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From: Stephen & Betsy Pomper/Andersen [redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 1:29 PM
To: Schwartz, Jonathan B; Perina, Alexandra H; Baumert, Kevin A; Jacobson, Linda; Heinemann, Thomas B; Dolan, JoAnn
Cc: Aswad, Evelyn M; Sullivan, David J; Pomper, Stephen E; Guarin, Marc F; Donoghue, Joan E
Subject: RE: L comments on MFA flotilla briefing>

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Marc Guarin is going to log in and weigh in on this question. I also reached out to JCS legal to see if they have a Navy lawyer we can talk to. Have taken Tom G off this chain for the moment. Steve

> Subject: RE: L comments on MFA flotilla briefing>
> Date: Mon, 31 May 2010 13:01:59 -0400
> From: SchwartzJB@state.gov
> To: PerinaAH@state.gov; GoldbergerTH@state.gov; baumertka@state.gov; JacobsonL@state.gov; HeinemannTB@state.gov; DolanJA@state.gov
> CC: AswadEM@state.gov; SullivanDJ1@state.gov; pomper_andersen [redacted]
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Perina, Alexandra H
> Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 12:56 PM
> To: Schwartz, Jonathan B; Goldberger, Thomas H; Baumert, Kevin A; Jacobson, Linda; Heinemann, Thomas B; Dolan, JoAnn
> Cc: Aswad, Evelyn M; Sullivan, David J; [redacted] Pomper, Stephen E; Guarin, Marc F
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> From: Schwartz, Jonathan B
> Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 12:17 PM
> To: Goldberger, Thomas H; Baumert, Kevin A; Jacobson, Linda; Heinemann, Thomas B; Dolan, JoAnn; Perina, Alexandra H
> Cc: Aswad, Evelyn M; Sullivan, David J
> Subject: RE: L comments on MFA flotilla briefing>

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> From: Goldberger, Thomas H
> Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 11:40 AM
> To: Baumert, Kevin A; Jacobson, Linda; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Heinemann, Thomas B; Dolan, JoAnn; Perina, Alexandra H
> Cc: Aswad, Evelyn M; Sullivan, David J
> Subject: RE: L comments on MFA flotilla briefing>

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> From: Baumert, Kevin A
> Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 11:34 AM
> To: Jacobson, Linda; Goldberger, Thomas H; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Heinemann, Thomas B; Dolan, JoAnn; Perina, Alexandra H
> Cc: Aswad, Evelyn M; Sullivan, David J
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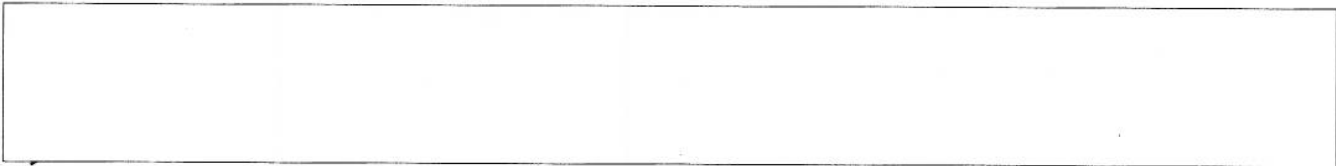
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> From: Jacobson, Linda
> To: Baumert, Kevin A; Goldberger, Thomas H; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Heinemann, Thomas B; Dolan, JoAnn; Perina, Alexandra H
> Cc: Aswad, Evelyn M
> Sent: Mon May 31 11:20:32 2010
> Subject: Re: L comments on MFA flotilla briefing>

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> To: Goldberger, Thomas H; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Heinemann, Thomas B; Dolan, JoAnn; Jacobson, Linda; Perina, Alexandra H
> Cc: Aswad, Evelyn M
> Sent: Mon May 31 11:18:29 2010
> Subject: Re: L comments on MFA flotilla briefing>

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 > ----- Original Message -----
 > From: Goldberger, Thomas H
 > To: Schwartz, Jonathan B; Baumert, Kevin A; Heinemann, Thomas B; Dolan, JoAnn; Jacobson, Linda
 > Sent: Mon May 31 10:50:27 2010
 > Subject: FW: L comments on MFA flotilla briefing>
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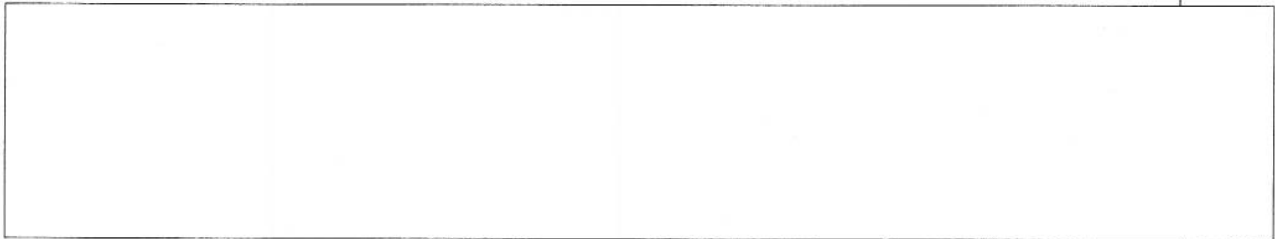


