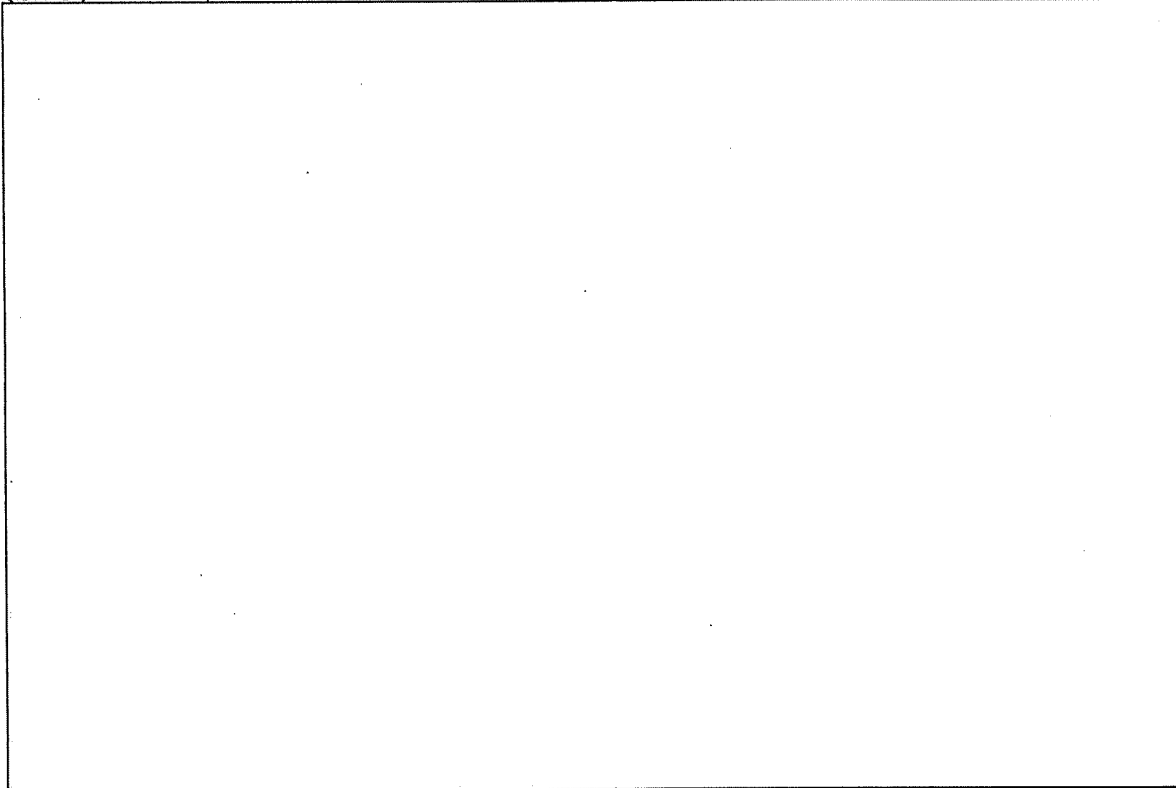


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- (SBU) Turkey: IHH Recruiting for Second Gaza Flotilla: An IHH spokesman claimed on May 24 that the organization has received 500,000 applications to participate,

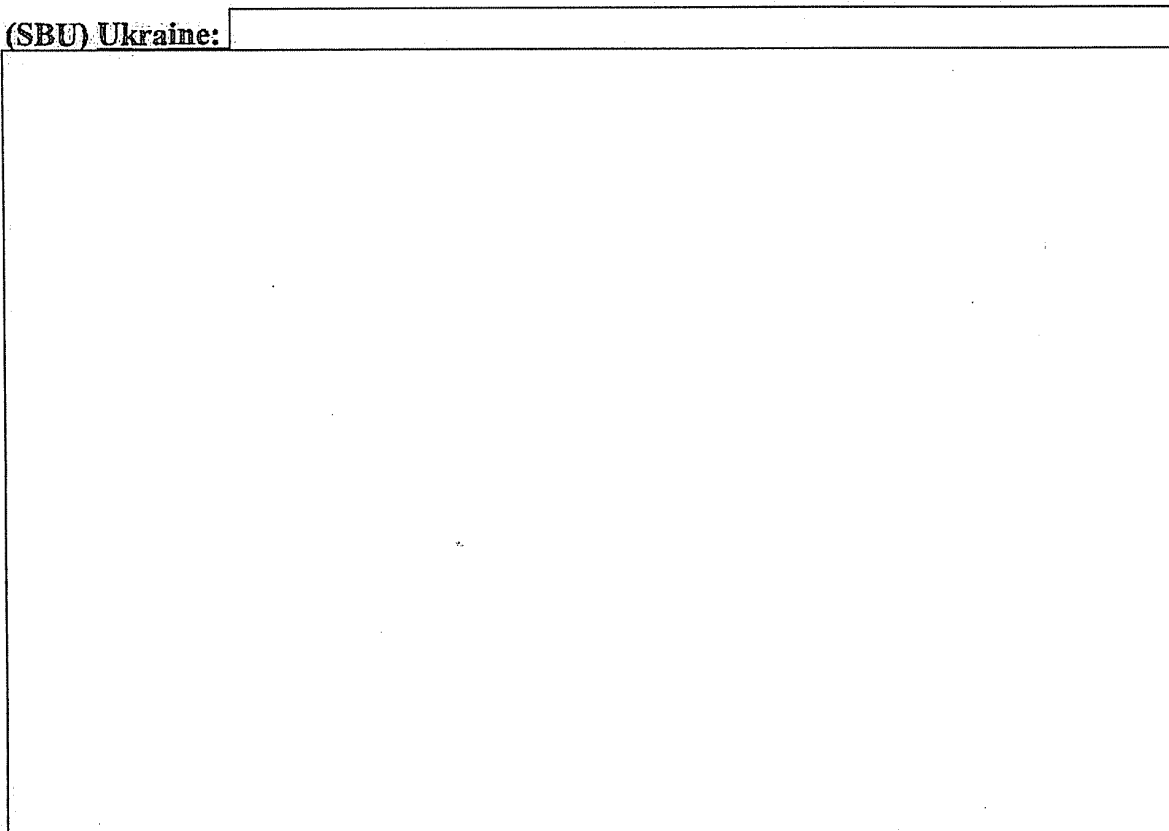
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and that 1,500 international activists in 15 vessels including the Mavi Marmara will sail the "last week of June." An IHH ship is also scheduled to sail to El Arish, Egypt, on the anniversary of the May 31 incident to deliver humanitarian assistance. Separately, IHH head Bulent Yildirim stated in a May 11 television interview that his goal was to solicit a million potential candidates, of whom a limited number would be chosen to participate in the flotilla. Yildirim also said that "even if we sacrifice martyrs for this cause, we will have justice on our side."

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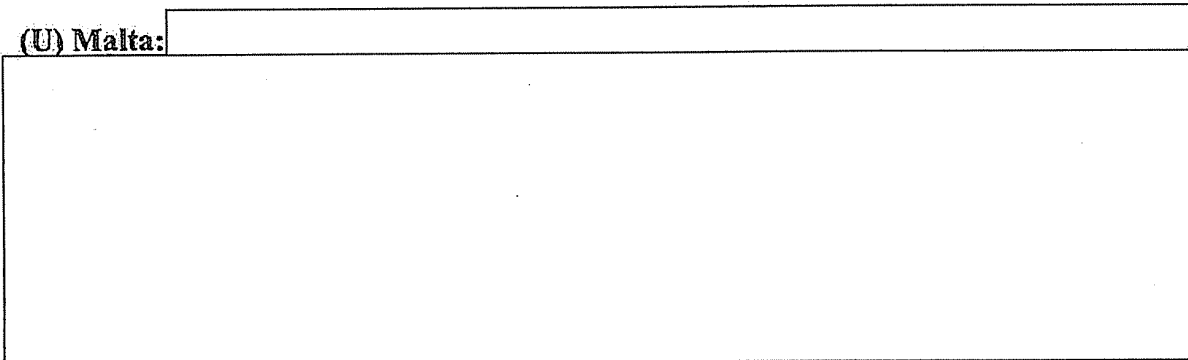
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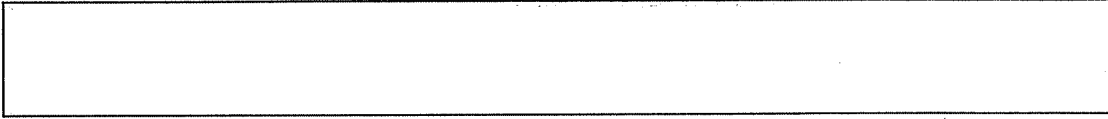
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- (SBU) Turkey: Mavi Marmara Drops Out of Flotilla: IHH leader Bulent Yildirim announced June 17 that the Mavi Marmara would not participate in this year's flotilla "due to technical issues." IHH officials say their activists will seek to participate aboard European vessels instead.

