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- Given the murky facts, we have been advising against making legal characterizations to the Israelis or the press regarding what we can or cannot do to divert the vessel.

In my opinion, a prudent course of action is to reach out to the vessels and their owners to communicate the risks and consequences of unlawful activity and advise against confrontation. Having said that, it's also quite clear that these vessels know what they are doing. I will provide updates as the factual picture develops.

Thanks,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 4:30 pm Gaza flotilla conference call
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:46:25 PM

I will be available to participate.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 02:38 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 4:30 pm Gaza flotilla conference call

With apologies for the lack of notice, we have been asked to host an interagency (DoD, MARAD, JCS, USCG, State, Treasury) lawyers' conference call for later this afternoon to discuss legal authorities related to US flagged vessels that may participate in future Gaza flotilla actions. We will host a call at 4:30 pm (call-in information to be circulated a bit later this afternoon). Please let us know if you can participate and if there are other lawyers from your organizations who we should invite to participate in this call. Thanks, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy Legal Adviser

National Security Staff

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II CONFERENCE CALL @ 1330
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:11:50 PM

Thanks to everyone who participated in the call. LANT has for action and will work with Intel folks to develop UNCLASS traffic to keep chain of command updated and informed. There are myriad issues in play here. ACTEUR will continue to engage Cyprus to clarify facts of the current situation.

With LANT provided information we can work inter-agency issues as required/requested.

[REDACTED]
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
CG-543

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Cc: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Challenger II briefing document
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 1:59:28 PM

Ok.. maybe my comment was a bit snarky. -mah

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 1:57 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Challenger II briefing document

I had seen it. (I'm not always in the dark, just most of the time.) True, it raises many questions, but that is kind of where we're at right now. 543 is primarily in fact-gathering mode. [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:32 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Challenger II briefing document

[REDACTED]
Looks like [REDACTED] was cc'd on this but not you. Wanted to keep you in the loop as well. The MS-Word attachment is styled as a "briefing" but it raises more issues than it resolves :-)

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:52 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Challenger II briefing document

Sir - appears the boat in Cyprus might be in a boat yard undergoing repairs...which is a good thing. Vr- [REDACTED]

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Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:48 AM
To: [REDACTED] CAPT
Cc: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

We have been working with ACTEUR, 0941 and interagency partners (CBP, State) to get a handle on information regarding the CHALLENGER II. Below and attached is what we know and what questions we have. Also attached is what Bud Darr sent to State, and it is consistent with what we have below.

We are trying to get a handle on the current location of the vessels, but believe Cypriot report that they are in a yard undergoing repairs. State has issued a demarche to Cyprus asking for assistance. This puts Cyprus PSC on notice that we are aware of a potential problem so that we do not get a Paris MOU detention if the facts point to passengers or freight for hire.

May want to pass to the boss/CG-5/DCO.

v/r,

[REDACTED]
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
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BRIEFING DOCUMENT CONCERNING CHALLENGER II AND ITS FREEDOM FLOTILLA ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF FREE GAZA MOVEMENT

Vessel information (source is State of Delaware Registration database):

Challenger II is registered as a "pleasure" vessel with the State of Delaware.

Vessel is approximately 66' 8" LOA and measures approximately 80grt.

Vessel was built in 1977 and is of wooden construction.

State registration: DL8172AC (confirmed valid on 02JUN10 w/ Delaware authorities).

There is no MISLE information concerning Challenger II.

Cypriot PSC Authorities indicated that 19 passengers were disembarked from the vessel when it began to take on water as it prepared to participate in the Free Gaza Movement Freedom Flotilla. Cypriot PSC personnel also report vessel is reported to be undertaking repairs in Cyprus in the Limassol area.

It is presently unknown how long the Challenger II has been principally used outside of the State of Delaware.

ACTEUR was unable to determine if the passengers provided consideration for their carriage aboard the vessel.

The vessel may have been carrying humanitarian cargo for Gaza as part of its Freedom Flotilla activities.

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To: [REDACTED]
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Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:59:33 PM

Aye sir, available except for 1400 Deepwater Horizon Legal call.

v/r,

[REDACTED], CAPT, USCG
Atlantic Area
Staff Judge Advocate

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

FYI - HI VIS POLITICAL INTEREST

BLUF: recreational vsls registered in Delaware not being allowed into Cypress under suspicion of being part of a the effort to run the Gaza Blockade. There are

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- a. PAX for hire issues from US law
- b. Potential SOLAS
- c. International Incident with Cypress, Turkey, and potentially Israel
- d. Has vis a PC level.

LANT tracking at this time, but we did not get this until late in game. s/rick

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:09 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

Captains,

Have either of you had a heads up on this?

V/r
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 7:07 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

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CAPT [REDACTED]
Commanding Officer, Activities Europe

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:59 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

Captain,

I spoke with the US Embassy in Cyprus (specifically, the Special Agent in Charge of the Force Protection Detachment). He confirmed that the US Embassy knows about some of the activities of the Challenger I and II. He also stated that, as of last night (02JUN10), the government of Cyprus is officially denying entry of the Challenger ships into Cypriot territory.

Based on news websites, we have information that the Cypriot government denied the Challenger boats access to Cypriot territorial waters even to use small boats to ferry passengers from the Challenger 2 to Turkish ships involved in the Gaza flotilla. The Cypriot government also used helicopters to enforce this decision.

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However, Cyprus does not control the northern half of their island (Turkish-occupied Cyprus). From news reports, it looks like the Challenger I pulled into the port of Famagusta in Turkish-occupied Cyprus for repairs on May 29th.

I am waiting for a call back from one of my contacts at the US Embassy in Turkey to determine what information they have about this situation.

v/r LCDR [REDACTED]

Senior Investigating Officer
U.S. Coast Guard Activities Europe
Rotterdam, Netherlands
Office: +31 10 442 4458 x205
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:55 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
I called the National Command Center (HQ) to find out if they had any new info (location specifically) on this vsl. They did not - I have copied them on this e-mail. My next step is to get contact info for Port State POC's in Cyprus and Greece should we need to interact with them at your direction (I don't want multiple CG reaching out to them at the same time). I'll stand by for further info. My cell and desk number are listed in my profile.

[REDACTED]
CAPT [REDACTED]
Commanding Officer, Activities Europe

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From: [REDACTED] CAPT
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:57 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

[REDACTED]
Congrats on your new command.

Sent with Good (www.good.com)

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 04:54 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

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[REDACTED]

I just got off the phone with the State Office of Legal Advisor on a couple of quick follow-up questions and want to provide you some additional information (I've copied Eric and Scott as well). Please also see the attached crew and Passenger lists for the Challenger I and Challenger II (Challenger I is associated with Challenger II), but we believe she may still be in Greece. This is a very serious situation from a foreign relations standpoint and may also implicate certain financial sanctions regimes under US law. It is emerging very quickly and it is quite possible that the White House may specifically task us on relatively short notice to take whatever actions we can. We are trying to lay the foundation for such action at present. A Principals Committee meeting may occur tomorrow on this subject. The extremely high level of political interest might necessitate a swift response from your staff to follow up this evening's forthcoming exchange with the Cypriots and put us in a good position to anticipate and respond to White House tasking. I have further asked State to identify a Legal Attache at a post in the region that might be available to assist, if necessary.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Phone: 202-372-3791
Fax: 202-372-3972
SIPR: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

[REDACTED]

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I know you are out the door soon, so please forward as appropriate and advise a POC.

[REDACTED]
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
CG-543

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From: [REDACTED]

DHSCoastGuard0524

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Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:50 PM

To: [REDACTED] CAPT

Subject: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

Captain,

[REDACTED]
Commandant (CG-543)
ATTN: Office of Vessel Activities
U.S. Coast Guard
2100 Second St., S.W. Stop 7581
Washington, D.C. 20593-7581
(202) 372-1221
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Challenger II briefing document
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:31:37 PM
Attachments: [Challenger II Briefing.doc](#)
[FW CHALLENGER II - Gaza Flotilla.msg](#)

[REDACTED]
Looks like [REDACTED] was cc'd on this but not you. Wanted to keep you in the loop as well. The MS-Word attachment is styled as a "briefing" but it raises more issues than it resolves :-)

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED] CAPT
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:52 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Challenger II briefing document

Sir - appears the boat in Cyprus might be in a boat yard undergoing repairs...which is a good thing. Vr [REDACTED]

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Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:48 AM
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Challenger II briefing document

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v/r,

[REDACTED]
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
CG-543

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[REDACTED]

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CG-543 POC:

[REDACTED]
(202) 372-1221

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II - Gaza Flotilla
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:20:21 AM

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:11 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: CHALLENGER II - Gaza Flotilla

[REDACTED],

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According to multiple open source news reports, it is in its present general location for the purpose of participating in the Gaza Flotilla.

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[REDACTED]

CHALLENGER II took on significant water during its last attempt at participation in the flotilla and entered Cyprus for repairs.

The Cypriot PSC authorities report that CHALLENGER II is presently in Limassol, Cyprus undergoing the necessary repairs and we are presently working to verify this report.

US Coast Guard actions, in consultation with Dept. of State, L/OES:

The US Coast Guard has been in direct contact with our Cypriot counterparts and may later request them to take action to detain CHALLENGER II until we can more thoroughly investigate the circumstances surrounding the vessel's operations.

Contact information for Coast Guard Activities Europe (located in Rotterdam) was included in a draft

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demarche that was to be delivered via Post in Nicosia this morning (EDT).

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Coast Guard personnel can exercise law enforcement, as well as administrative inspection and investigation authority, on board this vessel while located in Cyprus and is currently exploring the options for potentially doing so.

Best Regards,

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United States Coast Guard
Deputy Chief
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Washington, DC 20593
Phone: 202-372-3791
Fax: 202-372-3972
SIPR: ■

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II - Gaza Flotilla
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:54:25 AM

thanks

[REDACTED]
Acting Judge Advocate General
U.S. Coast Guard
202-372-3728
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:50 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II - Gaza Flotilla

I'm glad to be of some help Joe. One supplemental fact is that there is a similar vessel named the CHALLENGER I, which Dept. of State reports they believe took part in the original wave and was taken by the Israelis to one of their ports. Our present belief is that CHALLENGER I remains there and is accordingly not the object of our immediate USG interest. That being said, the CG may have follow up work to do regarding that vessel that is less emergent in nature.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:44 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II - Gaza Flotilla

Thanks, [REDACTED], this is helpful.

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To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]



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According to the Dept. of State, Office of the Legal Advisor, there is also some possibility that involved American citizens could potentially be in violation of one or more domestic financial sanctions regimes.

The Cypriot PSC authorities report that CHALLENGER II is presently in Limassol, Cyprus undergoing the necessary repairs and we are presently working to verify this report.

The US Coast Guard has been in direct contact with our Cypriot counterparts and may later request them to take action to detain CHALLENGER II until we can more thoroughly investigate the circumstances surrounding the

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Washington, DC 20593
Phone: 202-372-3791
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II - Gaza Flotilla
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:50:55 AM

I'm glad to be of some help [REDACTED]. One supplemental fact is that there is a similar vessel named the CHALLENGER I, which Dept. of State reports they believe took part in the original wave and was taken by the Israelis to one of their ports. Our present belief is that CHALLENGER I remains there and is accordingly not the object of our immediate USG interest. That being said, the CG may have follow up work to do regarding that vessel that is less emergent in nature.

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Cc: [REDACTED]
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Thanks [REDACTED], this is helpful.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Deputy General Counsel
Office of the General Counsel
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There is information (including a Greek customs document) suggesting that CHALLENGER II may be operating in contravention of US vessel inspection laws and the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS).

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Challenger II briefing document
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:48:13 AM
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:45:45 AM

I am available at any time. bd

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:42 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

[REDACTED]
Do you want to have a conference call to determine lead on this? It does appear we have staffs working concurrently.

[REDACTED]
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
CG-543

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From: [REDACTED] CAPT
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:42 AM
To: [REDACTED] CAPT
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

[REDACTED] -- this is operational as well as political -- please work to ACTEUR thru LANT.

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Cc: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
Commanding Officer, Activities Europe

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Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:59 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:57 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

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Congrats on your new command.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 04:54 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

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From: [REDACTED] CAPT
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

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[REDACTED]
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
CG-543

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:50 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

Captain,

[REDACTED]
Commandant (CG-543)
ATTN: Office of Vessel Activities
U.S. Coast Guard
2100 Second St., S.W. Stop 7581
Washington, D.C. 20593-7581
(202) 372-1221
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:42:28 AM

[REDACTED]

Do you want to have a conference call to determine lead on this? It does appear we have staffs working concurrently.