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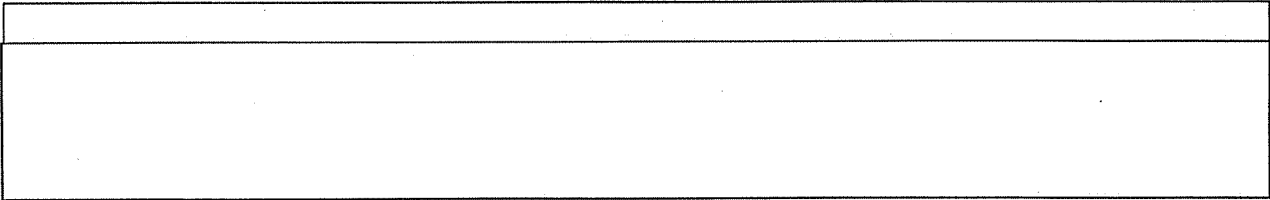
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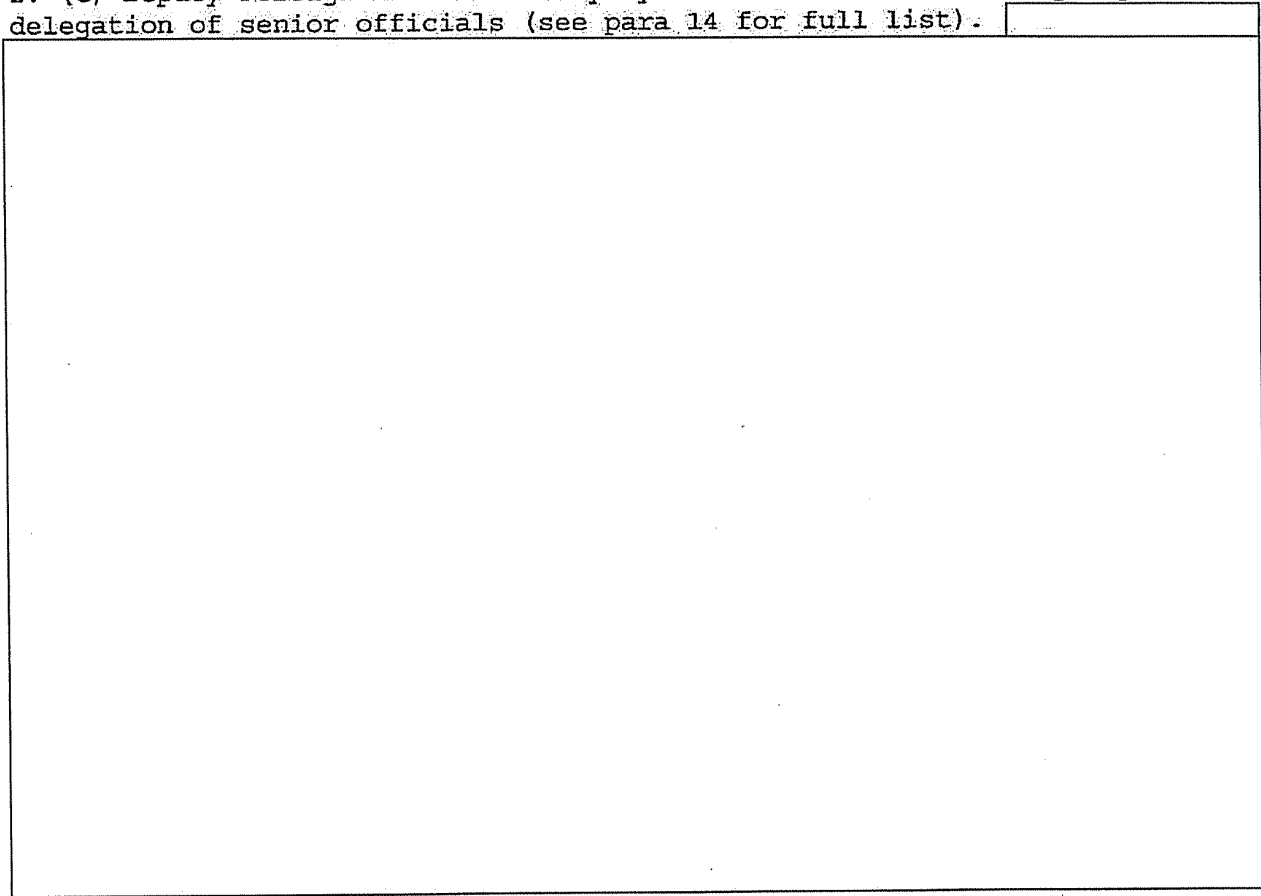
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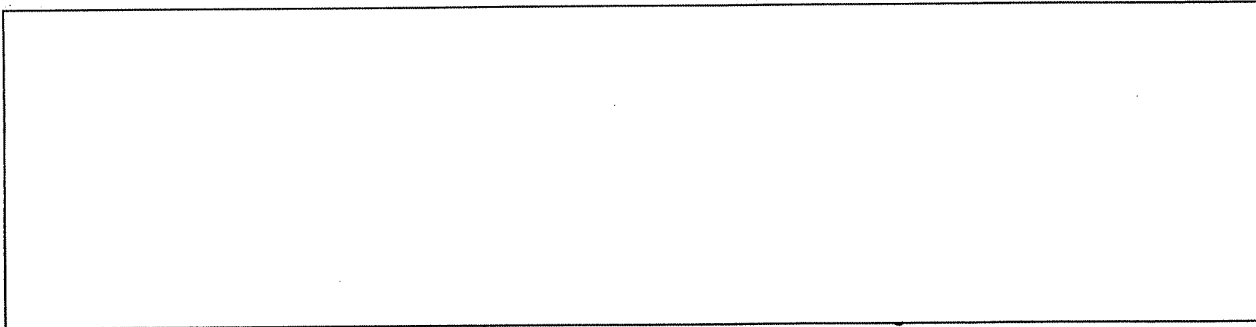
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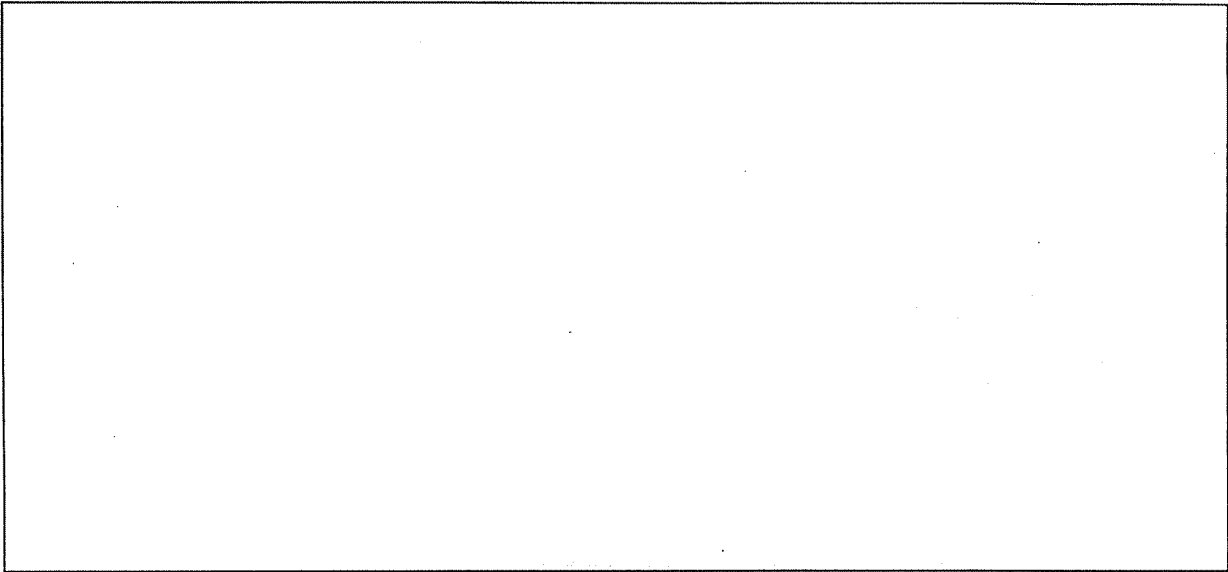
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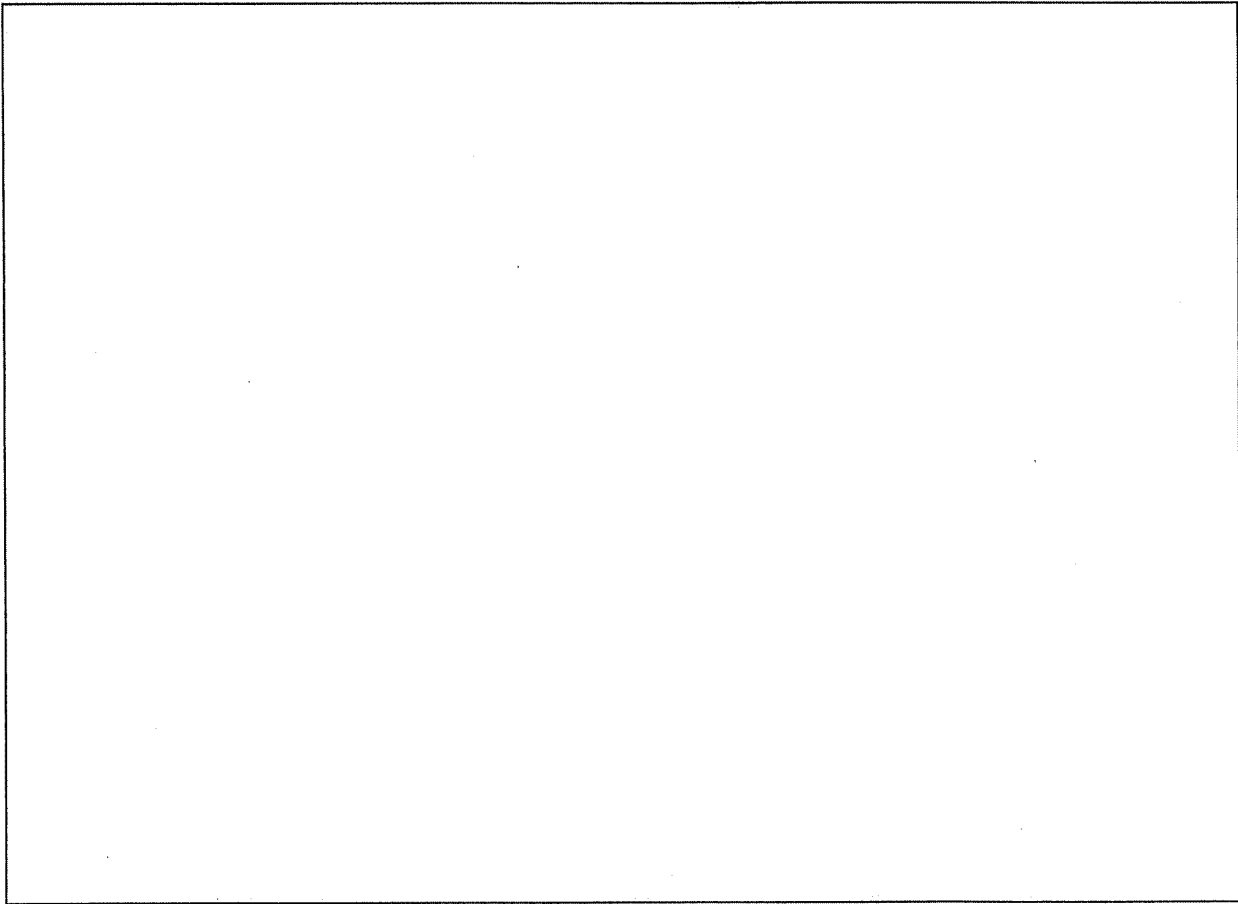
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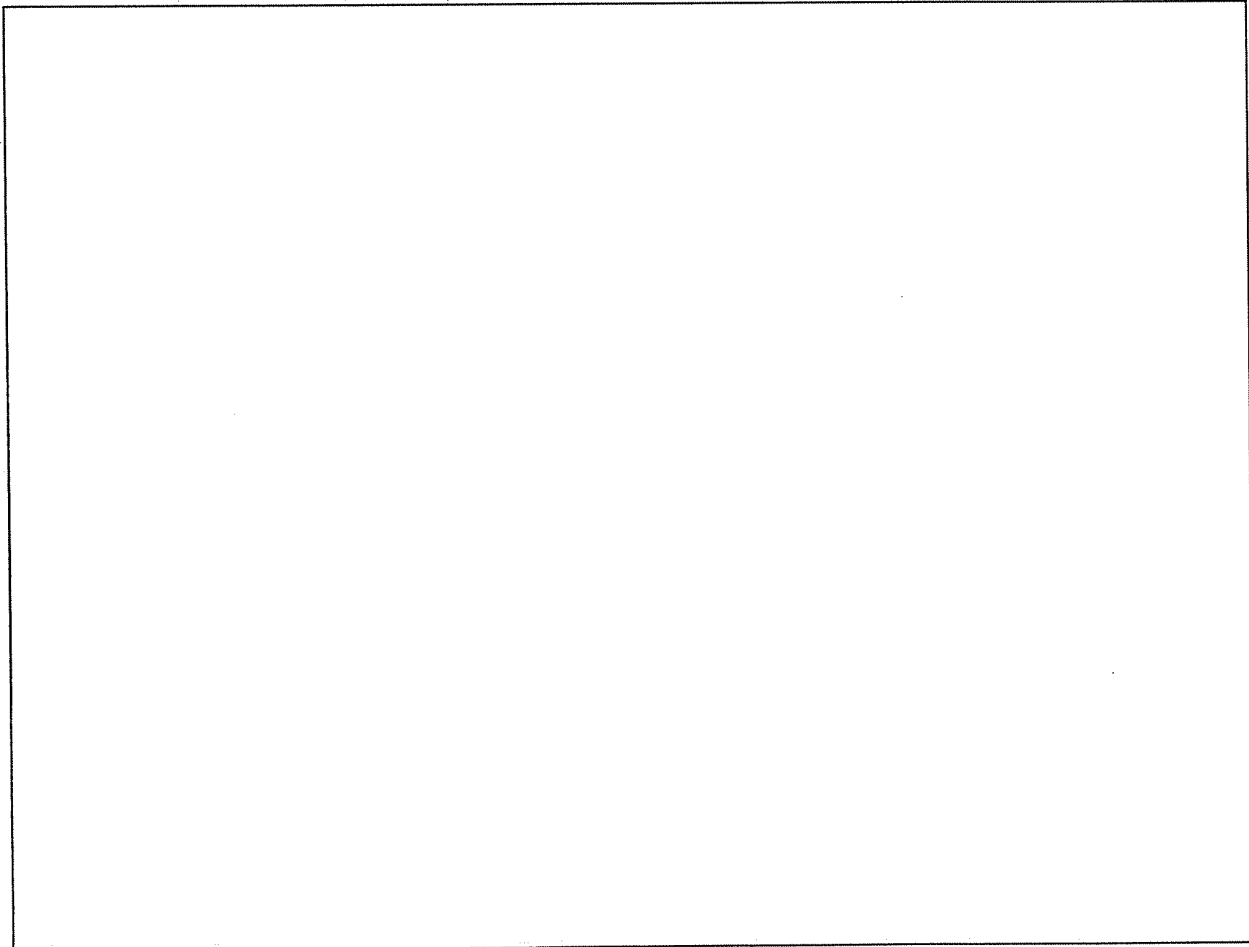
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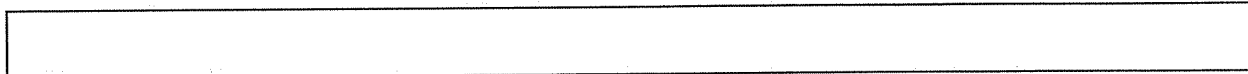