[REDACTED]
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
CG-543

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:42 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

[REDACTED] - - this is operational as well as political - - please work to ACTEUR thru LANT.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 7:07 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

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Commanding Officer, Activities Europe

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II - Gaza Flotilla
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:20:48 AM

[REDACTED],

Below is what I just sent to the DHS Deputy General Counsel. It would be good if we could harmonize any CG messaging as closely as possible, so you might find this helpful.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:11 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: CHALLENGER II - Gaza Flotilla

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: GAZA AID FLOTILLA AT THE IMO
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:03:38 AM

IO/UNP asked if the US may have sought to criticize Cuba after the Mariel boat lift resulted in a number of casualties at sea.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:41 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: GAZA AID FLOTILLA AT THE IMO

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Subject: RE: GAZA AID FLOTILLA AT THE IMO
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:58:27 AM

Thanks [REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: GAZA AID FLOTILLA AT THE IMO

[REDACTED] I don't recall IMO ever formally condemning a country. Usually, when one member state is pissed off about something or other, the aggrieved country will place a statement in the report, as will happen at ICC. (Russia did that to the U.S. about 6 years ago, in the aftermath of the Virgo/Starbound collision case).

Occasionally, the SG will include written remarks in the record expressing concern or displeasure over something, but that's about as strong as I've ever seen it get. [REDACTED]

P.S. This is the second time this week I have been referred to as a graybeard. I will have you know that while the little hair remaining on my head is indeed gray, if I fail to shave, my facial hair comes in as a lustrous brown. :-)

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: GAZA AID FLOTILLA AT THE IMO
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:40:09 AM

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Demarche to Emb Nicosia
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:11:12 AM

Thanks [REDACTED] That's really good information, for certain, but definitely not dispositive. We continue to need facts, first and foremost, but I'm also not at all sure that invalidating the DE registration means it is not a "vessel of the United States." Being "titled under the law of a state" is sufficient for that purpose and giving up our claim to jurisdiction might not be in our best interest, so I'm extremely reluctant to head down that road absent certainty on it.

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Cc: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
Office of Vessel Activities
Domestic Compliance Division (CG-5431)
202.372.1221

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:46 AM
To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: Demarche to Emb Nicosia

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Sipr [REDACTED]

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Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:19 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Demarche to Emb Nicosia
Importance: High

[REDACTED]

Just left you a voice mail about this next item. Courtesy of ACTEUR staff, it appears that a certificate of number (issued by a State) becomes invalid 60 days after the day on which the vessel is no longer principally used in the State where the certificate was issued (see 33 CFR 173.77). Does this mean the vessel is no longer a U.S.-flagged vessel?

If so, we should change the language below to indicate this aspect to the appropriate PSC authority (Cyprus and/ or Turkey) and advise both Delaware and the vessel owner/operator of same.

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Demarche to Emb Nicosia

[REDACTED],

This is what I recommend for the demarche that is going ASAP. Any thoughts? bd

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We'll consult with our clients in the morning and circle up on that. If it is recommended by us, we'll provide some language. Bud

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 08:40 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Demarche to Emb Nicosia

Gents - first, many thanks for collaborative effort. Our policy folks are now preparing a demarche to the Govt of Cyprus, to be sent first thing in the AM.

Question is whether you think we should make any request through dip channels regarding the course of action that you had described earlier today. Eg do we want to ask them to inspect the vessel to see what certificates it is carrying (or not). We don't need an answer until tomorrow AM, but IF/IF you'd think it's prudent to include any particular request through dip channels, could you punch out a few bullets on what we'd ask the GoC to do?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Sipr: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:19 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Demarche to Emb Nicosia
Importance: High

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
Office of Vessel Activities
Domestic Compliance Division (CG-5431)
202.372.1221

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:09 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Demarche to Emb Nicosia

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:55 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Demarche to Emb Nicosia

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Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 08:40 PM Eastern Standard Time

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Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:19:07 AM
Importance: High

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Demarche to Emb Nicosia
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:10:01 AM

[REDACTED]

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(b) (6)

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 7:02:28 AM
Attachments: [IMG \(2\).pdf](#)

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] CAPT
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 03:54 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED];
[REDACTED]
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

[REDACTED]
I called the National Command Center (HQ) to find out if they had any new info (location specifically) on this vsl. They did not - I have copied them on this e-mail. My next step is to get contact info for Port State POC's in Cyprus and Greece should we need to interact with them at your direction (I don't want multiple CG reaching out to them at the same time). I'll stand by for further info. My cell and desk number are listed in my profile.

[REDACTED]
CAPT [REDACTED]
Commanding Officer, Activities Europe

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:57 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

[REDACTED]
Congrats on your new command.

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 04:54 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

[REDACTED]
I just got off the phone with the State Office of Legal Advisor on a couple of quick follow-up questions and want to

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provide you some additional information (I've copied [REDACTED] as well). Please also see the attached crew and Passenger lists for the Challenger I and Challenger II (Challenger I is associated with Challenger II), but we believe she may still be in Greece. This is a very serious situation from a foreign relations standpoint and may also implicate certain financial sanctions regimes under US law. It is emerging very quickly and it is quite possible that the White House may specifically task us on relatively short notice to take whatever actions we can. We are trying to lay the foundation for such action at present. A Principals Committee meeting may occur tomorrow on this subject. The extremely high level of political interest might necessitate a swift response from your staff to follow up this evening's forthcoming exchange with the Cypriots and put us in a good position to anticipate and respond to White House tasking. I have further asked State to identify a Legal Attache at a post in the region that might be available to assist, if necessary.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
United States Coast Guard
Deputy Chief
Office of Maritime and International Law (CG-0941) 2100 Second Street, SW Washington, DC 20593
Phone: 202-372-3791
Fax: 202-372-3972
SIPR: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (b) (5)
[REDACTED] Deliberative
[REDACTED] Process
[REDACTED]

I know you are out the door soon, so please forward as appropriate and advise a POC.

[REDACTED]
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
CG-543

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:50 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

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Captain,

[REDACTED]

Commandant (CG-543)

ATTN: Office of Vessel Activities

U.S. Coast Guard

2100 Second St., S.W. Stop 7581

Washington, D.C. 20593-7581

(202) 372-1221

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ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΗ ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ
ΛΙΜΕΝ, ΦΥΛΑΚΙΟ

ΠΙΛΑΓΟΣ ΠΟΡΤ ΑΥΘΟΡΗΤΗ
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COAST GUARD

ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΩ
PASSENGERS AND CREW LIST

ΟΝΟΜΑΤΟΣ
YACHT

ΣΗΜΑΙΑ ΤΟΥΣΚΟ ΝΗΟΛ
FLAG PORT OF REGISTRY

ΑΔ ΝΗΟΛ
REG. NO

Κ.Ο.Χ. 196
ΙΣΧ. 80

ΚΑΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΑΡΧΗΛΟΥ ΑΠΟ
DURING THE VOYAGE FROM

ΚΑΤ/ΕΛ/Ε (25Α) ΑΙΑ
TO

Κ.Ο.Χ.

ΤΥΠΟΣ ΙΚΑΘΥΟΣ - Type of Boat

ΜΕΤΡΑ - Meters

300H

ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW

1. ΚΑΤΗΓ
2. ΟΝΟΜΑ
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12	[REDACTED]	ITALIA
13	[REDACTED]	ITALIA
14	[REDACTED]	UK
15	[REDACTED]	LEBANON
16	[REDACTED]	BELGIUM
17	[REDACTED]	GERMANY
18	[REDACTED]	FRANCE
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30	[REDACTED]	FRANCE

Ed 02/03

KATAITAH ENIBATON & TAPFOMATON
PASSENGERS AND CREW LIST

ΠΑΡΕΩΝΑ - CREW

1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

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ΛΙΜΕΝ. ΦΥΛΑΚΙΟ

PIRAEUS PORT AUTHORITY
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DURING THE VOYAGE FROM TO
ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ - Type of Boat ΜΕΤΡΑ - Meters 30.26

ΠΑΝΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW

1) ΚΙΤΟΣ Master	6) Ναύτης Sailor
2)	7) "
3) ΠΑΙΔΕ ENGINEER	8) "
4)	9) "
5)	10) "


Α/Α S/N	ΟΝΟΜΑΤΕΠΩΝΥΜΟ FULL NAME	ΑΓ. ΑΝΔΡΑΤΩΝ PASSPORT NO	ΕΘΝΙΚΟΤΗΤΑ NAT
1			CZECH
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3			CZECH
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5			IRELAND
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ΑΝΤΙΤΥΠΟ 1 (2 ΤΕΛΕΧΟΝ)

 ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ HELLENIC REPUBLIC ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΩΝ MINISTRY OF FINANCE ΓΕΝΙΚΗ Δ/ΝΣΗ ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΩΝ & ΕΦΚ GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΑΚΗ ΑΡΧΗ CUSTOMS AUTHORITY	ΗΜ/ΝΙΑ: DATE: 23-06-10	Αριθ. Δελτίου: Document Number: 08
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ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΚΙΝΗΣΗΣ^{(1),(8)}
TRANSIT LOG

HULL NO: DLZ 12703 DFLD
ΟΝΟΜΑ ΠΛΟΙΟΥ: CHALLENGER II
ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΚΑΙ ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ ΚΗΛΟΛΟΓΙΟΥ: DL 8172 AC
PORT OF REGISTRY AND REGISTRATION NUMBER:
ΔΑΣ/ CALL SIGN: K.O.X: 128 41 GI: AG 9493
ΤΥΠΟΣ ΠΛΟΙΟΥ: Μ/Υ ΕΤΟΣ ΚΑΤΑΧΕΥΡΗΣΕΩΣ 1976 ΜΗΚΟΣ 20,36 μ.
ΤΥΠΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΡΟΔΥΝΑΜΗ ΜΗΧΑΝΩΝ:
ENGINES, TYPE AND NUMBER, H.P.: 2 DTU x 900 BHP.

ΠΛΟΙΟΚΤΗΤΗΣ
OWNER'S NAME: WESTERLAND TRAVEL TRIPS PLUS LLC
ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ: 3511 SILVERSIDE RD WILMINGTON 19810 DE
HOME ADDRESS:
ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: FAX: E-MAIL:
TELEPHONE NUMBER:
ΑΦΜ: ΔΟΥ: ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

ΠΛΟΙΟΑΡΧΟΣ ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ
CAPTAIN: [REDACTED]
ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ: [REDACTED]
HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: FAX: E-MAIL:
TELEPHONE NUMBER:
ΑΦΜ: ΔΟΥ: ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

ΚΑΤΟΧΟΣ - ΧΡΗΣΤΗΣ
OWNER - USER: [REDACTED]
ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ: [REDACTED]
HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: FAX: E-MAIL:
TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

ΚΥΡΕΥΟΝΤΙΣ ΠΛΟΙΟΚΤΗΤΗΣ
OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE: [REDACTED]
ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ: [REDACTED]
HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: FAX: E-MAIL:
TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
ΑΦΜ: [REDACTED] ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: [REDACTED]

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ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ
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ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΟ ΔΥΛΑΚΙΟ

ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΟΣ
PASSENGER AND CREW LIST

DEMOCRACY OF GREECE
PIREAEUS PORT AUTHORITY
PORT POLICE
COAST GUARD

ΟΙΣ CHALLENGER ΤΙΣ ΗΜΕΡΕΣ USA ΛΙΜΕΝΑΡΧΕΙΟ ΠΕΙΡΑΙΩΣ
YACHT FLAG PORT OF REGISTRY
ΚΑΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΑΠΟΔΕΥΣΗ ΑΠΟ ΑΦΙΟ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟ ΤΟ ΚΥΠΡΟ
DURING THE VOYAGE FROM ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ ΜΕΤΡΑ
TYPE OF BOAT METERS

ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW

1) ΚΩΔΕΣ Master	6) ΝΑΥΤΗΣ Sailor
2)	7) "
3) ΜΑΧΕΥ Engineer	8) "
4)	9) "
5)	10) "

ΕΠΙΒΑΤΕΣ - PASSENGERS

Α/Α S/N	ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ADDRESS	ΑΡ. ΔΙΑΒΑΤ. PASSPORT NO	ΕΘΝΙΚΟΤΗΤΑ NATIONALITY
1	Holland		Dutch
2	Belgium		BELGIUM
3	NORWAY		Norway
4	NORWAY		Norway
5	NORWAY		Norway
6	ENGLAND		United Kingdom
7	Ireland		Ireland
8	Australia		Australia
9	England		United Kingdom
10	England		United Kingdom
	Malaysia		Malaysia
	Belgium		Belgium
	IRELAND		IRISH
	ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ		ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ
	ms		
	Ανδρέας		8/05/2010

ΑΠΟ: ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟ 25/05/2010
ΕΠΙΣΤΡΟΦΗ ΗΜΕΡΑ/ΩΡΑ

ΘΕΩΡΗΘΗΚΕ

Ο ΠΛΟΙΑΡΧΟΣ
THE MASTER

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HELLENIC REPUBLIC
ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΩΝ
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
ΓΕΝΙΚΗ Δ/ΝΣΗ ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΩΝ & ΕΦΚ
GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE
ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΑΚΗ ΑΡΧΗ
CUSTOMS AUTHORITY

ΑΝΤΙΤΥΠΟ 1 (ΣΤΕΛΕΧΟΣ) 1/5

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE
ΓΕΝΙΚΗ Δ/ΝΣΗ ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΩΝ & ΕΦΚ
GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE
ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΑΚΗ ΑΡΧΗ
CUSTOMS AUTHORITY

ΟΡΙΣΜΕΝΗ/UNTIL
ΑΠΟ/FROM 26-04-10 ΜΕΧΡΙ/UNTIL 25-05-10

ΠΑΡΑΤΑΣΗ ΙΣΧΥΟΣ
EXTENSION OF VALIDITY

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ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΚΙΝΗΣΗΣ^{(1),(8)}
TRANSIT LOG

1. ΟΝΟΜΑ ΠΛΟΙΟΥ SHIP'S NAME: CHALLENGER I
ΕΜΜΑΝΟΥΗΛ ΕΜΜΑΝΟΥΗΛ ΕΜΜΑΝΟΥΗΛ
FLAG: USA

ΛΙΜΕΝ ΚΑΙ ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ ΠΡΟΕΓΓΡΑΦΗΣ
PORT OF REGISTRY AND REGISTRATION NUMBER: DL 8171 AC

ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΣΗΜ: K.O.X. QT: 43.54

ΤΥΠΟΣ ΠΛΟΙΟΥ TYPE OF SHIP: ULY 604 κατασκευαστή 1977 μήκος 66 feet 02 inches

ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ, ΤΥΠΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΙΠΠΟΔΥΝΑΜΗ ΜΗΧΑΝΩΝ
ENGINES, TYPE AND NUMBER, H.P.: 2 x 650 BHP

ΠΛΟΙΟΚΤΗΤΗΣ
OWNER'S NAME: JESS GENEVED INTERBANK TRIPS

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ
HOME ADDRESS: 8511 SILVERSIDE RD SUITE 105 WILMINGTON

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: FAX: E-MAIL: DE 19810

ΑΦΜ: ΔΟΥ: ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

ΠΛΟΙΟΑΡΧΟΣ / ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ
CAPTAIN: [REDACTED]

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ
HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: FAX: E-MAIL:

ΑΦΜ: ΔΟΥ: ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

ΚΑΤΟΧΟΣ - ΧΡΗΣΤΗΣ
HOLDER USER: [REDACTED]

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ
HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: FAX: E-MAIL:

ΑΦΜ: ΔΟΥ: ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

ΕΚΠΡΟΣΩΠΟΣ ΠΛΟΙΟΚΤΗΤΗΣ
OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE: [REDACTED]

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ
HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: FAX: E-MAIL:

ΑΦΜ: ΔΟΥ: ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

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ΚΕΝΤΡΙΚΟ ΛΙΜΕΝΑΡΧΕΙΟ ΠΑΡΑΙΩΣ
ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΗ ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ
ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΟ ΘΥΛΑΚΙΟ

ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΟΣ
PASSENGER AND CREW LIST

DEMOCRACY OF GREECE
PIREAS PORT AUTHORITY
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on *Challenger 1* ΣΗΜΑΙΑ USA ΝΗΟΛ. ΑΡ. ΝΗΟΛ. Κ.Ο.Χ.
YACHT FLAG PORT OF REGISTRY REG No
ΚΑΙ ΤΟΝ ΑΠΟΛΟΓΟ ΑΠΟ ΑΣΤΡΟ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΥ ΓΙΑ ΚΥΡΟ Κ.Κ.Χ.
DURING THE VOYAGE FROM TO
ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ ΜΕΤΡΑ 20
TYPE OF BOAT METERS

ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW

1) Κίτης Master	6) Ναύτης Sailor
2) "	7) "
3) Μηχανικός Engineer	8) "
4) "	9) "
5) "	10) "

ΕΠΙΒΑΤΕΣ - PASSENGERS

Α/Α S/N	ΕΠΩΝΥΜΟ ΟΝΟΜΑΤΕΡΩΝΥΜΟ FULL NAME	ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ADDRESS	ΑΡ. ΔΙΑΔΑΤ. PASSPORT No	ΕΘΝΙΚΟΤΗΤΑ NATIONALITY
1		Germany		German
2		Germany		German
3		Germany		German
4		Germany		German
5		Germany		German
6		U.S.A		American
7				American
8		U.S.A		Serbia
9		U.S.A		American
10		U.S.A		American
11		Canada		Canada
12		U.S.A		Brazil
13		ENGLAND		BRITISH
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16		Ανδρόβας		ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ
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ΑΠΟΛΟΓΟΣ 25/05/2010
Date / Date

ΟΕΛΡΗΘΗΚΕ Ο ΑΝΤΙΛΟΓΟΣ
THE MASTER

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Demarche to Emb Nicosia
Date: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:54:52 PM

We'll consult with our clients in the morning and circle up on that. If it is recommended by us, we'll provide some language. [REDACTED]

Sent with Good (www.good.com)

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 08:40 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Demarche to Emb Nicosia

Gents - first, many thanks for collaborative effort. Our policy folks are now preparing a demarche to the Govt of Cyprus, to be sent first thing in the AM.

Question is whether you think we should make any request through dip channels regarding the course of action that you had described earlier today. Eg do we want to ask them to inspect the vessel to see what certificates it is carrying (or not). We don't need an answer until tomorrow AM, but IF/IF you'd think it's prudent to include any particular request through dip channels, could you punch out a few bullets on what we'd ask the GoC to do?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus
Date: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:54:03 PM
Attachments: [IMG \(2\).pdf](#)

[REDACTED]

I just got off the phone with the State Office of Legal Advisor on a couple of quick follow-up questions and want to provide you some additional information (I've copied [REDACTED] as well). Please also see the attached crew and Passenger lists for the Challenger I and Challenger II (Challenger I is associated with Challenger II), but we believe she may still be in Greece. This is a very serious situation from a foreign relations standpoint and may also implicate certain financial sanctions regimes under US law. It is emerging very quickly and it is quite possible that the White House may specifically task us on relatively short notice to take whatever actions we can. We are trying to lay the foundation for such action at present. A Principals Committee meeting may occur tomorrow on this subject. The extremely high level of political interest might necessitate a swift response from your staff to follow up this evening's forthcoming exchange with the Cypriots and put us in a good position to anticipate and respond to White House tasking. I have further asked State to identify a Legal Attache at a post in the region that might be available to assist, if necessary.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
United States Coast Guard
Deputy Chief
Office of Maritime and International Law (CG-0941)
2100 Second Street, SW
Washington, DC 20593
Phone: 202-372-3791
Fax: 202-372-3972
SIPR: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

I know you are out the door soon, so please forward as appropriate and advise a POC.

[REDACTED]
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
CG-543

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:50 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

Captain,

[REDACTED]
Commandant (CG-543)
ATTN: Office of Vessel Activities
U.S. Coast Guard
2100 Second St., S.W. Stop 7581
Washington, D.C. 20593-7581
(202) 372-1221
[REDACTED]

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28-MAY-2010 10:40 From:YEN/DA

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To:+3 0107245313

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ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΗ ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ
ΛΙΜΕΝ, ΦΥΛΑΚΙΟ

ΠΙΛΑΓΟΣ ΠΟΡΤ ΑΥΤΟΡΙΤΗΤΑ
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ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΛΗΡΟΜΑΤΟΣ
PASSENGERS AND CREW LIST

ΟΝΟΜΑ ΣΚΑΦΟΣ
YACHT

ΣΗΜΑΙΑ ΤΟΥΣΚΟ
FLAG

ΝΗΟΛ
PORT OF REGISTRY

ΑΔ ΝΑΥΑ
REG. NO

Κ.Ο.Χ.
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ΚΑΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΑΡΧΗΛΑΥ ΑΠΟ
DURING THE VOYAGE FROM

ΚΑΤ/ΕΛ/Ε (25Α)
TO

ΡΟΔΟ

ΚΚΧ
80

ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ - Type of Boat

ΜΕΤΡΑ - Meters

300H

ΠΛΗΡΟΜΑ - CREW

1	ΚΑΤΗΓ ΑΙΤΗΣ	[REDACTED]
2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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29	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
30	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

1	[REDACTED]	USA
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6	[REDACTED]	USA
7	[REDACTED]	ITALIA
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17	[REDACTED]	BELGIUM
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Ed 02/03

KATAITAH ENIBATH & PAHFQMATOC
PASSENGERS AND CREW LIST

ПАТРОНА - CREW

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ΛΙΜΕΝ ΦΥΛΑΚΙΟ

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ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΑΝΩΡΜΑΤΩΝ
PASSENGERS AND CREW LIST

Ο/Υ ΣΦΕΝΔΩΝΗ ΣΗΜΑΙΑ ΤΟΡΙΟ ΝΗΟΛ ΛΟΜΕ Αρ. Νηολ. 8851865
YACHT FLAG PORT OF REGISTRY REG. No. K.O.X. 196
ΚΑΤΑ ΤΟΝ ΑΠΟΠΛΟΥ ΑΠΟ ΚΑΝ/Ε'Α/Υ ΖΕΑ ΠΑ ΡΟΑΟ Κ.Ο.Χ. 80
DURING THE VOYAGE FROM TO
ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ - Type of Boat ΜΕΤΡΑ - Meters 30.26

ΠΑΝΩΡΜΑ - CREW

1) ΚΙΤΟΣ Master	6) Ναύτης Sailor
2)	7) "
3) Πάικ Steward	8) "
4)	9) "
5)	10) "


Αρ. ΣΤΑ	ΟΝΟΜΑΤΕΠΩΝΥΜΟ FULL NAME	Αρ. Διαβατηρίου PASSPORT No	ΧΡΩΣΤΕΡΕΑ NAT
1			CZECH
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4			NETHERLANDS
5			IRELAND
6			IRELAND
7			BULGARIA
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ΔΕ/Α ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΑΣ

ΕΝΤΥΠΟ Τ-01.02 ΑΥΟ Δ 257/139/23-2-2000

ΑΝΤΙΤΥΠΟ 1 (ΣΤΕΛΕΧΟΣ)

 ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ HELLENIC REPUBLIC ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΩΝ MINISTRY OF FINANCE ΓΕΝΙΚΗ Δ/ΝΣΗ ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΩΝ & ΕΦΚ GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΑΚΗ ΑΡΧΗ CUSTOMS AUTHORITY	ΗΜ/ΝΙΑ: DATE: 23-06-10	Αριθ. Δελτίου: Document Number: 08
	ΙΣΧΥΣ/VALIDITY	
	ΟΡΙΣΜΕΝΗ/LIMITED	
	ΑΠΟ/ FROM: ΜΕΧΡΙ/ UNTIL:	
	ΠΑΡΑΤΑΣΗ ΙΣΧΥΟΣ EXTENSION OF VALIDITY	
1. ΑΠΟ/ FROM: ΜΕΧΡΙ/ UNTIL:		
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3. ΑΠΟ/ FROM: ΜΕΧΡΙ/ UNTIL:		
ΙΣΧΥΣ/VALIDITY (2)		
ΟΡΙΣΜΕΝΗ/LIMITED		
ΑΠΟ/ FROM: ΜΕΧΡΙ/ UNTIL:		

ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΚΙΝΗΣΗΣ^{(1),(8)}
TRANSIT LOG

HULL NO: DLZ 12703 DFLD
ΟΝΟΜΑ ΠΛΟΙΟΥ: CHALLENGER II
ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΚΑΙ ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ ΚΗΛΟΛΟΓΙΟΥ: DL 8172 AC
ΠΟΡΤΟ ΕΓΓΡΑΦΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΕΓΓΡΑΦΗΣ ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ: DL 8172 AC
ΔΔΣ/ CALL SIGN: K.O.X: 128 41 G: AG 9493
ΤΥΠΟΣ ΠΛΟΙΟΥ: Μ/Υ ΕΓΓΡΑΦΗΣ 1976 ΜΗΚΟΣ 20,36 μ.
ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ, ΤΥΠΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΡΟΔΥΝΑΜΗ ΜΗΧΑΝΩΝ: 2 DTU x 900 BHP.