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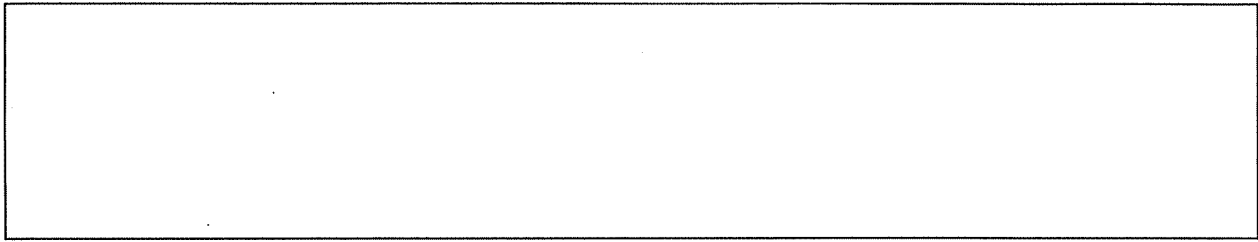


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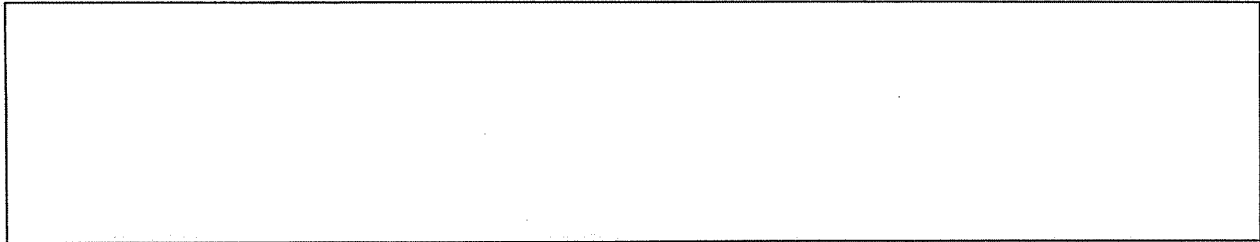
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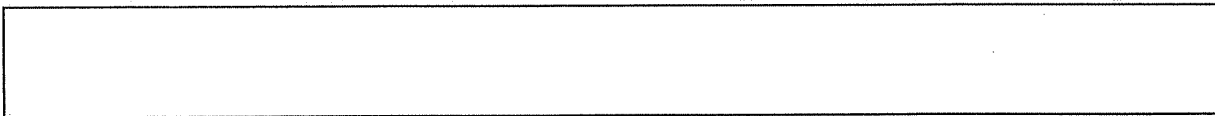
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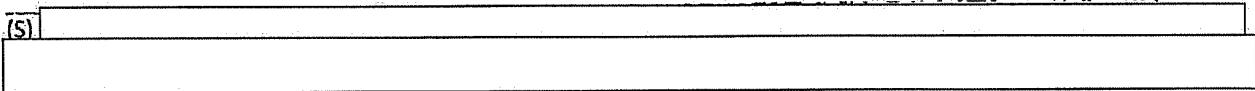
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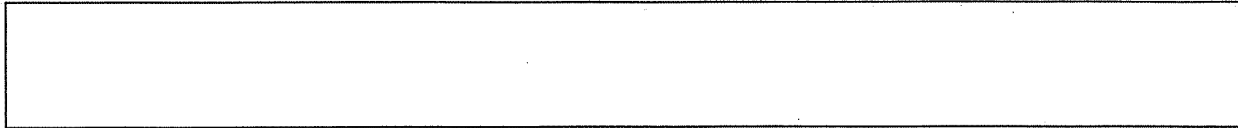
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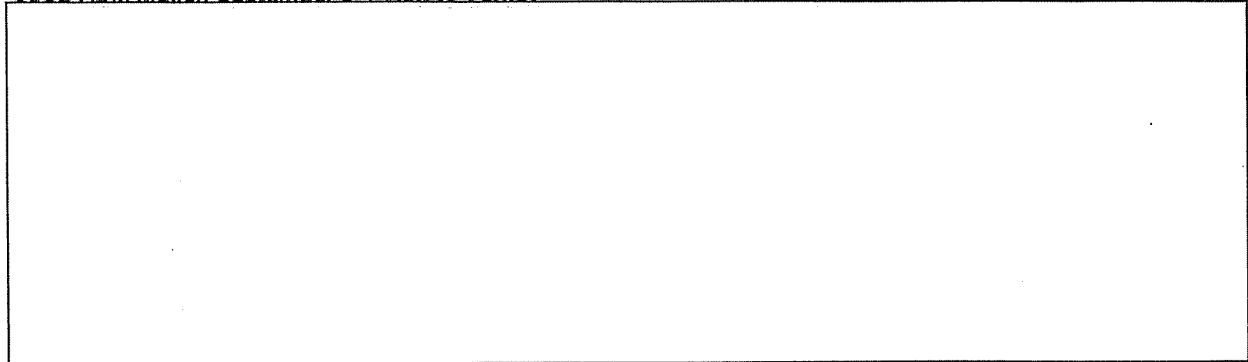
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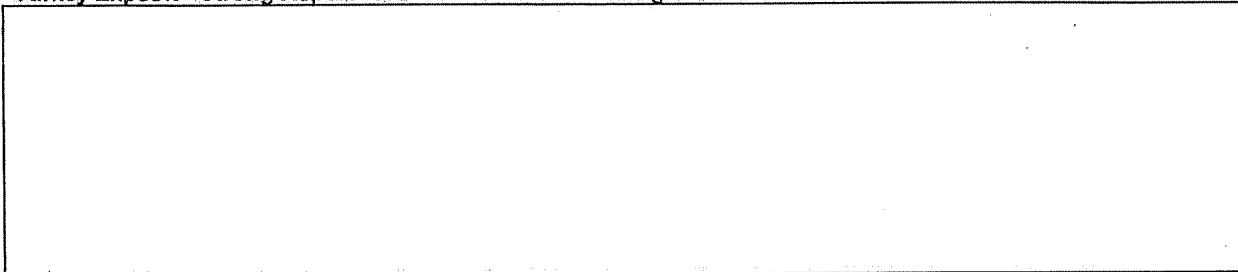
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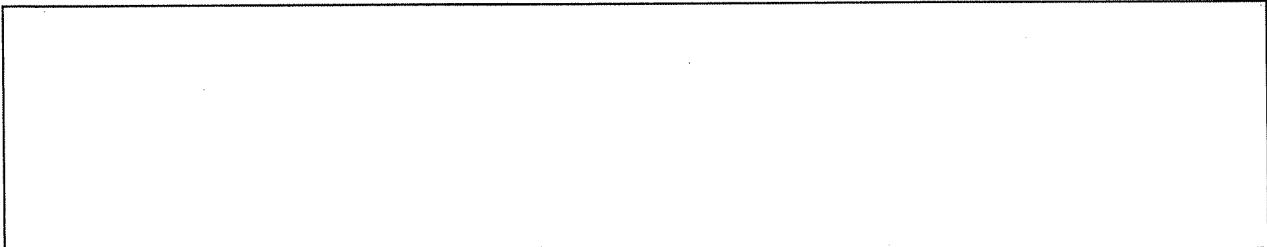
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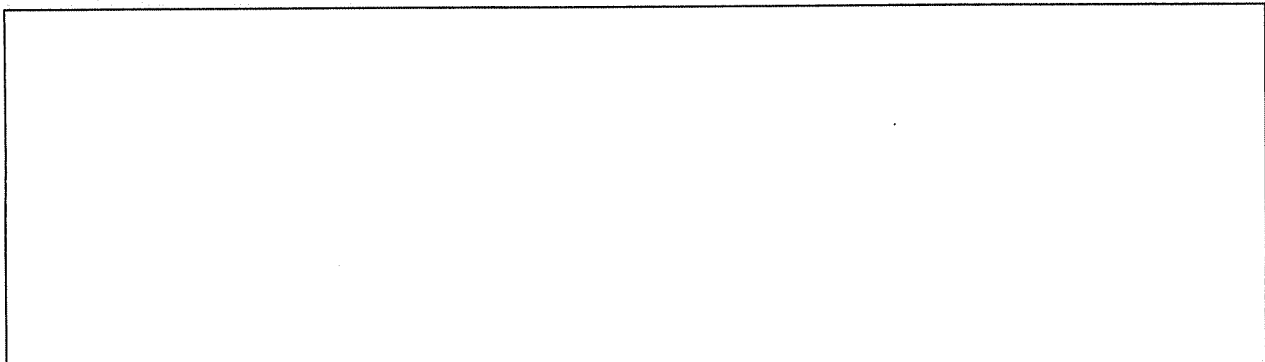
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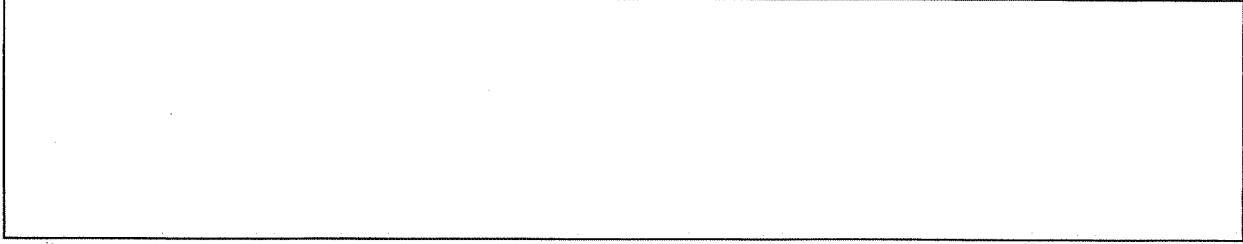


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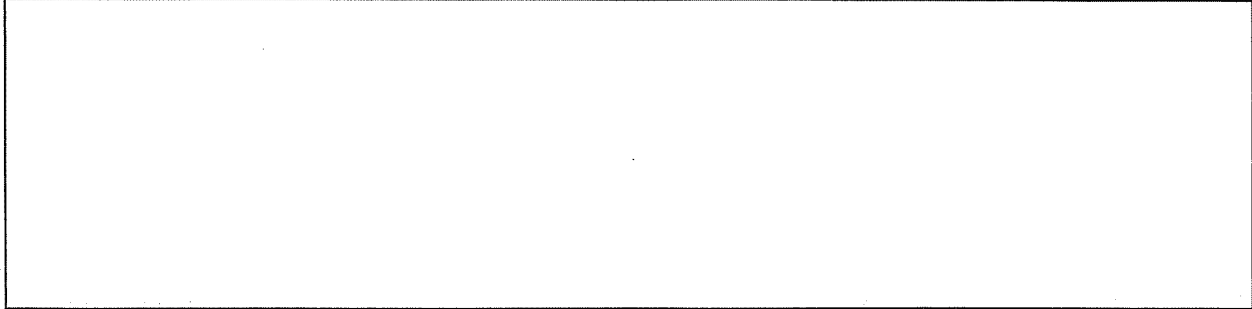
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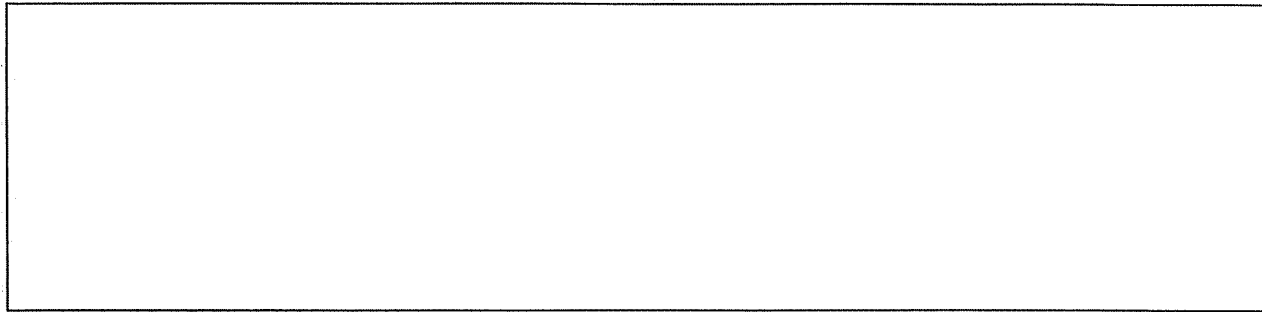
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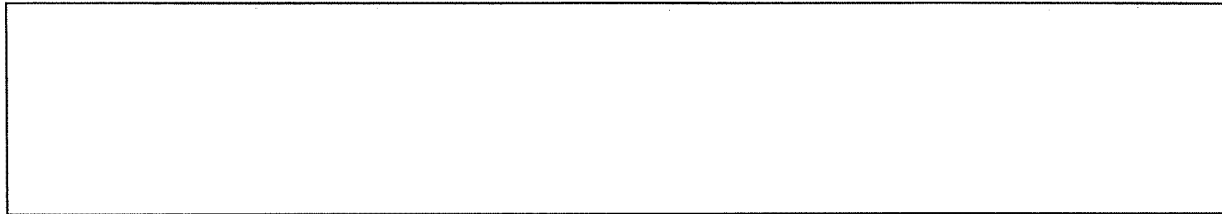
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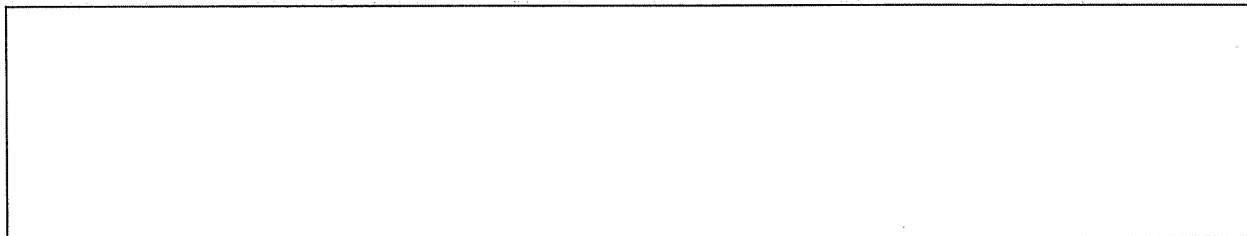


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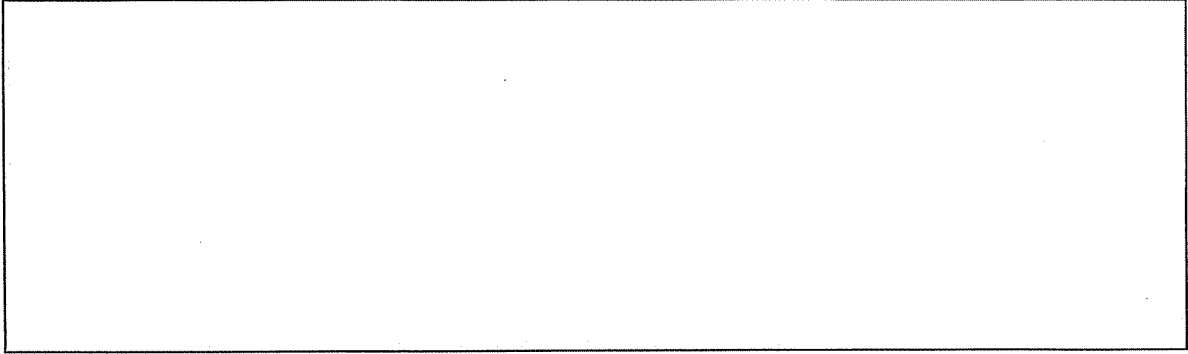
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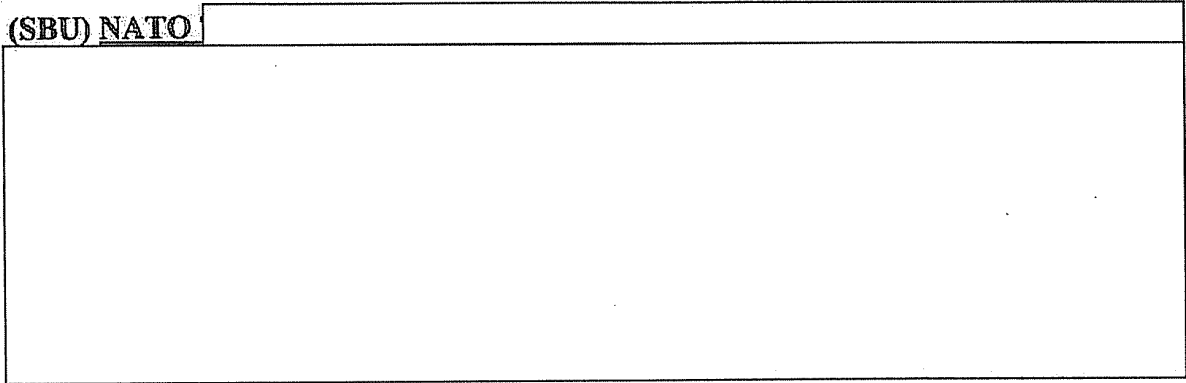
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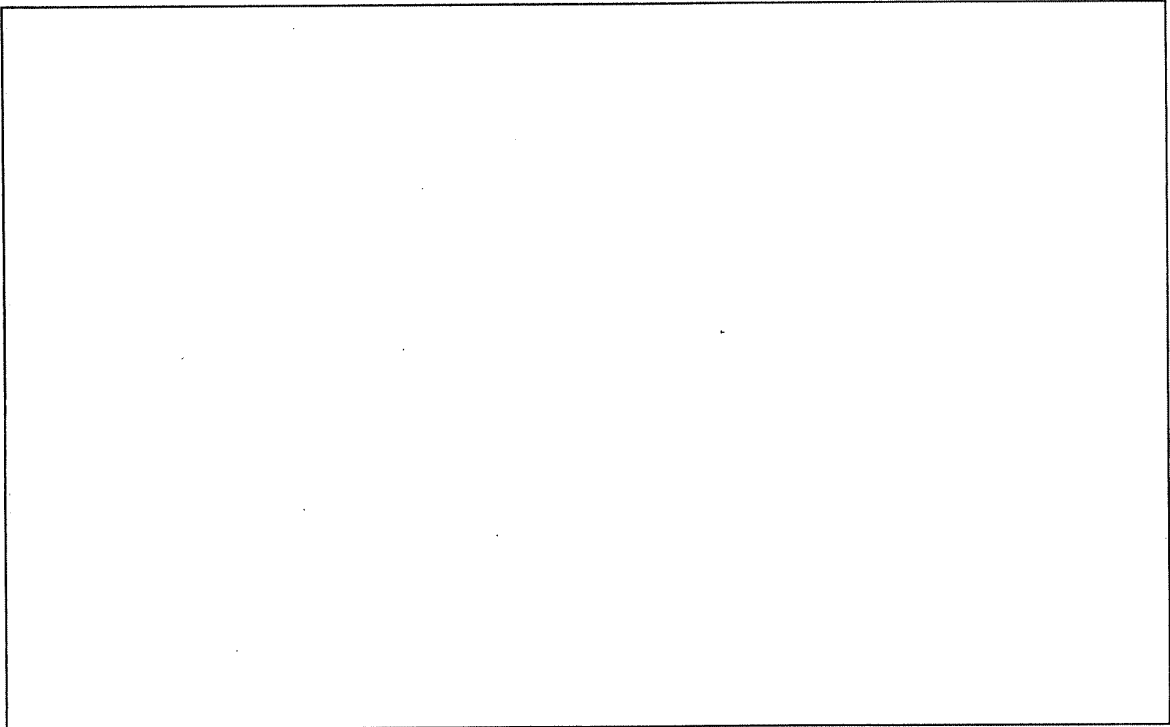


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- (C/NF) Turkey: Erdogan Says Turkish Navy will Protect Turkish Ships in Mediterranean: [redacted] PM Erdogan's remarks, as reported by Al Jazeera: "There is no doubt that the Turkish military ships are responsible to protect its own ships. The priority step is this. And there are humanitarian aids that we will make there. And those humanitarian assistances will not be attacked as it happened to Mavi Marmara." [redacted]