ΠΛΟΙΟΚΤΗΤΗΣ
OWNER'S NAME: WESTERLAND TRAVEL TRIPS PLUS LLC
ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ: 3511 SILVERSIDE RD WILMINGTON 19810 DE
ΟΙΚΙΑΚΟ ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: FAX: E-MAIL:
ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ: ΔΟΥ: ΔΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

ΠΛΟΙΟΑΡΧΗΣ ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ
CAPTAIN: [REDACTED]
ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ: [REDACTED]
ΟΙΚΙΑΚΟ ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: [REDACTED] FAX: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]
ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ: ΔΟΥ: ΔΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: [REDACTED]

ΚΑΤΟΧΟΣ - ΧΡΗΣΤΗΣ
OWNER - USER: [REDACTED]
ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ: [REDACTED]
ΟΙΚΙΑΚΟ ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: [REDACTED] FAX: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]
ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ: ΔΟΥ: ΔΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: [REDACTED]

ΚΥΡΕΥΟΝΤΙ ΠΛΟΙΟΚΤΗΤΗΣ
OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE: [REDACTED]
ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ: [REDACTED]
ΟΙΚΙΑΚΟ ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: [REDACTED] FAX: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]
ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ: ΔΟΥ: ΔΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: [REDACTED]

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ΚΕΝΤΡΙΚΟ ΛΙΜΕΝΑΡΧΕΙΟ ΠΕΙΡΑΙΩΣ
ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΗ ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ
ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΟ ΔΥΤΑΚΙΟ

ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΟΣ
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7	Ireland		Ireland
8	Australia		Australia
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	Malaysia		Malaysia
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ΛΙΜΕΝ ΚΑΙ ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ ΠΡΟΕΓΓΡΑΦΗΣ: DL 8171 AC
PORT OF REGISTRY AND REGISTRATION NUMBER: DL 8171 AC

ΔΕΣ/CALL SIGN: K.O.X. QT: 43.57

ΤΥΠΟΣ ΠΛΟΙΟΥ TYPE OF SHIP: ULY 604 κατασκευαστή 1977 μήκος 66 feet 02 inches

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ENGINES, TYPE AND NUMBER, H.P.:

ΠΛΟΙΟΚΤΗΤΗΣ/OWNER'S NAME: JESS G. GUNDEL INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

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ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: PC on Gaza Flotilla Thursday evening
Date: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:49:54 PM

Sir;

I am asking regarding the PC. Have not heard yet. Can you please continue to copy me on any white papers the CG might write if they will be used at a PC. Might reduce the last minute rush for paper.

v r

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Director, Maritime Security Policy
and International Border Programs
The White House
National Security Staff

202 456 1009 (office)

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: PC on Gaza Flotilla Thursday evening

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], USCG

Chief, Office of Maritime and International Law U.S. Coast Guard (CG-0941) 2100 Second St SW Stop 7121
Washington, DC 20593-7121

Phone: (202) 372-3785

[REDACTED]

Sipr: k [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:13 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: PC on Flotilla Thursday evening

Particularly in light of the email I just sent, seems that USCG should be involved on bullet 1.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: PC on Flotilla Thursday evening

Israel Desk has just called to alert us that NSC is scheduling a PC for Thursday evening to which S plans to attend. While agenda is still being worked out it apparently includes such items as:

- o Handling the next Gaza-bound ship (State and DOD)
- o Options for ensuring a credible investigation (State)
- o Plan for engaging the Israelis, Turks, and others (State, NSC, OVP)

Apparently the credible investigation options item has been tasked to NSC/Legal and Desk assumed that we were already working with them and was looking for a point of contact to help them prepared the annotated agenda for S. Has anyone else heard about this and can I give [REDACTED] a point of contact on that issue. It sounds like an L/HRR and L/UNA task in preparation for HCR, but cannot be sure.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Kenney, Frederick CAPT](#); [Boone, Lee CDR](#); [Hannon, John](#)
Subject: FW: DL8172AC (aka, CHALLENGER II)
Date: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:32:03 PM
Attachments: [DL8172AC.doc](#)

Captain [REDACTED]

Vessel does have an active registration from the State of Delaware. According to page 2 of the attachment, primary use is "pleasure".

[REDACTED]
Office of Vessel Activities
Domestic Compliance Division (CG-5431)
202.372.1221

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:23 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: DL8172AC

Mr [REDACTED]

The registration certificate is active according to data in the Vessel Identification System. The attached is part of the vessel profile in VIS.

If you would like more information on the vessel, [REDACTED], 302.739.9916) of the DE Division of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement might be able to help you.

[REDACTED]

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Results for Vessel: *No Data*

Hull ID Number: **DLZ12705D710**

Registration Number: **DL8172AC**

Registration Authority: **DE - DELAWARE**

Registration Type: **State Registered**

Owner Information

Primary Owner Name: Western Mediterranean Trips

Date of Birth: *No Data*

SSN: *No Data*

Individual Tax Identification Number
(ITIN): *No Data*

Tax Identification Number (TIN): *No Data*

State ID Number: *No Data*

Drivers License Number: *No Data*

Party Type: Business/Organization

Owner Address: Silverside Rd Challenger II3511

City: Wilmington

State: DE

County: New Castle

Zip Code: 19810 - 4822

Secondary Owners

Second Party Owner Name: PLUS LLC

Third Party Owner Name: *No Data*

Secondary Address Information

Address: *No Data*

City: *No Data*

State: *No Data*

Zip Code: *No Data - XXXX*

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Vessel Information

Vessel Name: *No Data*
Primary Use: Pleasure
Registration Certificate Effective Date: April 1, 2010
Registration Certificate Expiration Date: *No Data*
Registration Certificate Status: Active
Vessel Manufacturer/Make: *No Data*
Model Year/Year Built: 1977
Length in Ft/In: 66' 8"
Vessel Type: *No Data*
Hull Material: Wood
Engine Drive Type: Inboard
Propulsion Type: Propeller
Fuel Type: Diesel
Engine Make: *No Data*
Engine Serial Number: *No Data*
Engine Year: *No Data*
Horsepower: 0

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From: [REDACTED] CAPT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza
Date: Friday, May 28, 2010 1:05:04 PM
Attachments: [RE Israel Navy on Free Gaza.msg](#)

[REDACTED] As discussed. For OLG action if anything develops over the weekend.-FJK

Captain [REDACTED] USCG
Chief, Office of Maritime and International Law
U.S. Coast Guard (CG-0941)
2100 Second St SW Stop 7121
Washington, DC 20593-7121

Phone: (202) 372-3785
[REDACTED]

Sipr: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2010 8:20 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

New info attached. Looks like 2 of the vessels in question are US flagged, Challenger I and Challenger II. Suspect they are not outfitted with LRIT equipment...

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 4:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

All -- State very much appreciates these quick response efforts by Coast Guard. The latest information I've received is that our Defense Attache in EMB Tel Aviv reports that ONI and Sixth Fleet are "confident" that the vessels in question are not legitimately U.S. flagged (as some had suspected).

I'm inclined to think we should operate under that assumption until/unless we receive indications to the contrary. I'll pass on additional information that I receive regarding identification/status of the vessels.

Thank you again.
[REDACTED]

U.S. Department of State
Office of the Legal Adviser for Oceans, Environment and Science (L/OES)

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1-202-647-1646 (office)
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 3:51 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Alcon,

As this issue unfolds I would like to stress that the HQ CMD Center and OPCOM(MIFC) are positioned to fulfill generic vessel location requests and request they be advised as appropriate. As you probably know, they have the 24X7 watches, depending on what is needed. In addition to LRIT and ORBCOMM AIS, we do have COP (GCCS) information that may be valuable/useful including both UNCLAS and CLAS information (which includes LRIT, ORBCOMM AIS and other national technical sources).

v/r

CDR [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 12:39 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Thanks very much [REDACTED]. A spreadsheet would probably be best. I'll invite [REDACTED] to be a little more specific about the query that would best suit the USG needs, but I think it would be essentially framed as:

US-flagged vessels equipped with LRIT;

Located between XX N, YY N, XX E, and YY E (Eastern Med from the Southernmost point of Greece to the Easternmost coast of the Med);

At present, during the last 24 hours, and for the next 72 hours (at 4 hour intervals).

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
United States Coast Guard
Deputy Chief

Office of Maritime and International Law (CG-0941) 2100 Second Street, SW Washington, DC 20593

Phone: 202-372-3791

Fax: 202-372-3972

SIPR: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 12:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED]

I am standing by to assist with this request and we can certainly provide any information on US vessels IVO Gaza. Please contact me when you have a moment and we can deliver on your request...I just require some additional information from you on the actual geographical area and interval or term of the request. We can provide the information real-time via eGIS (if those who desire the information have requested and have the software installed on their desktops), or we can generate an excel spreadsheet and e-mail the information to those who desire it (at a one/two/three hour automated interval). I look forward to attempting to directly assist with this effort/request.

V/R,

LCDR [REDACTED]
CG-7611
LRIT
2-2522

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:48 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Thank you very much [REDACTED]. I have copied in [REDACTED], so that we might be able to link up and timely provide whatever data is available via the LRIT architecture. I also appreciate that these vessels may or may not be fitted with and/or emitting via LRIT equipment.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
United States Coast Guard
Deputy Chief
Office of Maritime and International Law (CG-0941)
2100 Second Street, SW
Washington, DC 20593
Phone: 202-372-3791
Fax: 202-372-3972
SIPR: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:32 AM
To: [REDACTED]

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Our NDC at OSC Martinsburg, WVA, should be receiving 6-hour position reports for LRIT for US flag ships equipped with LRIT in the Med, including those within 6-hours of Gaza, from which intell analysis should be able to derive the names, from which we would derive IMO #s, after which we can poll them, to get exact locations. I would think a call by State (or us) to the intell coordination center would start that ball rolling.

By copy to [REDACTED], I'm letting them know of the request.

The reference to them as "yachts" suggests, though, that they may not be equipped with LRIT.

[REDACTED]
Attorney Advisor (GS-15)
Maritime & International Law (CG 0941)
U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters
2100 Second St. S.W. Stop 7121
Washington, D.C. 20593
(202) 372-3793
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:17 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED]
Are we able to poll for the location of all US LRIT equipped vessels near Gaza? If so, how heavy of a lift is this?

[REDACTED]
Sent with Good (www.good.com)

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:14 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Many thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:09 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

That is certainly possible and the CG would not normally know that. However, they likely would be equipped with AIS and/or LRIT, either of which might provide position, identity, and flag information. If we get some more facts, we can assist with considering potential options.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:05 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Gents - FYI, phones here (and at NSC and DOD) are ringing with calls from the Israelis about possible US flagged vessels trying to "breach" the Israeli blockade into Gaza.

Is it conceivable that there are US flagged yachts in the med?

Thanks,

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 10:36 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED] - We are still trying to get confirmation from Greece on the 2 ships. They are yachts and may actually be U.S. registered. If they are American vessels, are there any steps we can take (contact by U.S. Navy or other authority, charges they may face or loss of license etc) if these boats do try to enter a closed port in a closed military zone? What do we do when a foreign navy intercepts a U.S. flagged vessel that is attempting to enter such a zone?

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 3:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED] - it is definitely worth pursuing more factual information as to which vessels are actually doing what. I suspect they are not US flagged vessels, and might not even be Greek flagged (may just be Greek owned, but who knows).

As discussed, the consequence of a ship flying the flag of more than one state is that the vessel cannot claim the nationality of either state and may be assimilated to a "stateless vessel" (ie without nationality and the protection of any state). [REDACTED] (b) (5)

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Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 3:00 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza
Date: Friday, May 28, 2010 7:33:24 AM
Attachments: [Scanned Lists.msg](#)

Attached are crew/passenger manifests for three additional vessels we received (via Cons sections' persistent calls) from the Port of Piraeus.

It shows a number of Amcits (including the retired Ambassador) are on MV Svendoni flagged in Lome, Togo.

It also shows the two US flagged boats (60 ft. MVs) owned by "Western Mediterranean Trips PLU, LLC" based in Wilmington DE. Challenger I is captained by a UK citizen, [REDACTED] Challenger II is Captained by a Greek citizen, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Thanks for this important update. I'm looping in [REDACTED] in CA regarding the w/w. (We've already discussed by phone and she'll be in touch with Nicosia's consular section separately.)

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FYI - Our naval folks are sure the Challenger boats are not U.S. flagged. Would still appreciate concurrence by Emb Athens if at all possible. [REDACTED], this means we would not need anything other than potential w/w if they stop in Cyprus.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 3:58 PM
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Sent: Thu May 27 18:16:56 2010
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Just connected with Coast Guard. If we can provide more facts on the vessels in question, they can assist with identifying options. Thanks, [REDACTED]

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Someone needs to identify the vessels. That is a central fact here that I don't believe there is clarity on. In my view, there is not enough to go on to approach Cyprus. Like I mentioned, I have my doubts that there are US flagged yachts in the Med, though it is certainly possible.

As you saw, I'm checking with L/PM on whether we have legal objections to the blockade. The blockade is not justified by the law of the sea; it's a measure that is generally undertaken under a law of armed conflict justification.