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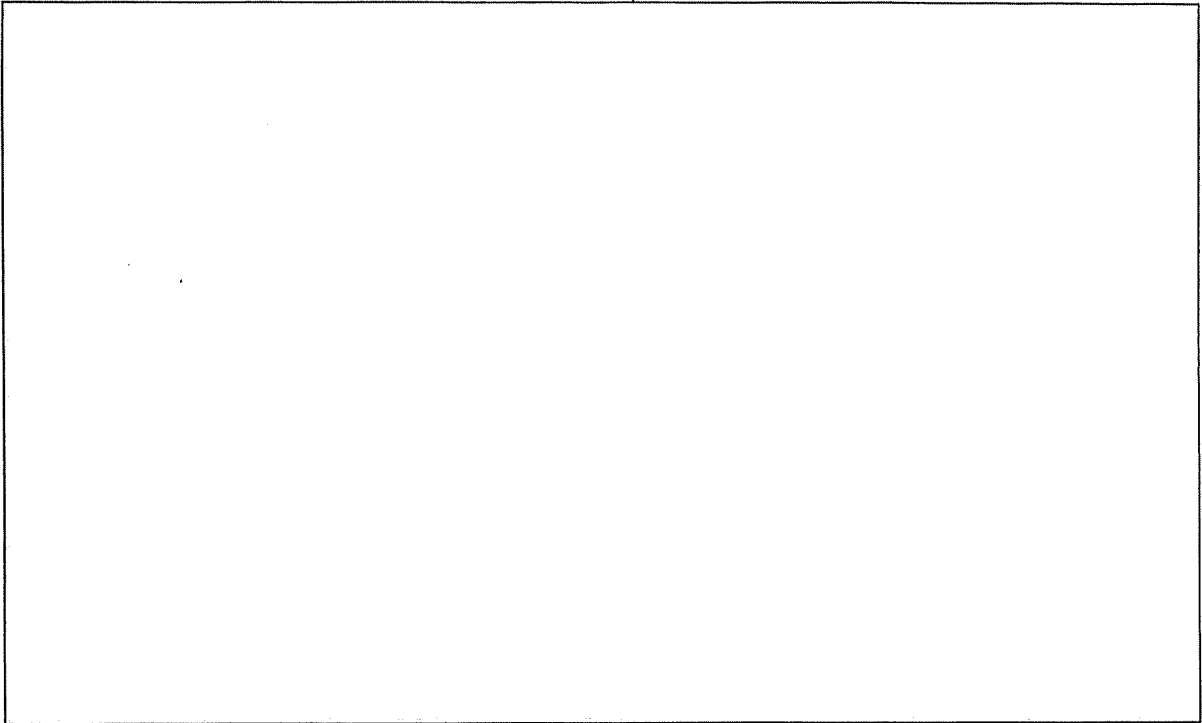
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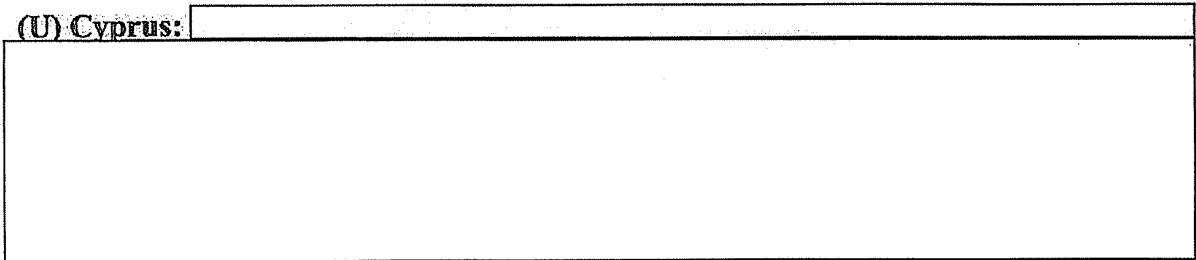
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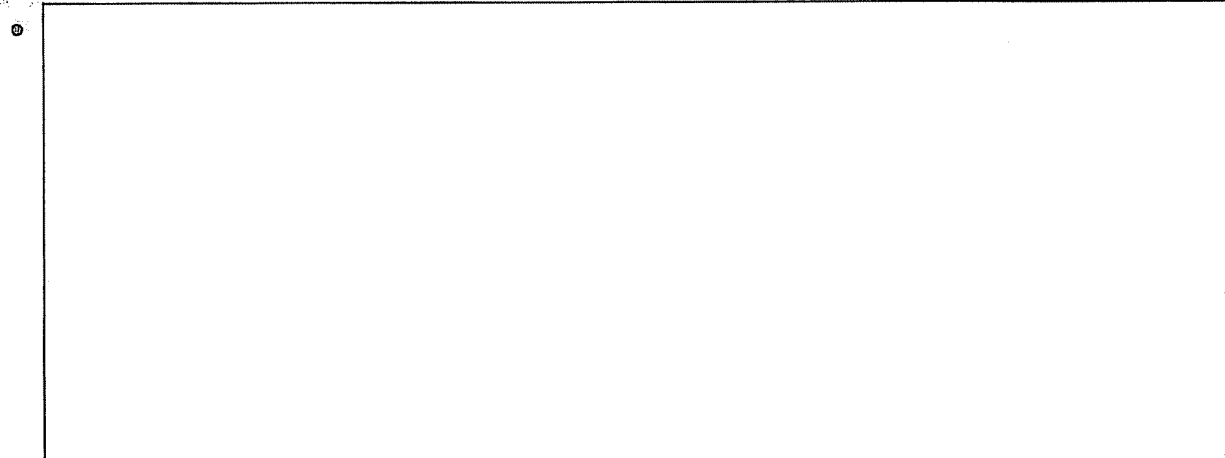
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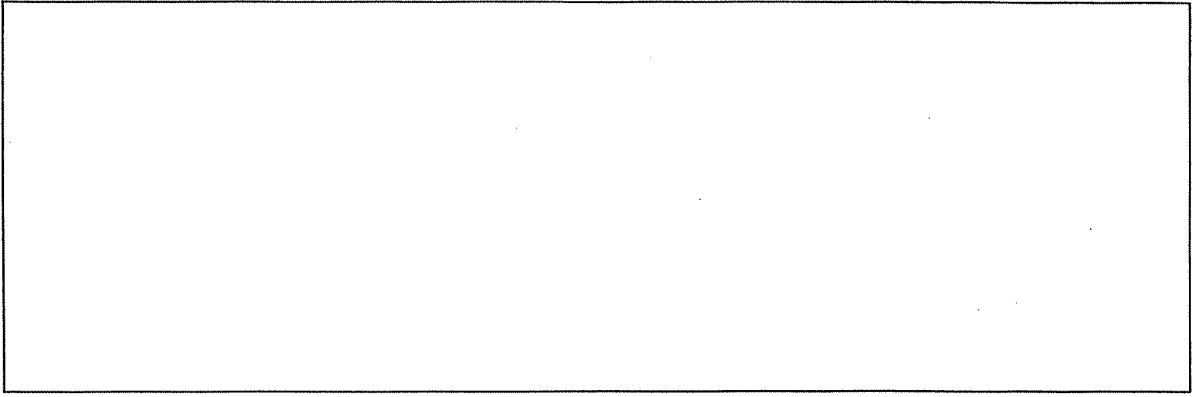
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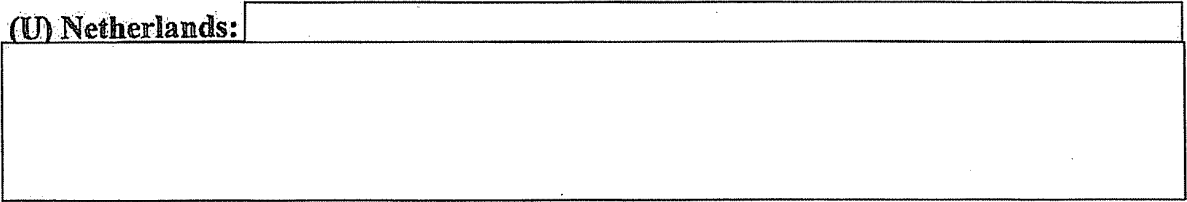
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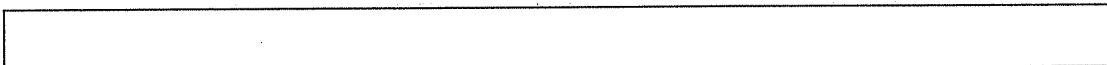
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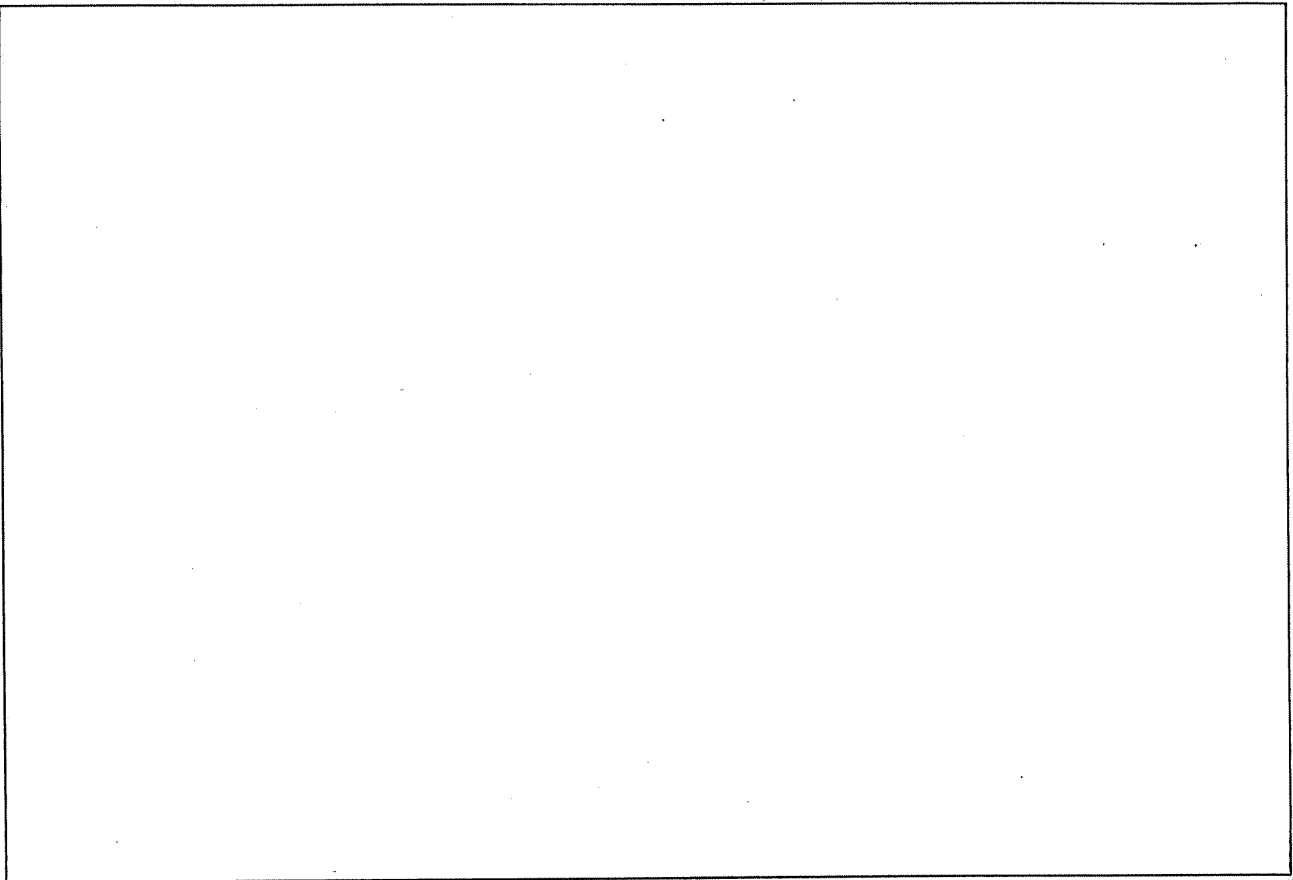
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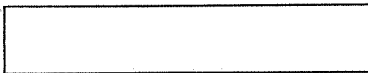
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**Israel**

9. (SBU) On May 31, 2010, a flotilla of ships, organized in part by a Turkish NGO, IHH, departed Turkey with the goal of breaking Israel's blockade of Gaza. Israel Defense Force (IDF) commandos fast-roped from helicopters onto the flagship, the Mavi Marmara, and immediately encountered violence from the passengers. The commandos responded with deadly force, killing eight Turks and one Turkish-American. The incident has gravely strained Turkish-Israeli relations. A several-months-long low-profile effort by senior Turkish and Israeli diplomats to hammer out an apology/compensation formula failed in early September, as the UN's Palmer Commission released a report that upheld the legality of the blockade and determined that the Government of Israel had used excessive and unreasonable force. Turkey has responded by (1) down-grading diplomatic relations, (2) suspending all military agreements, (3) declaring it will take measures to ensure the freedom of navigation in the eastern Mediterranean, (4) requesting that the International Court of Justice (ICJ) examine the legality of the Gaza blockade, and (5) supporting all flotilla victims in pursuing lawsuits against Israel. Highly charged rhetoric from leaders on both sides has made rapprochement difficult, complicating our efforts to influence the course of the Arab Spring. We want them to put aside their dispute and work together with us in encouraging the Middle East towards democracy and prosperity.



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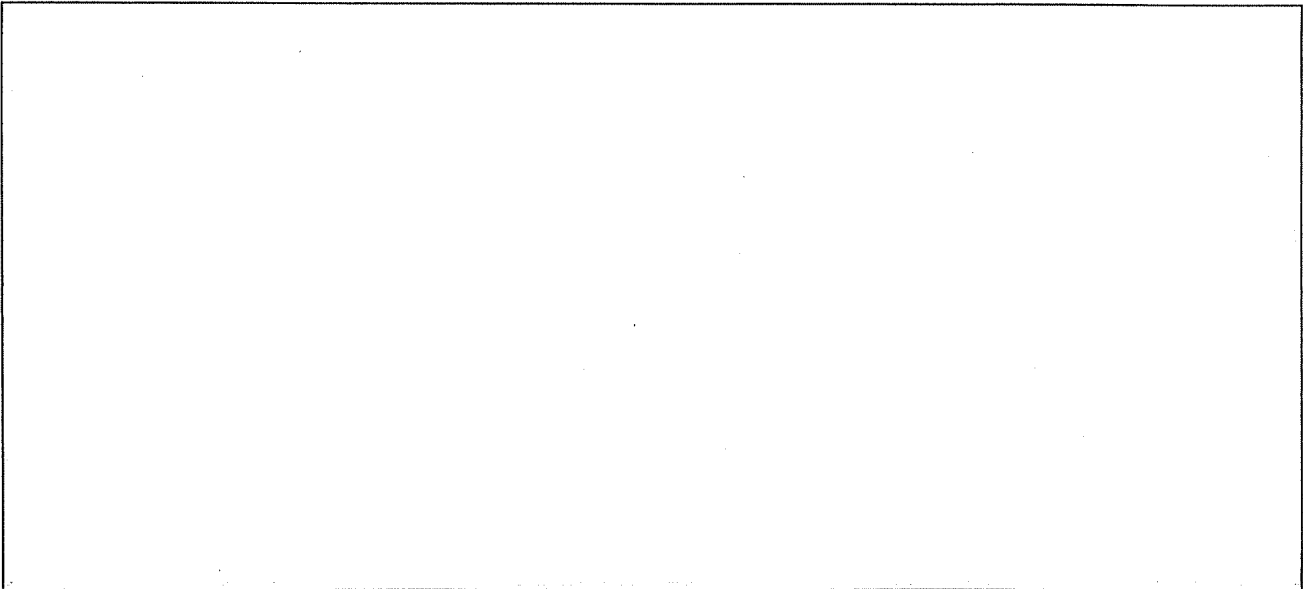
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From: Kim, Yuri J
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 9:16 AM
To: Bijanki, Ashwin
Subject: FOR RELEASE: CODEL Burton and PM Erdogan Discuss Israel, Cyprus, CT, MD, Economy

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1. (C) SUMMARY: Reps. Dan Burton, Lynn Woolsey, Wally Herger, Virginia Foxx, Collin Peterson, and Steve King in an extended and lively meeting with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan

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2. (C) Accompanied by the Ambassador, Reps. Dan Burton, Lynn Woolsey, Wally Herger, Virginia Foxx, Collin Peterson, and Steve King met PM Erdogan at the PM's official residence on the evening of September 27. Erdogan was accompanied by his daughter, Guldal Aksit, the head of the AKP women's wing, and Murat Ersoy, MFA Deputy Director General for the Americas. The PM

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6. (C) Erdogan said

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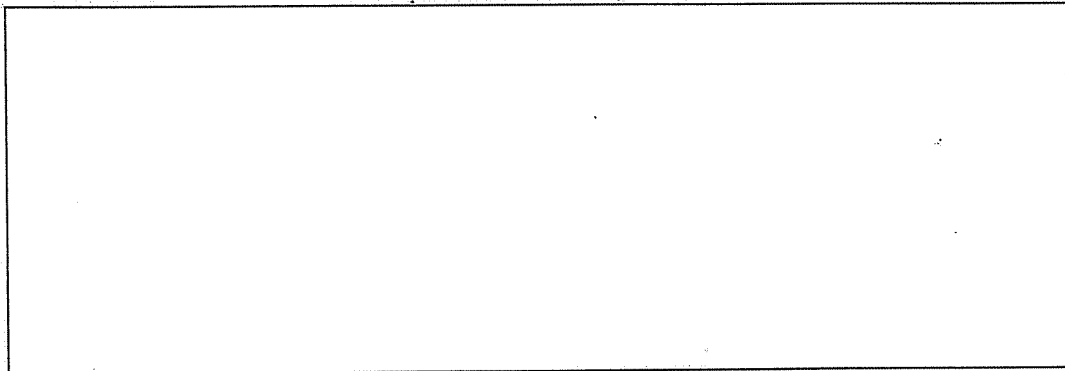
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From: Godfrey, Anthony F
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 8:05 AM
To: Silliman, Douglas A; Witmer, Kami A
Cc: Howard, Jeremiah H
Subject: RE: FW: (CO) MFA BRIEFING ON OPERATIONAL AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT



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Anthony,

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From: Silliman, Douglas A
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 7:25 PM
To: Godfrey, Anthony F; Witmer, Kami A
Cc: Howard, Jeremiah H
Subject: FW: FW: (CO) MFA BRIEFING ON OPERATIONAL AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT

Anthony,

Please look carefully at this and see how helpful it is to our efforts with the Turks.

Doug

Douglas A. Silliman
Deputy Chief of Mission
US Embassy Ankara, Turkey
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From: Levin, Jan X
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 7:22 PM
To: NEA-IPA-DL; NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL; Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Subject: FW: (CO) MFA BRIEFING ON OPERATIONAL AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF GAZA FLOTILLA INCIDENT

This just out of Embassy Tel Aviv. Thanks.

Jan Levin, A/PolCouns

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1. (C) SUMMARY: An October 25 Turkish press article alleged the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) interdicted the Gaza-bound humanitarian aid flotilla May 31 despite knowing the Turkish NGO organizer had agreed to divert the ships to the Egyptian port of Al Arish.

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SUMMARY.

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5. (U) Turkish media October 26 replayed the story. The "Hurriyet Daily News" quoted IHH chief Bulent Yildirim as saying the agreed upon "Al-Arish formula" had been relayed to the GoI May 28 when the MFA informed "James Jeffrey, the U.S. ambassador to Turkey, about this formula and Jeffrey then called James Cunningham, the U.S. ambassador to Tel Aviv, to convey the information. Israeli officials subsequently got in touch with Ankara."

6. (C) COMMENT:

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NR Ambassador Ricciardone Talking Points
For U/S Sinirlioglu

• Bahrain:

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- **Human Rights Council:** We are prepared to vote against the resolution you are proposing at the HRC in Geneva. Ambassador Tan demarched A/S Gordon on March 17, asking for U.S. support or at least abstention on a resolution Turkey drafted requesting follow up of the fact finding mission report. On March 21, the Council will consider a report from the High Commissioner on the Gaza flotilla issue. Turkey's resolution, which condemns Israel, is an effort to keep the issue alive in the HRC. The U.S. has consistently opposed HRC action on the flotilla issue. We continue to view the UN Secretary General's "Palmer Commission", which Turkey and Israel support, as the primary method for the international community to review this incident.

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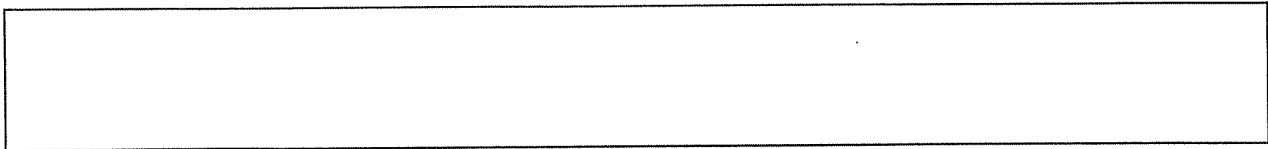
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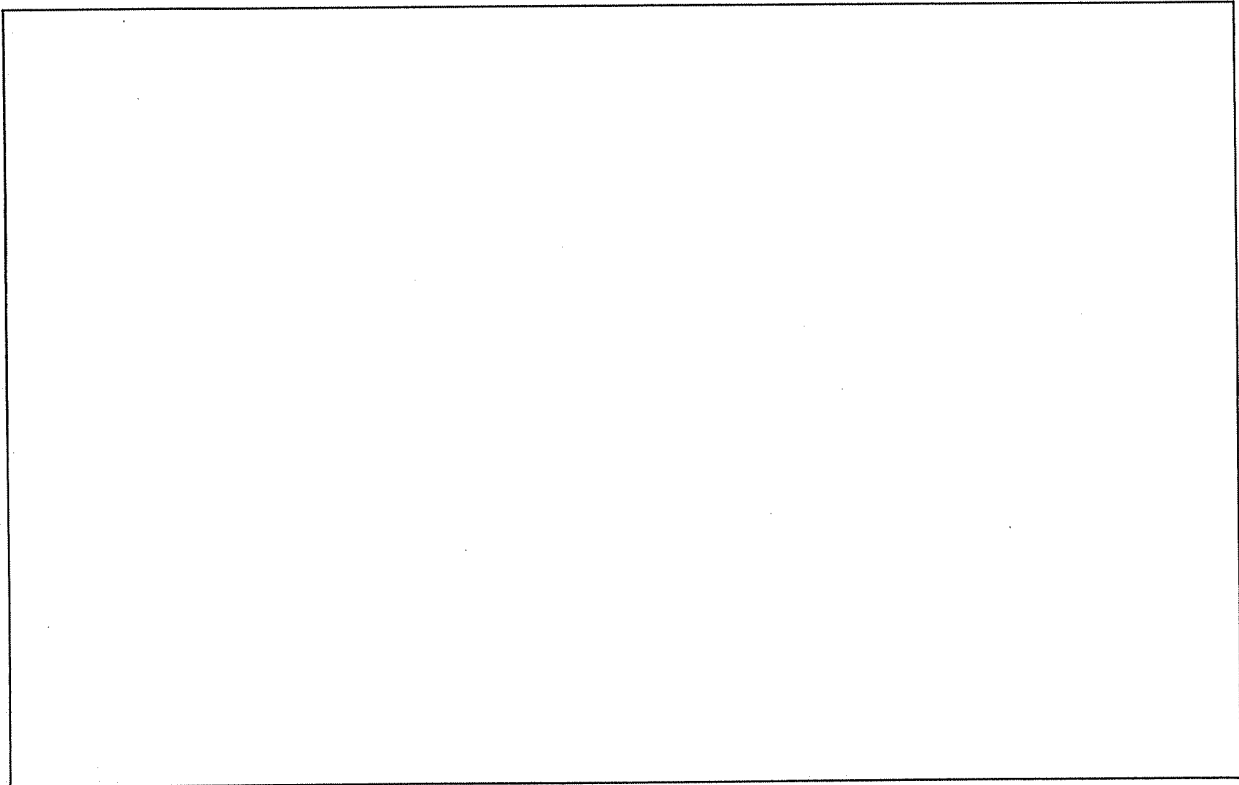
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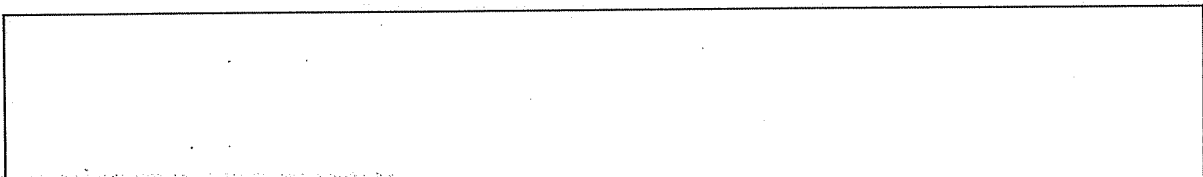


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We'll get out front-channels on above later today.