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ΛΙΜΕΝ. ΦΥΛΑΚΙΟ

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PASSENGERS AND CREW LIST

Ο/Υ ΣΦΕΝΔΩΝΗ ΣΗΜΑΙΑ ΤΟΡΙΟ ΝΗΟΛ ΛΟΜΕ 6851865
YACHT FLAG PORT OF REGISTRY REG. No K.O.K. 196
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DURING THE VOYAGE FROM TO
ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ - Type of Boat ΜΕΤΡΑ - Meters 30.26

ΠΑΝΩΡΜΑ - CREW

1) ΚΙΤΟΣ Master	6) Ναύτης Sailor
2)	7) "
3) Πάλλε Steward	8) "
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5	[REDACTED]	5	[REDACTED]	IRELAND
6	[REDACTED]	6	[REDACTED]	IRELAND
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ΕΝΤΥΠΟ Τ-01.02 ΑΥΟ Δ 257/139/23-2-2000

ΑΝΤΙΤΥΠΟ 1 (2 ΤΕΛΕΦΟΝ)

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	ΟΡΙΣΜΕΝΗ/LIMITED	
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ΑΠΟ/ FROM ΜΕΧΡΙ/ UNTIL		

ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΚΙΝΗΣΗΣ^{(1),(8)}
TRANSIT LOG

HULL NO: DLZ 12703 DFLD
ΟΝΟΜΑ ΠΛΟΙΟΥ: CHALLENGER II
ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΚΑΙ ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ ΚΗΛΟΛΟΓΙΟΥ: DL 8172 AC
PORT OF REGISTRY AND REGISTRATION NUMBER:
ΔΑΣ/ CALL SIGN: K.O.X: 128 41 GI: AG 9493
ΤΥΠΟΣ ΠΛΟΙΟΥ: Μ/Υ ΕΤΟΣ ΚΑΤΑΧΕΥΡΗΣ: 1976 ΜΗΚΟΣ: 20,36 μ.
ΤΥΠΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΡΟΔΥΝΑΜΗ ΜΗΧΑΝΩΝ:
ENGINES, TYPE AND NUMBER, H.P.: 2 DTU x 900 BHP.

ΠΛΟΙΟΚΤΗΤΗΣ
OWNER'S NAME: WESTERLAND TRAVEL TRIPS PLUS LLC
ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ: 3511 SILVERSIDE RD WILMINGTON 19810 DE
HOME ADDRESS:
ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: FAX: E-MAIL:
TELEPHONE NUMBER:
ΑΦΜ: ΔΟΥ: ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

ΠΛΟΙΟΑΡΧΗΣ ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ
CAPTAIN
ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ: [REDACTED]
HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: [REDACTED] FAX: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]
TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
ΑΦΜ: ΔΟΥ: ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: [REDACTED]

ΚΑΤΟΧΟΣ - ΧΡΗΣΤΗΣ
OWNER - USER
ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ: [REDACTED]
HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: [REDACTED] FAX: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]
TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

ΚΥΡΕΥΟΝΤΙ ΠΛΟΙΟΚΤΗΤΗ
OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE
ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ: [REDACTED]
HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: [REDACTED] FAX: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]
TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
ΑΦΜ: ΔΟΥ: ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: [REDACTED]

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ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ
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MINISTRY OF FINANCE
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GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE
ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΑΚΗ ΑΡΧΗ
CUSTOMS AUTHORITY

ANTITYΠΟ 1 (ΣΤΕΛΛΕΤΑΙ) 1/5

ΗΜ/ΝΙΑ DATE: 26-04-10 Αριθ. Δελτίου Document Number: 09

ΕΞΕΛ/VALIDITY (2)

ΟΡΙΣΜΕΝΗ/UNTIL ΑΠΟ/FROM 26-04-10 ΜΕΧΡΙ/UNTIL 25-05-10

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ΕΞΕΛ/VALIDITY (2)

ΕΠΙΧΕΙΡΗΣΗ/COMPANY LIMITED

ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΚΙΝΗΣΗΣ^{(1),(8)}
TRANSIT LOG

1. ΟΝΟΜΑ ΠΛΟΙΟΥ SHIP'S NAME: CHALLENGER I

ΕΜΜΑΝ/FLAG: USA

ΛΙΜΕΝ ΚΑΙ ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ ΠΡΟΕΓΓΡΑΦΗΣ: DL 8171 AC

ΔΕΣ/CALL SIGN: K.O.X. QT: 43.57

ΤΥΠΟΣ ΠΛΟΙΟΥ TYPE OF SHIP: U/Y 604 κατασκευαστή 1977 μήκος 66 feet 02 inches

ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ, ΤΥΠΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΙΠΠΟΔΥΝΑΜΗ ΜΗΧΑΝΩΝ: 2 x 650 BHP

ENGINES, TYPE AND NUMBER, H.P.:

ΠΛΟΙΟΚΤΗΤΗΣ/OWNER'S NAME: USS GENERAL W. R. RANNEY TRIPS

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ: 8511 SILVERSIDE RD SUITE 105 WILMINGTON

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: FAX: E-MAIL: DE 19810

ΑΦΜ: ΔΟΥ: ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

ΠΛΟΙΟΑΡΧΟΣ/ΚΥΒΕΡΝ/CAPTAIN: [REDACTED]

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ: [REDACTED]

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: FAX: E-MAIL:

ΑΦΜ: ΔΟΥ: ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: [REDACTED]

ΚΑΤΟΧΟΣ - ΧΡΗΣΤΗΣ/OWNER USER: [REDACTED]

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ: [REDACTED]

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: FAX: E-MAIL:

ΑΦΜ: ΔΟΥ: ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: [REDACTED]

ΕΚΠΡΟΣΩΠΟΣ ΠΛΟΙΟΚΤΗΤΗΣ/OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE: [REDACTED]

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ: [REDACTED]

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ΑΦΜ: ΔΟΥ: ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: [REDACTED]

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SB From: YEN-DA

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To: +3 0107245313

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ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΗ ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ
ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΟ ΘΥΛΑΚΙΟ

ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΟΣ
PASSENGER AND CREW LIST

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COAST GUARD

on *Challenger 1* ΣΗΜΑΙΑ *USA* ΜΗΟΛ. ΑΡ. ΜΗΟΛ. Κ.Ο.Χ.
YACHT FLAG PORT OF REGISTRY REG No
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DURING THE VOYAGE FROM TO
ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ ΜΕΤΡΑ *20*
TYPE OF BOAT METERS

ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW

1) Κ. της Master	6) Ναύτης Sailor
2) "	7) "
3) Μηχανικός Engineer	8) "
4) "	9) "
5) "	10) "

ΕΠΙΒΑΤΕΣ - PASSENGERS

Α/Α S/N	ΕΠΩΝΥΜΟ FULL NAME	ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ADDRESS	ΑΡ. ΔΙΑΒΛ. PASSPORT No	ΧΡΩΣΤΙΚΟ NATIONALITY
1		Germany		German
2		Germany		German
3		Germany		German
4		Germany		German
5		Germany		German
6		U.S.A		American
7				American
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25/05/2010
Date

ΟΕΛΡΗΘΗΚΕ ΟΙ ΑΝΤΙΣΤΟΙΧΟΙ
THE MASTER

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza
Date: Friday, May 28, 2010 1:05:00 PM

[REDACTED] s discussed. [REDACTED] will be my POC.-FJK

Captain [REDACTED], USCG
Chief, Office of Maritime and International Law
U.S. Coast Guard (CG-0941)
2100 Second St SW Stop 7121
Washington, DC 20593-7121

Phone: (202) 372-3785
[REDACTED]

Sipr: [REDACTED] 1

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2010 8:20 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

New info attached. Looks like 2 of the vessels in question are US flagged, Challenger I and Challenger II. Suspect they are not outfitted with LRIT equipment...

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 4:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

All -- State very much appreciates these quick response efforts by Coast Guard. The latest information I've received is that our Defense Attache in EMB Tel Aviv reports that ONI and Sixth Fleet are "confident" that the vessels in question are not legitimately U.S. flagged (as some had suspected).

I'm inclined to think we should operate under that assumption until/unless we receive indications to the contrary. I'll pass on additional information that I receive regarding identification/status of the vessels.

Thank you again.
[REDACTED]

U.S. Department of State
Office of the Legal Adviser for Oceans, Environment and Science (L/OES)

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1-202-647-1646 (office)
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 3:51 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Alcon,

As this issue unfolds I would like to stress that the HQ CMD Center and OPCOM(MIFC) are positioned to fulfill generic vessel location requests and request they be advised as appropriate. As you probably know, they have the 24X7 watches, depending on what is needed. In addition to LRIT and ORBCOMM AIS, we do have COP (GCCS) information that may be valuable/useful including both UNCLAS and CLAS information (which includes LRIT, ORBCOMM AIS and other national technical sources).

v/r

CDR [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 12:39 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Thanks very much [REDACTED]. A spreadsheet would probably be best. I'll invite [REDACTED] to be a little more specific about the query that would best suit the USG needs, but I think it would be essentially framed as:

US-flagged vessels equipped with LRIT;

Located between XX N, YY N, XX E, and YY E (Eastern Med from the Southernmost point of Greece to the Easternmost coast of the Med);

At present, during the last 24 hours, and for the next 72 hours (at 4 hour intervals).

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
United States Coast Guard
Deputy Chief
Office of Maritime and International Law (CG-0941) 2100 Second Street, SW Washington, DC 20593
Phone: 202-372-3791
Fax: 202-372-3972
SIPR: [REDACTED]

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 12:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED]

I am standing by to assist with this request and we can certainly provide any information on US vessels IVO Gaza. Please contact me when you have a moment and we can deliver on your request...I just require some additional information from you on the actual geographical area and interval or term of the request. We can provide the information real-time via eGIS (if those who desire the information have requested and have the software installed on their desktops), or we can generate an excel spreadsheet and e-mail the information to those who desire it (at a one/two/three hour automated interval). I look forward to attempting to directly assist with this effort/request.

V/R,

LCDR [REDACTED]
CG-7611
LRIT
2-2522

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:48 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Thank you very much [REDACTED]. I have copied in [REDACTED], so that we might be able to link up and timely provide whatever data is available via the LRIT architecture. I also appreciate that these vessels may or may not be fitted with and/or emitting via LRIT equipment.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
United States Coast Guard
Deputy Chief
Office of Maritime and International Law (CG-0941)
2100 Second Street, SW
Washington, DC 20593
Phone: 202-372-3791
Fax: 202-372-3972
SIPR: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:32 AM
To: [REDACTED]

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Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Our NDC at OSC Martinsburg, WVA, should be receiving 6-hour position reports for LRIT for US flag ships equipped with LRIT in the Med, including those within 6-hours of Gaza, from which intell analysis should be able to derive the names, from which we would derive IMO #s, after which we can poll them, to get exact locations. I would think a call by State (or us) to the intell coordination center would start that ball rolling.

By copy to [REDACTED], I'm letting them know of the request.

The reference to them as "yachts" suggests, though, that they may not be equipped with LRIT.

[REDACTED]
Attorney Advisor (GS-15)
Maritime & International Law (CG 0941)
U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters
2100 Second St. S.W. Stop 7121
Washington, D.C. 20593
(202) 372-3793
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:17 AM
To: [REDACTED]
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Date: Friday, May 28, 2010 1:03:42 PM

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Cc: [REDACTED]
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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza
Date: Friday, May 28, 2010 8:21:21 AM
Attachments: [RE Israel Navy on Free Gaza.msg](#)

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Attachments: [RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza](#)
[Med US flag list.xls](#)
[med1.jpg](#)
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[REDACTED],

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[REDACTED]

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Attorney-Adviser
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1-202-647-1646 (office)

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Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 12:45 PM

Cc: [REDACTED]

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Date: Thursday, May 27, 2010 1:53:17 PM
Importance: High

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AGENCY USCGRECOMMEND PARTIAL
RELEASE 1.4(B),B1,B5,1.4(D),B6

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: IMO Council--Probable Solution for Israel-Turkey Dispute
Date: Friday, June 11, 2010 2:24:43 PM

The deal described below held together in its entirety. There were no changes to the texts below. After reviewing the summary of decisions on all agenda items, the Council ended its 104th session without further incident.

The Turkish ambassador was nowhere to be seen on Friday. By the end of last meeting, the Turkish delegation was down to its normal size of one or two---from an earlier high of eight. The Israeli Embassy and Del expressed profuse thanks for USDEL assistance.

From: Johnson, Thomas A
To: O'Brien, Gregory J (OES); Baumert, Kevin A; Morrison, Andrew L; Anderson, Gerald C; Cook, Nerissa J; Frellich, Karlene H; Huskey, James L; Connor, Julie G; Jacobson, Linda; Dolan, JoAnn
Cc: 'Jason.E.Smith2@uscg.mil' <Jason.E.Smith2@uscg.mil>; Whittlesey, John K; Graves, Jackie M
Sent: Thu Jun 10 12:51:32 2010
Subject: RE: IMO Council--Probable Solution for Israel-Turkey Dispute

USDEL believes that issues mentioned below have been resolved, if the current deal holds. It is reflected in the text below for an insert in the Record of Decisions (there is no Council report per se).