Yuri

YURI KIM

Political Counselor
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From: Cunningham, James B
 Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2011 5:07 AM
 To: Walles, Jacob; Hale, David M; Rudman, Mara; 'Shapiro, Daniel B.'; 'Ross, Dennis B.'; 'Steve Simon (SSimon@nss.eop.sgov.gov)'; Rubinstein, Daniel H; DiCarlo, Rosemary A (USUN); Nossel, Suzanne F; Gordon, Philip H; Ricciardone, Francis J
 Cc: Goldberger, Thomas H; Levin, Jan X; Sutphin, Paul R
 Subject: Discussion with Netanyahu: Syria, Turkey

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I had dinner with a cheerful and expansive Prime Minister at his residence June 26. He spent a considerable amount of time speculating about developments in the region.

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Discussion of Negotiation issues in separate email.

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Sent: Monday, March 21, 2011 7:03 PM
To: Ricciardone, Francis J; Kaidanow, Tina S; Riley, Robert J; O'Grady, Daniel J
Subject: FW: RE: Amb Ricciardone Talking Points for U/S Sinirlioglu

Categories: Working

Noted one small phrase from Sinirlioglu on the HRC/flotilla issue [redacted]
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SES-O pls pass EUR + S staff in Paris; also to U/S Burns @ OOB Saturday (Sinirlioglu asked for Burns' location so I expect he may try to phone today); NEA addrees pls pass to interested colleagues in bureau + at posts:

1. TU-FR-LY: [redacted]
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2. Iran - Syria [Redacted]

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3. Flotilla @ HRC: Conveyed point verbatim from Riley email. [Redacted]

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4. Bahrain: [Redacted]

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Francis J. Ricciardone

US Ambassador

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From: Riley, Robert J
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 1:54 AM
To: Ricciardone, Francis J
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Ambassador,

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Here are the talking points I mentioned in my low side message. They cover: Bahrain; US "no" vote on Turkey flotilla res at HRC; [redacted] Paris summit:

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On the Paris summit, [redacted]

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Thank you very much,

Bob

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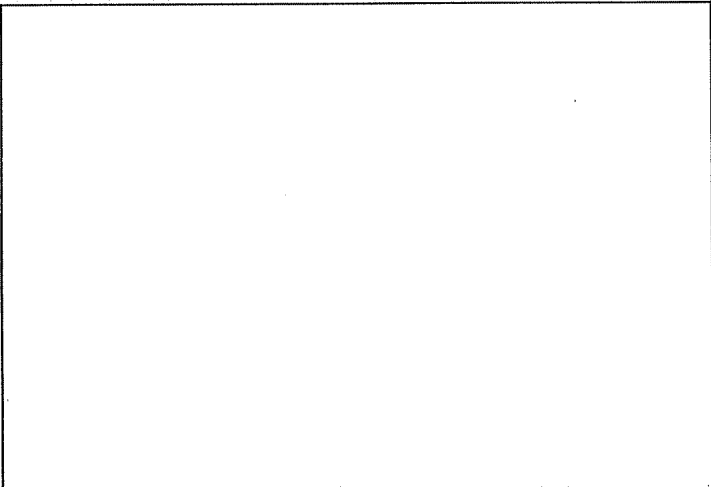
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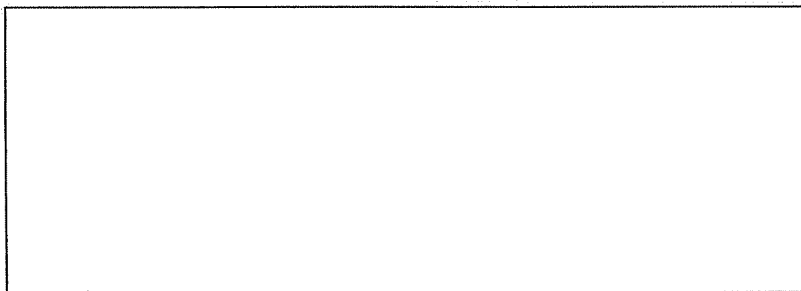
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From: Jaworski, Richard E
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 12:02 PM
To: Ricciardone, Francis J
Subject: FW: Tel Aviv Cable: Israel Alarmed by Plans for May Flotilla
Categories: Working

Mr. Ambassador,

A May flotilla on the way that POL wants to flag for your attention.

Rich

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From: O'Grady, Daniel J
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:45 AM
To: Howard, Jeremiah H
Cc: Ahn, Michael; Mineo, Mark R; Witmer, Kami A; Fernandes, Anthony C; Jaworski, Richard E
Subject: RE: Tel Aviv Cable: Israel Alarmed by Plans for May Flotilla

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Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 11:37 AM
To: Jaworski, Richard E; O'Grady, Daniel J
Cc: Ahn, Michael; Mineo, Mark R; Witmer, Kami A; Fernandes, Anthony C
Subject: Tel Aviv Cable: Israel Alarmed by Plans for May Flotilla

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Cc: tjseecal@dea.usdoj.sgov.gov; Klopp, Deborah A; Yountchi, Suzanne M; Jaworski, Richard E; AFMichaelangelo@dea.usdoj.sgov.gov; BJKlutzaritz@dea.usdoj.sgov.gov; SLWeathers@dea.usdoj.sgov.gov; Lally, Michael A; Bruns, Scott T; Pierce, Thomas JN
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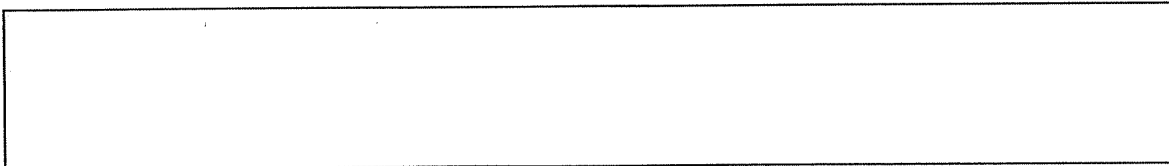
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Date/DTG: Mar 23, 2011 / 231553Z MAR 11
From: AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
Action: WASHDC, SECSTATE ROUTINE
E.O.: 13526
TAGS: PREL, PINS, PTER, MOPS, KWBG, TU, IS
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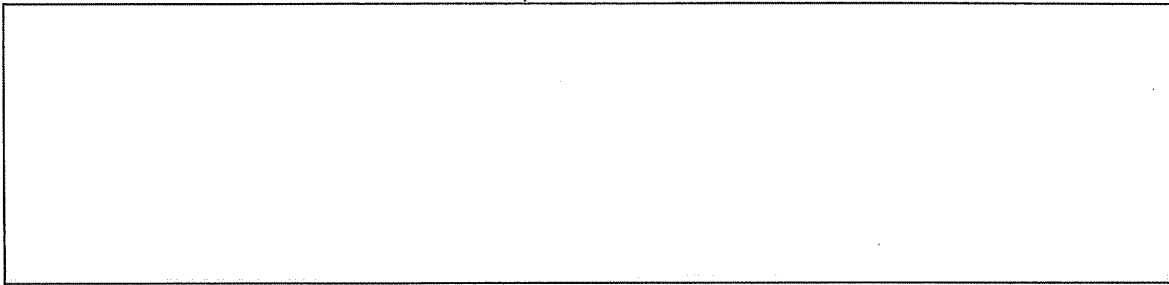
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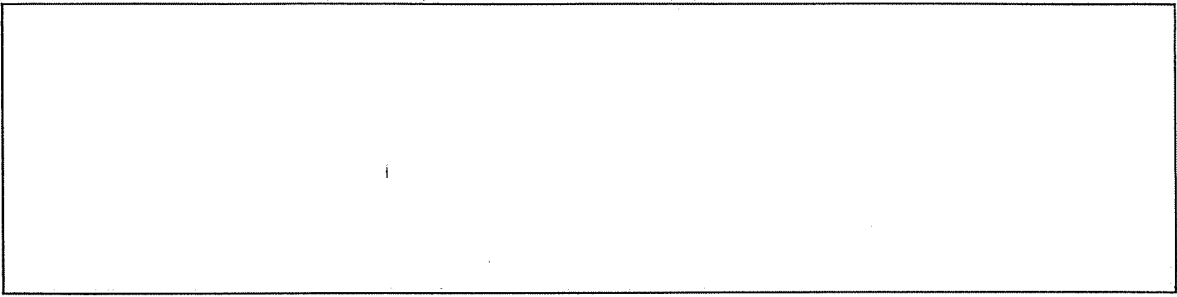
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From: Cunningham, James B
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 4:13 AM
To: Ricciardone, Francis J
Cc: Feltman, Jeffrey D; Gordon, Philip H; Goldberger, Thomas H; Silverman, Robert J
Subject: FW: Tel Aviv Cable: Israel Alarmed by Plans for May Flotilla

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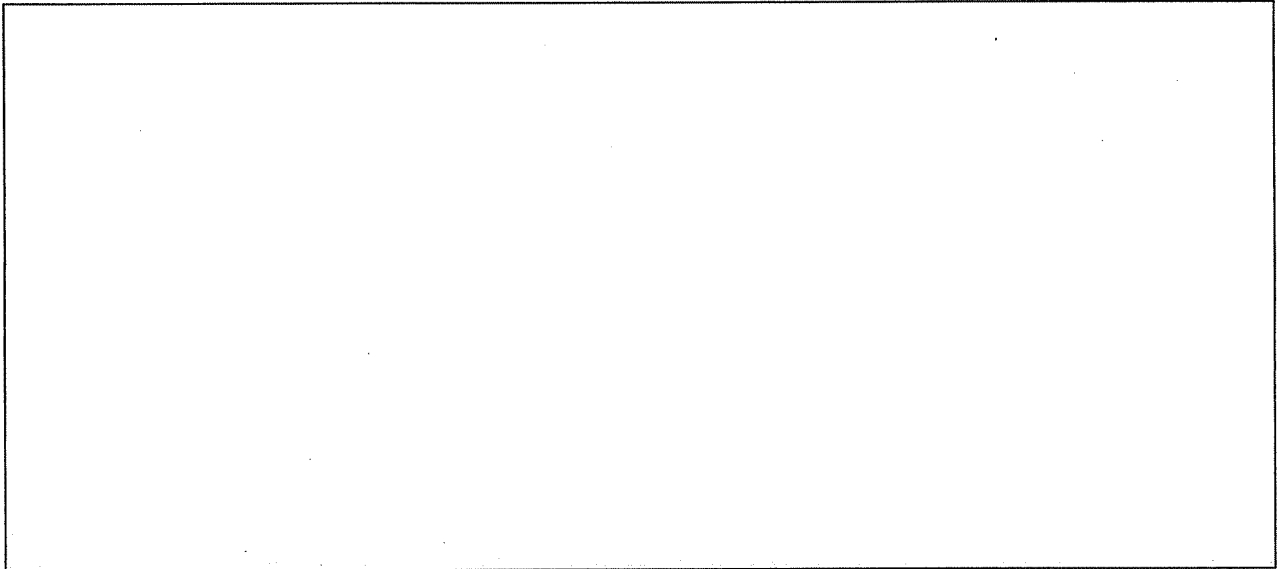