[REDACTED]

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Insert in Record of Decisions:

"In a subsequent discussion of the 31 May 2010 incident, at the instigation of the delegation of Turkey, the Council unanimously reiterated its expression of deep regret for the loss of life and injuries suffered in the incident and its condolences to the families and friends of the reported casualties. The Council noted that the Secretary-General would issue a press release encapsulating the essence of its debate on the issue."

Press Release:

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Declassify on: 06/11/2020

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" The Secretary-General of the IMO—the UN specialized agency responsible for the regulation of international shipping from, among other perspectives, the safety of human life at sea and safety of navigation—deeply regrets the loss of life and injuries sustained during an incident involving Israeli Defense Forces and ships carrying charity aid to the Gaza Strip in international waters of the Eastern Mediterranean in the early hours of Monday, 31 May 2010. In this context, he has conveyed his deep condolences to the families and friends of the casualties incurred in the tragic incident."

From: [REDACTED] (OES)
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2010 11:13 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]@uscg.mil
Subject: RE: IMO Council--Draft Press release on Israel-Turkey Incident

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[REDACTED]

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v/r [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2010 10:39 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]@uscg.mil
Subject: RE: IMO Council--Draft Press release on Israel-Turkey Incident

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Adding in L/AN here, which may have views on this draft IMO Press Release (attached again here).

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[REDACTED]

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Thanks,

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[REDACTED]
L/OES

From: [REDACTED] (OES)
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2010 9:22 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]@uscg.mil
Subject: RE: IMO Council--Draft Press release on Israel-Turkey Incident

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Tom, [REDACTED]

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v/r [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 8:42 PM
To: [REDACTED]
(OES); Baumert, Kevin A; Huskey, James L; Connor, Julie G
Cc: [REDACTED]@uscg.mil
Subject: RE: IMO Council--Draft Press release on Israel-Turkey Incident

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Thanks, Tom. Aside from this issues you point out, this seems like a fine outcome.
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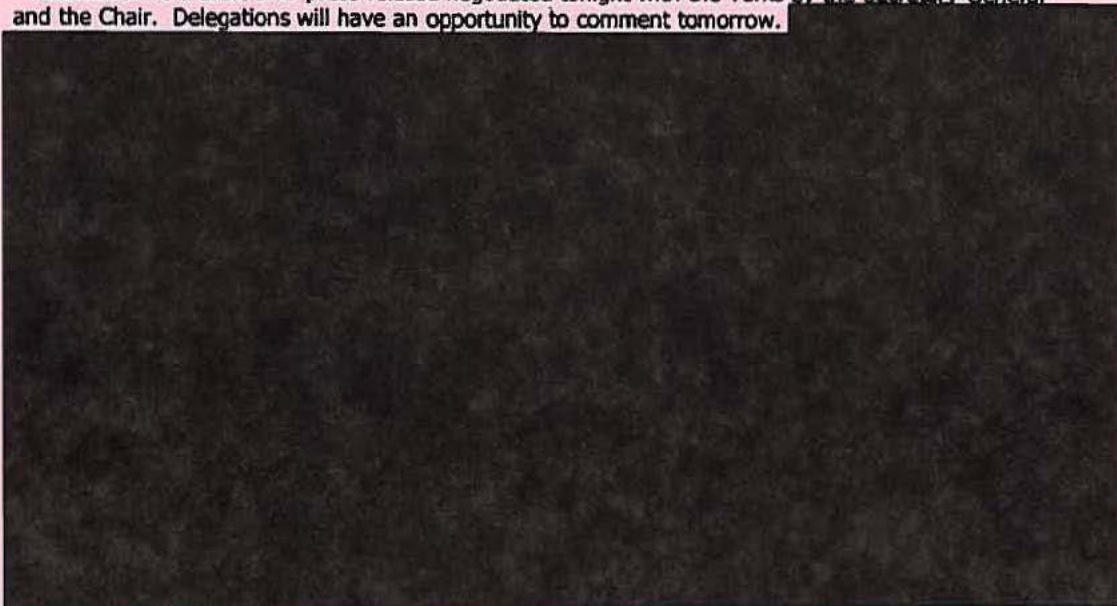
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Cc: [REDACTED]@uscg.mil
Subject: IMO Council--Draft Press release on Israel-Turkey Incident

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Attachment is a draft IMO press release negotiated tonight with the Turks by the Secretary-General and the Chair. Delegations will have an opportunity to comment tomorrow.

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USDEL requests guidance as soon as possible. Thanks.

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From: [REDACTED] [LCDR](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza
Date: Thursday, May 27, 2010 3:24:03 PM
Attachments: [Med US flag list.xls](#)
[med1.jpg](#)
[med2.jpg](#)

[REDACTED],

Attached are a few attachments with current LRIT information for US vessels in the vicinity of Gaza/Med. It will take approximately 3-4 hours for us to implement a geographical boundary to provide you with an automated and more frequent reporting rate, and auto-generated excel spreadsheet, for US vessels in the desired area. We are also working to send you a US vessel fleet satellite AIS snapshot.

V/R,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 1:37 PM

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED] -- Your assistance is very much appreciated. The information I have, which I emphasize is somewhat sketchy, is that 2 vessels are proceeding from a port in Greece to Gaza, with a possible refueling stop in Cyprus. I will pass on additional information that I may receive, and we have asked EMB Athens to obtain any additional identifying information that they can uncover about the vessels.

Many thanks.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Attorney-Adviser

U.S. Department of State
Office of the Legal Adviser for Oceans, Environment and Science (L/OES)
1-202-647-1646 (office)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 12:45 PM

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED]

Thank you Sir! I will wait to hear from Kevin on the desired geographical boundaries. We can provide an automated e-mail excel spreadsheet attachment (at a one/two/three hour interval transmission - with the desired

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information)...I will require desired e-mail addresses. The report interval is selectable at 6 hour/3 hour/1 hour/30 minute/15 minute intervals. Standing by.

Very Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 12:39 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Thanks very much [REDACTED]. A spreadsheet would probably be best. I'll invite [REDACTED] to be a little more specific about the query that would best suit the USG needs, but I think it would be essentially framed as:

US-flagged vessels equipped with LRIT;

Located between XX N, YY N, XX E, and YY E (Eastern Med from the Southernmost point of Greece to the Easternmost coast of the Med);

At present, during the last 24 hours, and for the next 72 hours (at 4 hour intervals).

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
United States Coast Guard
Deputy Chief
Office of Maritime and International Law (CG-0941)
2100 Second Street, SW
Washington, DC 20593
Phone: 202-372-3791
Fax: 202-372-3972
SIPR: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] LCDR
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 12:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED]

I am standing by to assist with this request and we can certainly provide any information on US vessels IVO Gaza. Please contact me when you have a moment and we can deliver on your request...I just require some additional information from you on the actual geographical area and interval or term of the request. We can provide the information real-time via eGIS (if those who desire the information have requested and have the software installed

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on their desktops), or we can generate an excel spreadsheet and e-mail the information to those who desire it (at a one/two/three hour automated interval). I look forward to attempting to directly assist with this effort/request.

V/R,

LCDR [REDACTED]
CG-7611
LRIT
2-2522

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:48 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Thank you very much [REDACTED]. I have copied in [REDACTED], so that we might be able to link up and timely provide whatever data is available via the LRIT architecture. I also appreciate that these vessels may or may not be fitted with and/or emitting via LRIT equipment.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
United States Coast Guard
Deputy Chief
Office of Maritime and International Law (CG-0941)
2100 Second Street, SW
Washington, DC 20593
Phone: 202-372-3791
Fax: 202-372-3972
SIPR: [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:32 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Our NDC at OSC Martinsburg, WVA, should be receiving 6-hour position reports for LRIT for US flag ships equipped with LRIT in the Med, including those within 6-hours of Gaza, from which intell analysis should be able to derive the names, from which we would derive IMO #s, after which we can poll them, to get exact locations. I would think a call by State (or us) to the intell coordination center would start that ball rolling.

By copy to [REDACTED], I'm letting them know of the request.

The reference to them as "yachts" suggests, though, that they may not be equipped with LRIT.

[REDACTED]
Attorney Advisor (GS-15)
Maritime & International Law (CG 0941)
U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters

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2100 Second St. S.W. Stop 7121
Washington, D.C. 20593
(202) 372-3793
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:17 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED]
Are we able to poll for the location of all US LRIT equipped vessels near Gaza? If so, how heavy of a lift is this?

[REDACTED]
Sent with Good (www.good.com)

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:14 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Many thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:09 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

That is certainly possible and the CG would not normally know that. However, they likely would be equipped with AIS and/or LRIT, either of which might provide position, identity, and flag information. If we get some more facts, we can assist with considering potential options.

[REDACTED]
-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:05 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Gents - FYI, phones here (and at NSC and DOD) are ringing with calls from the Israelis about possible US flagged vessels trying to "breach" the Israeli blockade into Gaza.

Is it conceivable that there are US flagged yachts in the med?

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Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 10:36 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED] - We are still trying to get confirmation from Greece on the 2 ships. They are yachts and may actually be U.S. registered. If they are American vessels, are there any steps we can take (contact by U.S. Navy or other authority, charges they may face or loss of license etc) if these boats do try to enter a closed port in a closed military zone? What do we do when a foreign navy intercepts a U.S. flagged vessel that is attempting to enter such a zone?

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 3:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED] - it is definitely worth pursuing more factual information as to which vessels are actually doing what. I suspect they are not US flagged vessels, and might not even be Greek flagged (may just be Greek owned, but who knows).

As discussed, the consequence of a ship flying the flag of more than one state is that the vessel cannot claim the nationality of either state and may be assimilated to a "stateless vessel" (ie without nationality and the protection of any state).

[REDACTED]

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Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 3:00 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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[REDACTED] - We have a whole bunch of ships headed towards Gaza right now to "break the Israeli blockade." The Israeli Navy will probably interdict them this weekend, board the ships, haul them to port and deport all of the foreign nationals (they did this last summer). However, we have a slight hitch this time in that two of the boats, after leaving Greece, are now supposedly flying American flags rather than Greek ones. Embassy Athens is looking into this to find out if the boats are registered in Greece or the U.S.

The Israeli Embassy has contacted us about this, and they have been contacted by the Greek Ambassador here, who has stated these ships are flying U.S. flags (although he did not tell the Israelis if the boats are American or Greek registered). What are the consequences, if any, of flying the wrong states flag on a ship? The Israelis asked us to take action against these ships, and we want to know what the range of options there are, if any, that could be taken. We are not looking into a specific one or promising the Israelis anything. Just want to find out the facts and legal issues.

The Greece desk, copied above, will hopefully have info from Athens as to whether the boats are actually American or soon.

Thanks!

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 11:06 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Correction from Israel Navy -

Vessels departed Greece and are currently on the way to Cyprus.

V/R,

LCDR [REDACTED]
Assistant Naval Attaché
US Defense Attaché Office
US Embassy, Tel Aviv
Tel: 972 3 519 7486
Email: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 5:51 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

The Israel Navy is inquiring about two vessels -Challenger I and Challenger II that they believe have departed Cyprus as a part of the Flotilla and reportedly are now flying American Flags. They have asked if there is any way

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to confirm this. I will reach out to our POCs in Cyprus, but appreciate any insight folks may have on this topic. I have trouble believing they would be legitimately sailing under an American Flag, but if so for some reason, potentially complicates the situation more. Thanks.

R/

LCDR [REDACTED]
Assistant Naval Attaché
US Defense Attaché Office
US Embassy, Tel Aviv
Tel: 972 3 519 7486
Email: [REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 5:06 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

(SBU) Courtesy Embassy Tel Aviv, a message on how the navy intends to handle this:

"The Israel Navy has expressed to me that they intend to respond to this situation as peaceful as possible; however they have been directed by the GOI to prevent the vessels from arriving in Gaza. Their intention is to ensure the ships arrive in Ashdod, process the individuals to be deported and deliver any legitimate humanitarian aide to Gaza via land. It should be noted, that GOI has made it clear that although they have directed a peaceful response, those participating are viewed as individuals deliberately attempting to provoke the Israel Navy and appropriate action to prevent arrival in Gaza will be taken."

[REDACTED], Ph.D.
Desk Officer - NEA/IPA
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Vessel Name:	Denny Tide	Vessel Status:
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Flag:	United States	Expected Next Position DTG:
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Longitude:	15° 43' 36" E	

Vessel Name:	Honey Bee	Vessel Status:
IMO #:	9536222	Most Frequent Reporting Interval:
MMSI #:	367416070	Last Position DTG:
Flag:	United States	Expected Next Position DTG:
Latitude:	27° 45' 58" N	Consecutive Failures:
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Vessel Name:	Liberty Eagle	Vessel Status:
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Flag:	United States	Expected Next Position DTG:
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Flag:	United States	Expected Next Position DTG:
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Flag:	United States	Expected Next Position DTG:
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Longitude:	34° 58' 22" E	

Vessel Name:	Worker Bee	Vessel Status:
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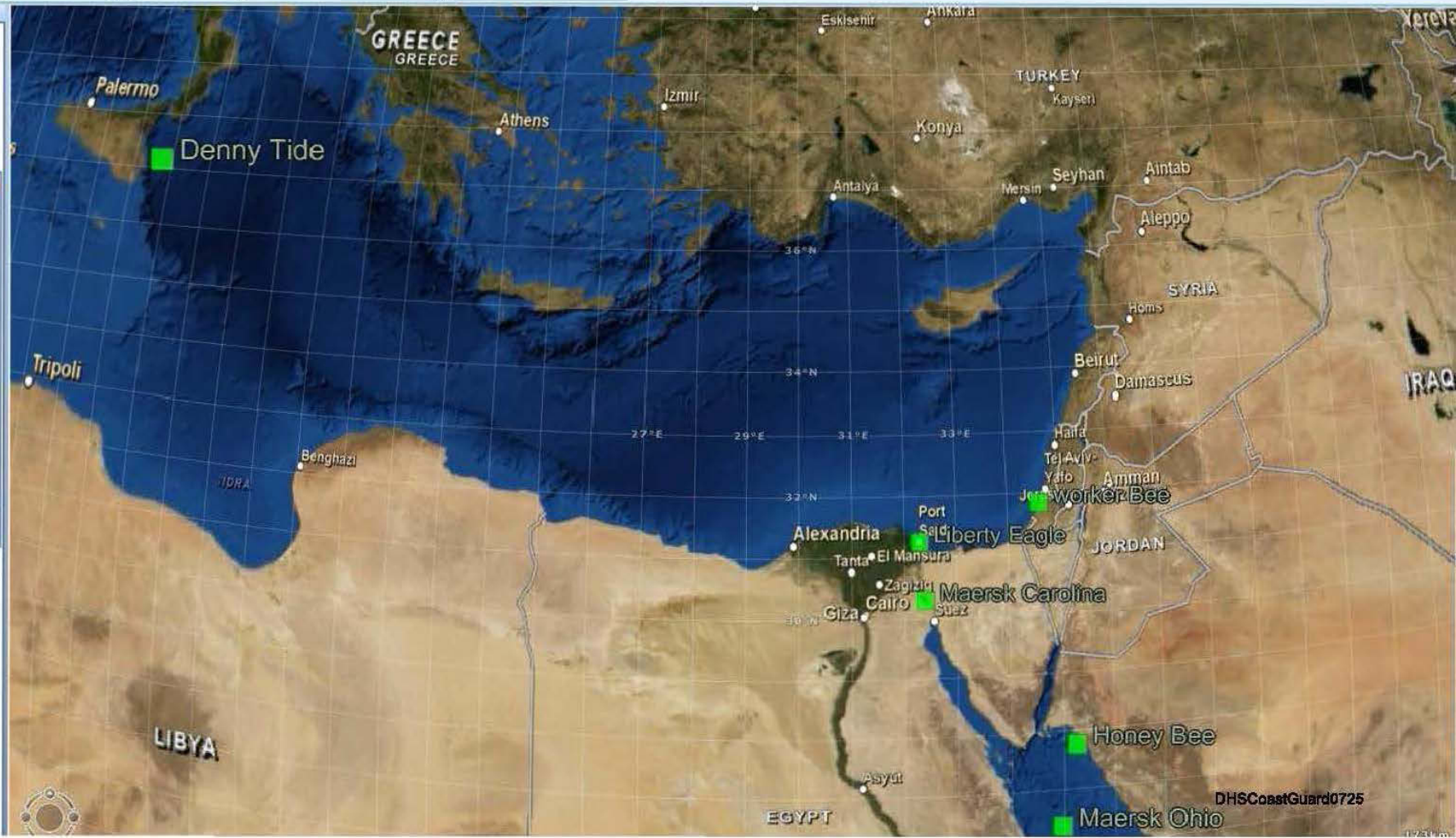
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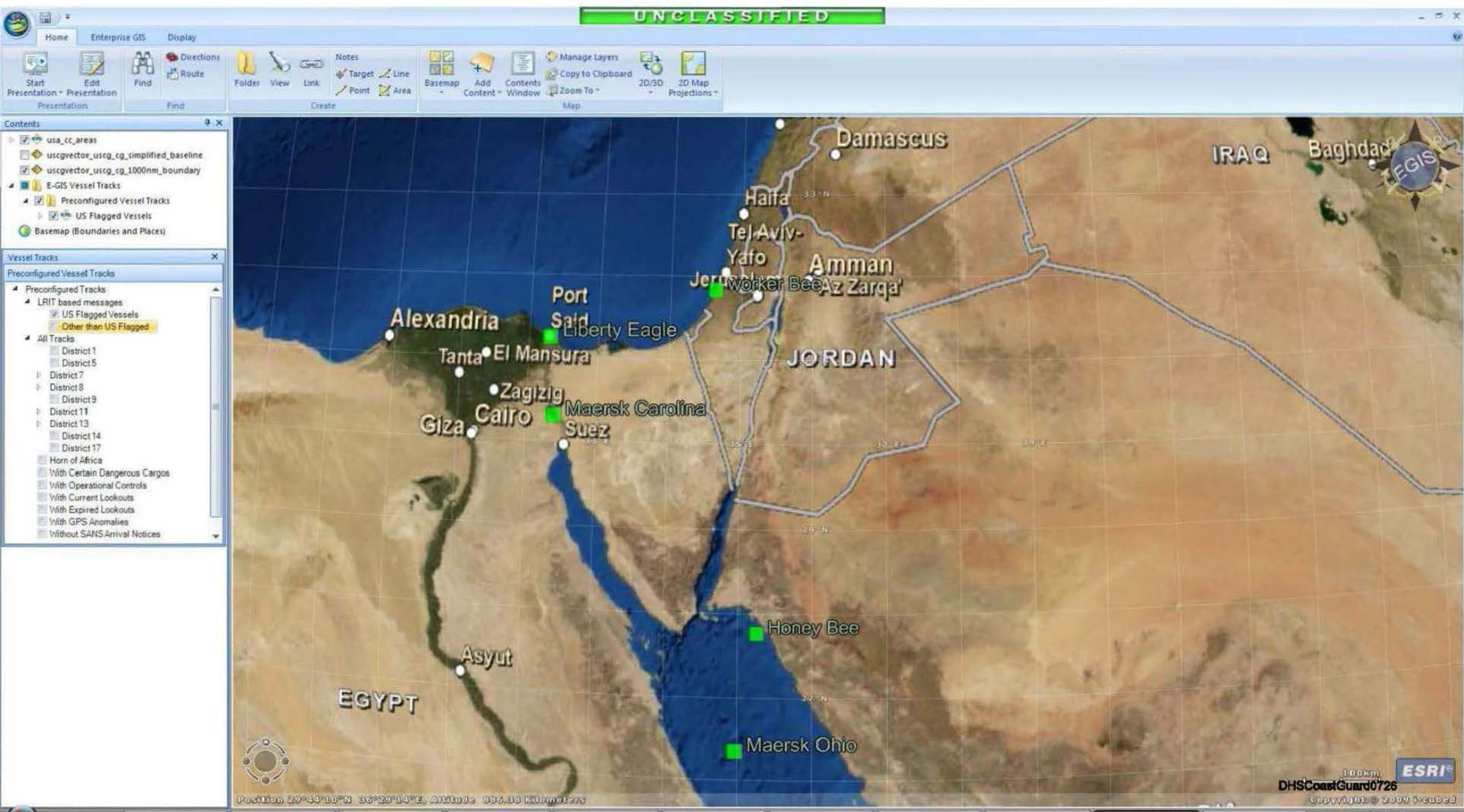
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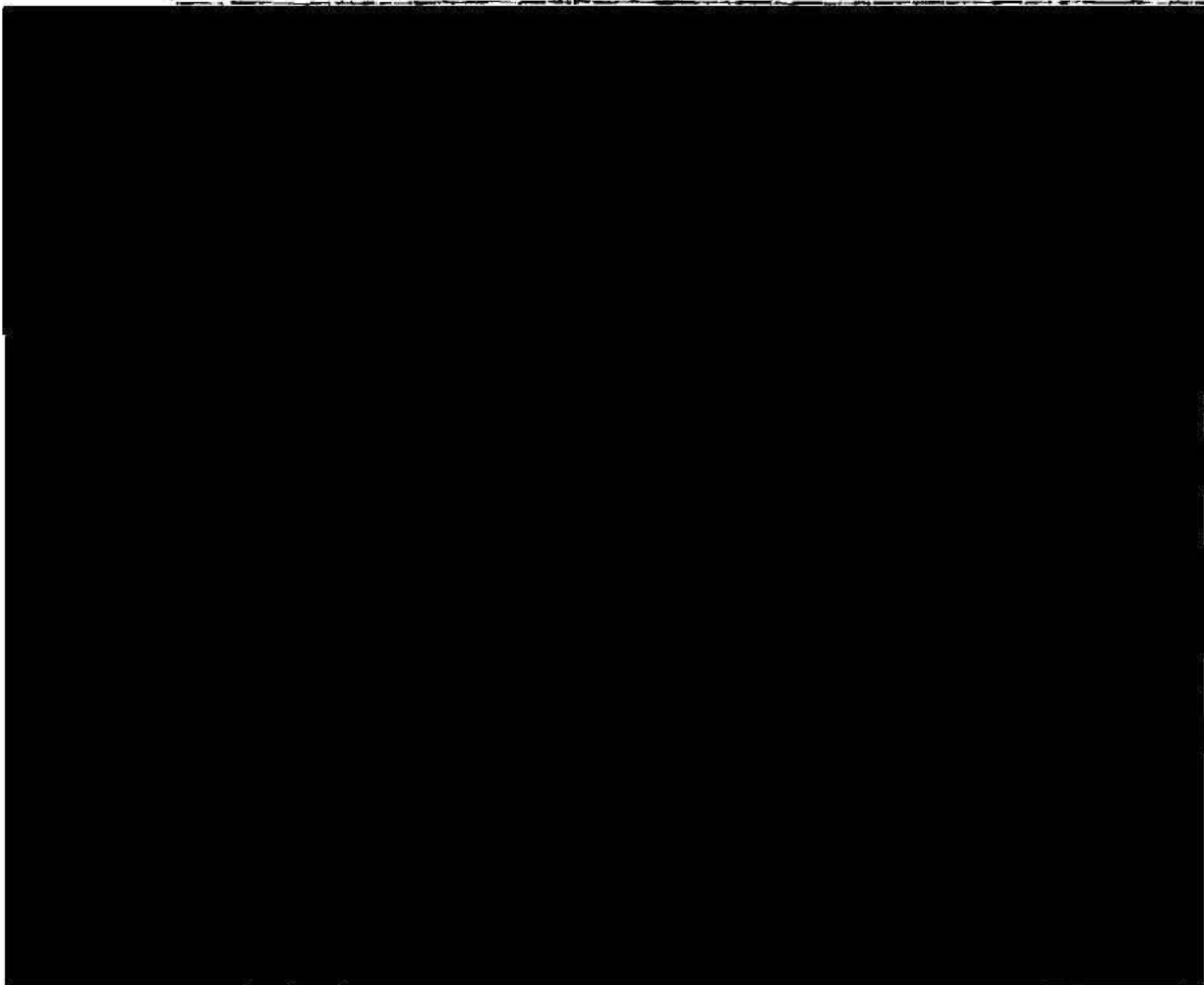
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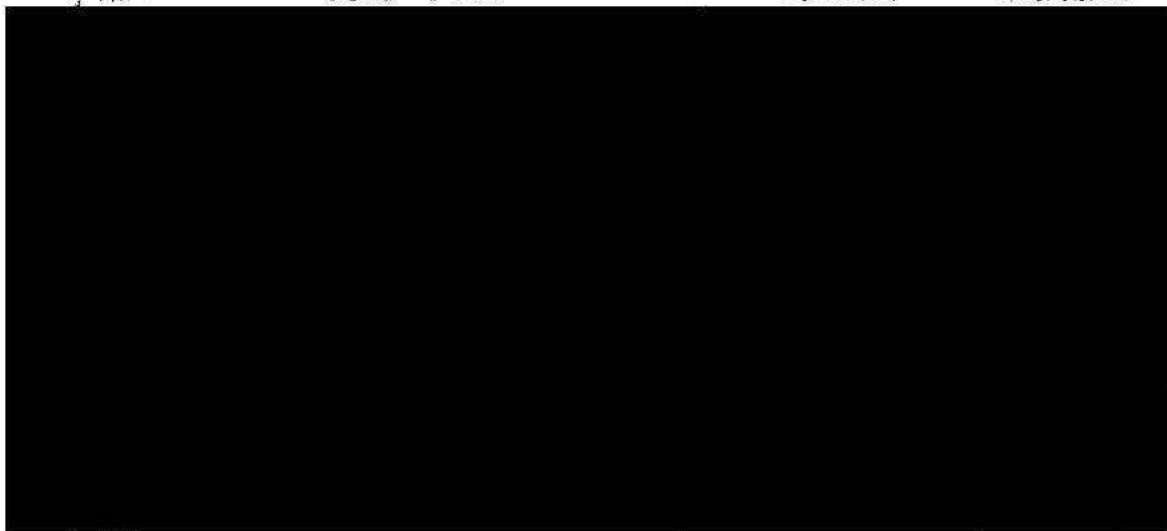
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3) <u>ΜΑΧΟΣ</u> Εμπόλεμος	6) <u>Α</u>
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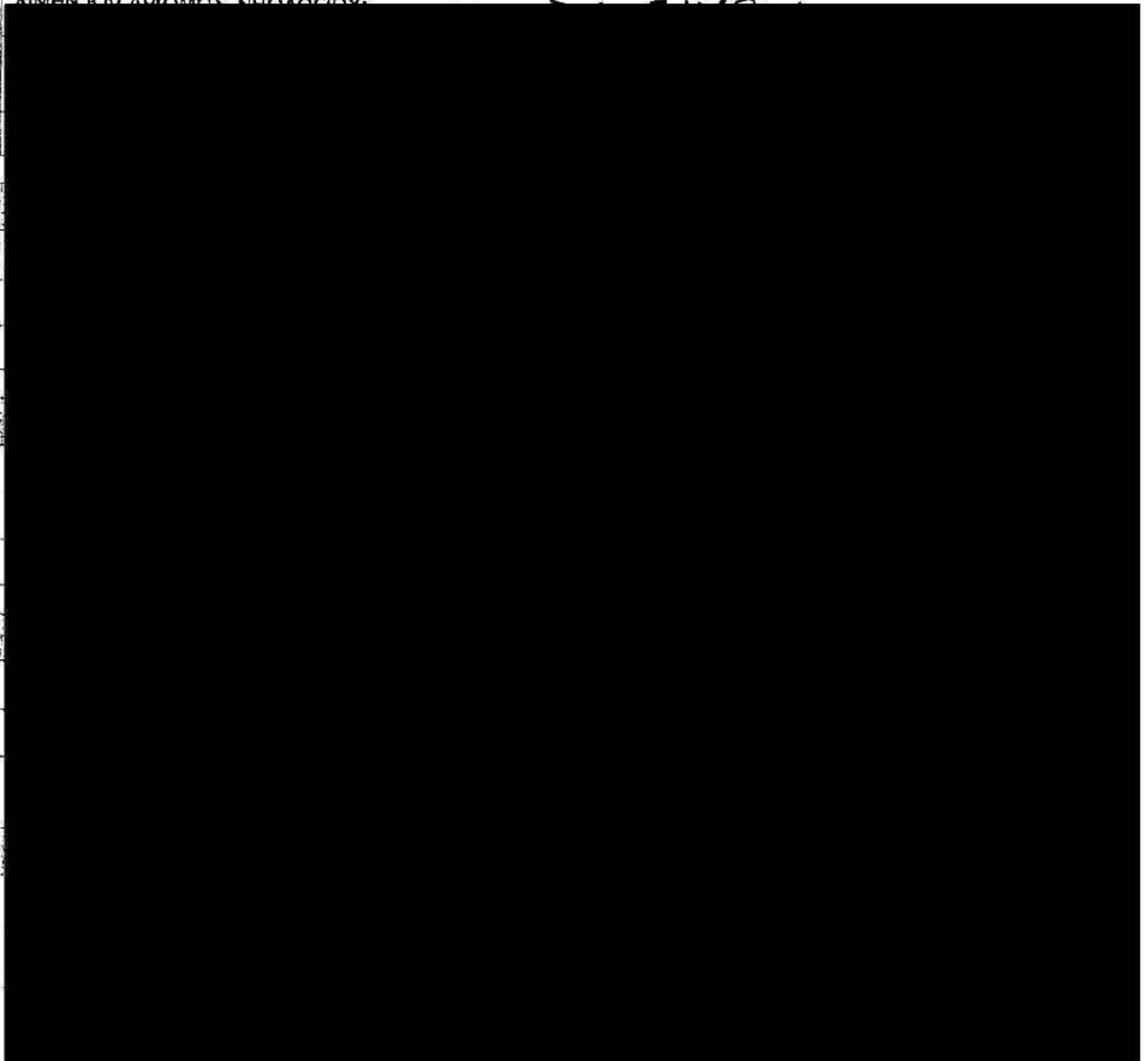
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ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΚΙΝΗΣΗΣ^{(1),(8)}
TRANSIT LOG