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From: Ricciardone, Francis J
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 8:00 PM
To: Cunningham, James B; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Gordon, Philip H
Subject: RE: Tel Aviv Cable: Israel Alarmed by Plans for May Flotilla

Jim,

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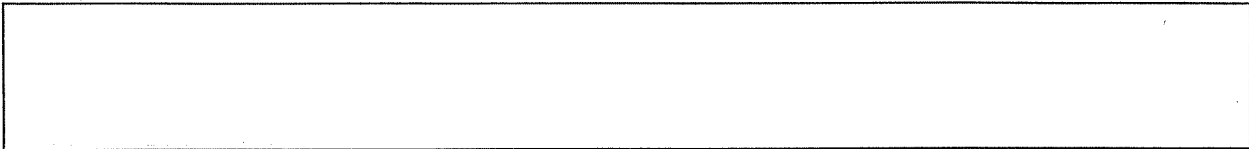
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From: Cunningham, James B
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 1:05 PM
To: Ricciardone, Francis J; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Gordon, Philip H
Subject: RE: Tel Aviv Cable: Israel Alarmed by Plans for May Flotilla

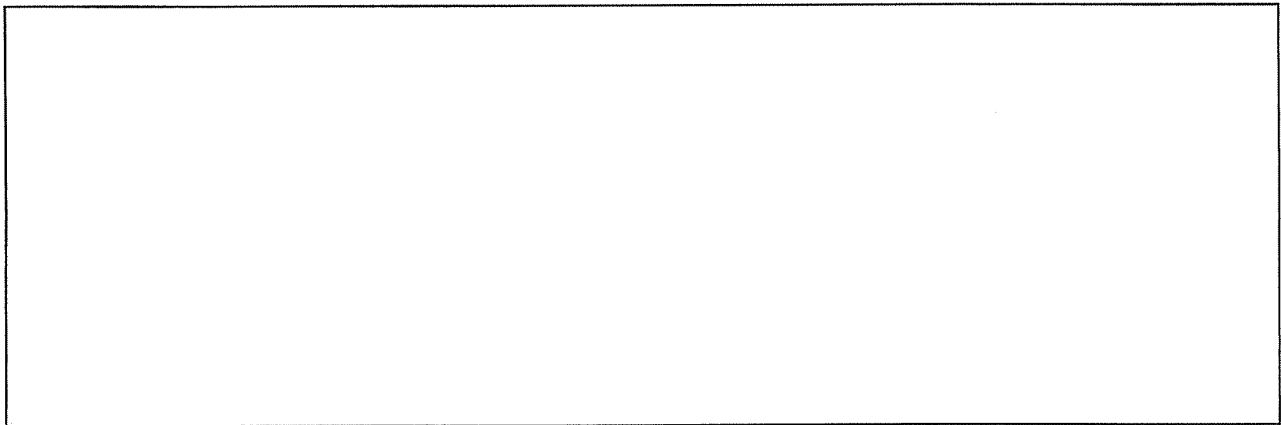


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From: Ricciardone, Francis J
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 6:29 PM
To: Cunningham, James B; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Gordon, Philip H
Subject: RE: Tel Aviv Cable: Israel Alarmed by Plans for May Flotilla

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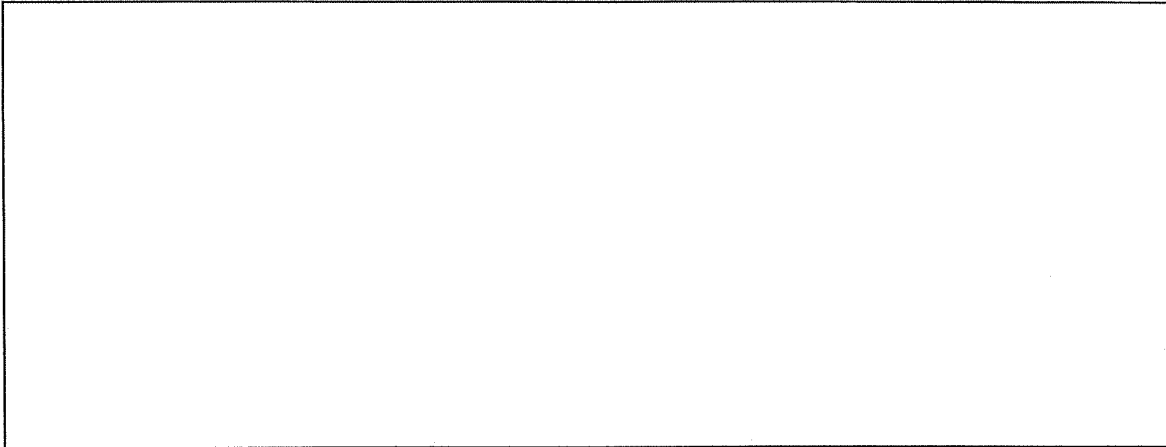
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Signature: Cunningham

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Turkey Bars Media from Covering Return of Flotilla Ships

1. (U) The Mavi Marmara, the IHH's flagship at the center of the May 31 Gaza flotilla raid, returned to the Turkish port of Iskenderun on August 7 with little fanfare. Local authorities imposed strict security measures for the Mavi Marmara's arrival and reportedly barred reporters from entering the port. All three ships belonging to the Foundation for Human Rights and Freedom and Humanitarian Relief (IHH), the Mavi Marmara, Defne Y, and Gazze, were towed into port after Israeli authorities released them on August 6.

2. (U) According to media reports, the Mavi Marmara appeared to be freshly painted. Huseyin Oruc, an IHH board member, claimed the Israelis repaired and painted the Mavi Marmara to conceal evidence. Oruc said more flotillas, which could include the Mavi Marmara, will set sail to Gaza if the embargo is not lifted by the end of the year.

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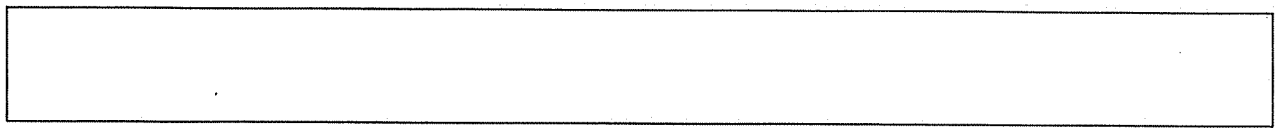
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From: Silliman, Douglas A
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 6:32 AM
To: Ricciardone, Francis J
Subject: RE: Discussion of Turkey/prospective June Flotilla w/ Israeli DCM Arbell

Categories: Working



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From: Ricciardone, Francis J
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2011 11:57 AM
To: Silliman, Douglas A
Subject: RE: Discussion of Turkey/prospective June Flotilla w/ Israeli DCM Arbell

Doug,
I don't recall any recent phone or in-person contact between S and Davutoglu, at least since the last Libya contact group in Rome (? If she was there?). have you seen or heard anything along lines Jake described below to the Israelis?

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From: Sutphin, Paul R
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2011 10:10 PM
To: Burnett, David R; Cunningham, James B; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S; 'dshapiro@nss.eop.sgov.gov'; 'Kumar,
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Prem G.; 'ssimon@nss.eop.sgov.gov'; Silliman, Douglas A; Goldberger, Thomas H; Ricciardone, Francis J
Cc: Waller, Jacob; Buzbee, John R
Subject: Discussion of Turkey/prospective June Flotilla w/ Israeli DCM Arbell

NEA DAS Jake Waller discussed the likely mid-late June Gaza flotilla today with Israeli DCM Dan Arbell,

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From: Barks-Ruggles, Erica J
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 10:29 AM
To: Ricciardone, Francis J
Subject: RE: RE: Amb Ricciardone Talking Points for U/S.Sinirlioglu

Got it Frank – thank you.

For you only - [Redacted]

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From: Ricciardone, Francis J
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 7:03 AM
To: Riley, Robert J; SES-O_SWO-Only; Rice, Susan E (USUN); Barks-Ruggles, Erica J
Subject: RE: RE: Amb Ricciardone Talking Points for U/S.Sinirlioglu

Susan, Erica

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From: Ricciardone, Francis J
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2011 12:58 PM
To: Riley, Robert J; SES-O_SWO-Only
Cc: Kaidanow, Tina S; 'Collins, Jeffrey S.'; Jaworski, Richard E; Godfrey, Anthony F; O'Grady, Daniel J; EUR-SE-TU-DL; 'Kenna, Lisa'; 'LTsou@nss.eop.sgov.gov'; Gordon, Philip H; Sherwood-Randall, Elizabeth; Daalder, Ivo H; Rivkin, Charles H; Allegrone, Kathleen H; Ford, Robert S; Schlicher, Ronald L; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Cunningham, James B; Smith, James
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B; Ziadeh, Susan L; Williams, Stephanie T; Shampaine, Nicole D
Subject: RE: Amb Ricciardone Talking Points for U/S Sinirlioglu

C -- entire text.

SES-O pls pass EUR + S staff in Paris; also to U/S Burns @ OOB Saturday (Sinirlioglu asked for Burns' location so I expect he may try to phone today); NEA addrees pls pass to interested colleagues in bureau + at posts:

1. TU-FR-LY: [redacted]

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2. Iran - Syria [redacted]

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3. Flotilla @ HRC: Conveyed point verbatim from Riley email. [redacted]

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4. Bahrain: [redacted]

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Subject: Amb Ricciardone Talking Points for U/S Sinirlioglu

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Ambassador,

Here are the talking points I mentioned in my low side message. They cover: Bahrain; US "no" vote on Turkey flotilla res at HRC; [redacted] Paris summit.

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On the Paris summit, [redacted]

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Thank you very much,

Bob

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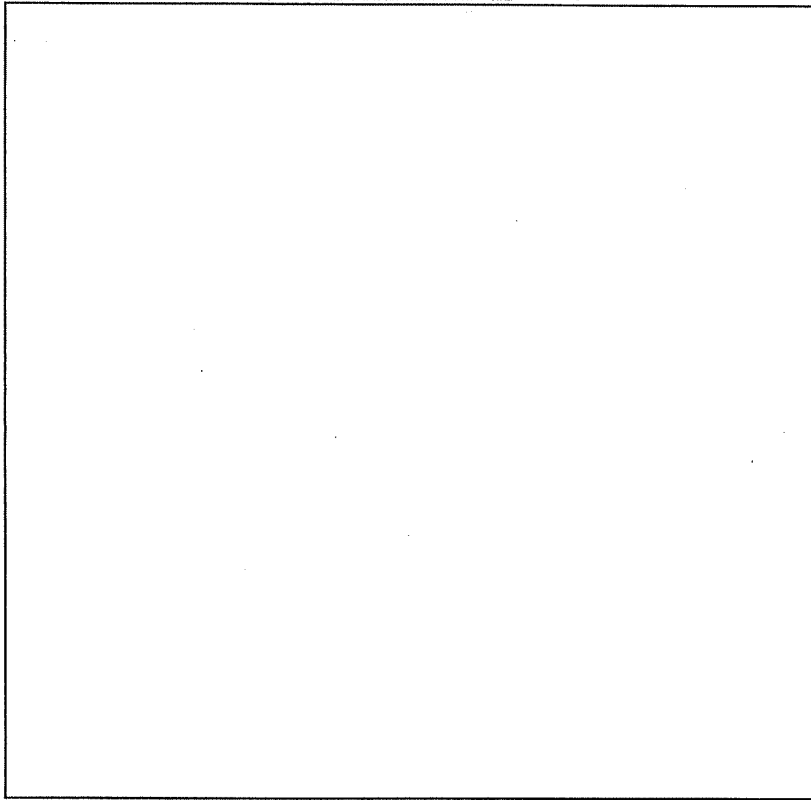
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