ΗULL NO: DLZ 12303 DZIO

ΟΝΟΜΑ ΠΑΙΔΙΟΥ CHILD'S NAME: CHALLENGER II	ΕΘΝΙΑΙΑ FLAG: USA
ΑΙΜΕΝ ΚΑΛΑΡΙΩΜΕΣ ΝΥΧΛΟΓΡΟΥ	



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PASSENGER AND CREW LIST

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Ο/Σ CHALLENGER ΤΣΙΜΑΙΑ USA ΝΗΟΛ ΡΕΓ. ΝΟ AP ΝΗΟΛ ΡΕΓ. ΝΟ ΚΟΧ
YACHT FLAG PORT OF REGISTRY ΠΑ ΚΥΠΡΟ ΚΚΧ
ΚΑΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΑΠΟΒΛΟΥ ΑΠΟ ΑΓΙΟ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟ TO
DURING THE VOYAGE FROM ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ ΜΕΤΡΑ
TYPE OF BOAT METERS

ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW



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ΕΠΙΒΑΤΕΣ - PASSENGERS

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				Australia
				United Kingdom
				United Kingdom
				Malaysia
				Belgium
				IRISH



ΑΓΙΟΣ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΣ 25/05/2010
Πόλη / Ημερ. Ημερ. / Οκρ.

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ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΚΙΝΗΣΗΣ^{(1),(9)}
TRANSIT LOG

1. ΟΝΟΜΑ ΠΛΟΙΟΥ SHIP NAME: CHALLENGER I

ΕΜΜΑΝΟΥΗΛ ΚΑΛΑΡΙΩΤΗΣ

ΕΛΛΑΔΑ FLAG: USA

OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE: C. ANASTASIOU

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ: HOME ADDRESS:

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ: TELEPHONE NUMBER:

ΑΦΜ: AFT:

ΦΑΞ: FAX:

ΔΟΥ: DOU:

Ε-MAIL: E-MAIL:

ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: ADT or PASSPORT:

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YACHT Challenger 1 ΣΗΜΑΙΑ USA ΠΟΡΤ ΟΓ ΡΕΓΙΣΤΡΗ AP ΝΗΟΛ KOX
YACHT Challenger 1 FLAG USA PORT OF REGISTRY AP ΝΗΟΛ KOX
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TYPE OF BOAT ΚΑΤΑ METERS 20

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				American
				American
				Canada
				Brazil
				BRITISH
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ΟΛΟΓΡΩΗΝ ΚΕΤΟΝ Ν. ΜΕΛΕΤΗ
DHSCoastGuard0733
Ο ΑΝΤΙΣΤΡΑΤΗΓΟΣ
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza
Date: Friday, May 28, 2010 7:33:24 AM
Attachments: [Scanned Lists.msg](#)

Attached are crew/passenger manifests for three additional vessels we received (via Cons sections' persistent calls) from the Port of Piraeus.

It shows a number of Amcits (including the retired Ambassador) are on MV Svendoni flagged in Lome, Togo.

It also shows the two US flagged boats (60 ft. MVs) owned by "Western Mediterranean Trips PLU, LLC" based in Wilmington DE. Challenger I is captained by a UK citizen, [REDACTED] Challenger II is Captained by a Greek citizen, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:13 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED]
Thanks for this important update. I'm looping in [REDACTED] in CA regarding the w/w. (We've already discussed by phone and she'll be in touch with Nicosia's consular section separately.)

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 4:10 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Looping in Embassy Athens.

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 4:08 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

FYI - Our naval folks are sure the Challenger boats are not U.S. flagged. Would still appreciate concurrence by Emb Athens if at all possible. [REDACTED], this means we would not need anything other than potential w/w if they stop in Cyprus.

From: [REDACTED] b(3) DOD-PII
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 3:58 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] b(6) and
Subject: Re: Israel Navy on Free Gaza b(3)DOD-PII

ONI and Sixth Fleet are ver confident that the boats are not legitimately US flagged.

R/ [REDACTED] b(3) DOD-PII
Assistant Naval Attache
USDAO Tel Aviv
[REDACTED]@state.gov b(3) DOD-PII
Office: 972-03-519-7486
Cell: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] b(3) DOD-PII
Cc: [REDACTED]

DHSCoastGuard0735

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Sent: Thu May 27 18:16:56 2010
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED] - Does the Israeli Navy have any more info beyond the ship's names? [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] b(6)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:15 AM
To: Baumert, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Just connected with Coast Guard. If we can provide more facts on the vessels in question, they can assist with identifying options. Thanks, Kevin

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:00 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED] b(5)
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[REDACTED] Process

[REDACTED] b(5) Deliber.
[REDACTED] Process

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 10:56 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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[REDACTED] b(5) Deliber.
[REDACTED] Process

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 10:36 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED] - We are still trying to get confirmation from Greece on the 2 ships. They are yachts and may actually be U.S. registered. [REDACTED] b(5) Deliber.
[REDACTED] Process

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 3:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED] it is definitely worth pursuing more factual information as to which vessels are actually doing what. I suspect they are not US flagged vessels, and might not even be Greek flagged (may just be Greek owned, but who knows).

[REDACTED] b(5)
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[REDACTED] Process

Thanks,

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 3:00 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] C
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED] - We have a whole bunch of ships headed towards Gaza right now to "break the Israeli blockade." The Israeli Navy will probably interdict them this weekend, board the ships, haul them to port and deport all of the foreign nationals (they did this last summer). However, we have a slight hitch this time in that two of the boats, after leaving Greece, are now supposedly flying American flags rather than Greek ones. Embassy Athens is looking into this to find out if the boats are registered in Greece or the U.S.

The Israeli Embassy has contacted us about this, and they have been contacted by the Greek Ambassador here, who has stated these ships are flying U.S. flags (although he did not tell the Israelis if the boats are American or Greek registered).

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The Greece desk, copied above, will hopefully have info from Athens as to whether the boats are actually American or soon.

Thanks!

From: [REDACTED] b(3) DOD-PII
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 11:06 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Correction from Israel Navy -

Vessels departed Greece and are currently on the way to Cyprus.

V/R,

[REDACTED] b(3) DOD-PII
Assistant Naval Attaché
US Defense Attaché Office
US Embassy, Tel Aviv
Tel: 972 3 519 7486
[REDACTED]@state.gov

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 5:51 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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The Israel Navy is inquiring about two vessels -Challenger I and Challenger II that they believe have departed Cyprus as a part of the Flotilla and reportedly are now flying American Flags. They have asked if there is any way to confirm this. I will reach out to our POCs in Cyprus, but appreciate any

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insight folks may have on this topic. I have trouble believing they would be legitimately sailing under an American Flag, but if so for some reason, potentially complicates the situation more. Thanks.

R/

[REDACTED] b(3) DOD-PII
Assistant Naval Attaché
US Defense Attaché Office
US Embassy, Tel Aviv
Tel: 972 3 519 7486
[REDACTED]@state.gov b(3) DOD-PII

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 5:06 PM
To: [REDACTED]

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b(3) DOD-
PII

Subject: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

(SBU) Courtesy Embassy Tel Aviv, a message on how the navy intends to handle this:

"The Israel Navy has expressed to me that they intend to respond to this situation as peaceful as possible; however they have been directed by the GOI to prevent the vessels from arriving in Gaza. Their intention is to ensure the ships arrive in Ashdod, process the individuals to be deported and deliver any legitimate humanitarian aide to Gaza via land. It should be noted, that GOI has made it clear that although they have directed a peaceful response, those participating are viewed as individuals deliberately attempting to provoke the Israel Navy and appropriate action to prevent arrival in Gaza will be taken."

[REDACTED]
Desk Officer - NEA/IPA
Office of Israel & Palestinian Affairs
Phone (202) 647-2647
Fax (202) 736-4461

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Scanned Lists
Attachments: [IMG.pdf](#)

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