> -----Original Message-----
 > From: Cunningham, James B
 > Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 10:47 AM
 > To: Goldberger, Thomas H
 > Subject: Re: L comments on MFA flotilla briefing>
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> Sent from my BlackBerry
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 > ----- Original Message -----
 > From: Goldberger, Thomas H
 > To: Cunningham, James B; Hale, David M; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Rubinstein, Daniel H; Connelly, Maura; Schlicher, Ronald L; 'Daniel_B._Shapiro@nsc.eop.gov' <Daniel_B._Shapiro@nsc.eop.gov>
 > Cc: Holmstrom, Todd C; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Jacobson, Linda; Dolan, JoAnn
 > Sent: Mon May 31 17:37:00 2010
 > Subject: FW: L comments on MFA flotilla briefing>
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> See below from Jonathan pls.
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 > -----Original Message-----
 > From: Schwartz, Jonathan B
 > Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 9:13 AM
 > To: Goldberger, Thomas H
 > Cc: Rudman, Mara (Jerusalem); Dolan, JoAnn; Baumert, Kevin A; Perina, Alexandra H; Heinemann, Thomas B
 > Subject: Fw: MFA flotilla briefing
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Schwartz, Jonathan B
> To: Perina, Alexandra H; Heinemann, Thomas B
> Cc: Baumert, Kevin A; Harris, Robert K; Donoghue, Joan E; Dolan, JoAnn
> Sent: Mon May 31 09:05:16 2010
> Subject: Fw: MFA flotilla briefing
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Goldberger, Thomas H
> To: Dolan, JoAnn; Jacobson, Linda
> Cc: Holmstrom, Todd C; Schwartz, Jonathan B; Knopf, Payton L
> Sent: Mon May 31 08:24:00 2010
> Subject: FW: MFA flotilla briefing
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> ----- Original Message ----- B3 DOD-CP
> From: [Redacted]
> To: Cunningham, James B; Levin, Jan; Operations Center; Jeffrey, James F; Sievers, Marc J; Parker, Andrew C; Grubb, Jason B; NEA-IPA-DL; Greene, Elisa; Marchese, Gregory M; Waters, John R; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Connelly, Maura; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Rudman, Mara (Jerusalem); [Redacted]
> [Redacted] M; Levin, Jan; [Redacted]
> Sent: Mon May 31 08:08:22 2010
> Subject: RE: MFA flotilla briefing
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Many of the details briefed have already been provided via other means. Specific Highlight B3 DODFGI
> - Ongoing Operation
> - Two Ships in Ashdod to include the CHALLENGER I
> - M/V MAVI MARMARA expected in port between 1700L and 1800L
> - All ships will be in port by later today
> - 10-14 Civilians Seriously Injured or Killed
> - 30 Civilians Wounded
> - 10 IDF wounded to include 1 serious and 1 with "medium" wounds
> - Turkish Ambassador to Israel recalled
> - Interaction occurred approx 70 NM from coastline. IDF confident in International Law because of intent by flotilla to breach the blockade. (See Attached Slides)
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Rudman, Mara (Jerusalem)
> Sent: Monday, May 31, 2010 2:46 PM
> To: Cunningham, James B; Levin, Jan; Operations Center; Jeffrey, James F; Sievers, Marc J; Parker, Andrew C; Grubb, Jason B; NEA-IPA-DL; Greene, Elisa; Marchese, Gregory M; Waters, John R; [redacted] Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Connelly, Maura; Feltman, Jeffrey D
> Cc: 'Dennis_B._Ross@nsc.eop.gov'; 'Dshapiro@who.eop.gov'
> Subject: RE: MFA flotilla briefing

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> This may largely repeat at this point what is out in other places and/or others have heard from me, but just to assure that various reporting lines have same info, this is from [redacted] who also spoke with the UN's Serry, among others, this am.

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> [redacted] reported that when Israeli soldiers boarded the main deck of the main ship, they met with what he described as clearly planned active/armed resistance, including live fire. Military who boarded were attacked with knives, sharpened metal and wood instruments, etc. He said the military who boarded were attacked by dozens; He indicated that some of the soldiers were stabbed and slashed. Made clear situation was one in which actions taken were in self-defense.

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> Current estimates of those killed from flotilla 14-15 "maybe more". He said all injured being moved to Israeli hospital - by helicopter. He said ships coming into Ashdod (some reports have them coming into Haifa). At Ashdod, he and others will meet the ships. There, they will need to ID the bodies; move the people either to return them to home countries rapidly and/or detain; ID the cargo and as planned initially, move as much of into Gaza as promptly as possible.

> Earlier this morning he and [redacted] made the following calls/contacts:
> --Turkish FM and MoD [redacted] Erakat, Fayyad, and Hussein al Sheikh [redacted] He felt the calls w the Turks given the situation were OK, but the concern clearly is Erdogan and how he will handle. With Pals, Erakat in particular, they discussed extent to which levels of rhetoric could be kept in check. With Fayyad they discussed primarily need for security cooperation, keeping things calm. Concern about how this will be affected by status of Israeli Arab Islamic leader on board the flotilla.

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> (PIC seems to be on track/going forward. Some events may be affected by it.)

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> Our Consular people are in contact with MFA and Ashdod to get info on amcits as soon as it's available. UN had been approached by COGAT last week to help in forwarding cargo from ships in Ashdod. Serry is trying to send a couple of observers to Ashdod, has told cogat that assisting deliveries of humanitarian goods, much of which is destined for Hamas, is problematic but he'll see. Barak just gave a press conference, and appears to have spoken to Davotuglu this am.

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> From: Levin, Jan

> To: Operations Center; Jeffrey, James F; Cunningham, James B; Sievers, Marc J; Parker, Andrew C; Grubb, Jason B; NEA-IPA-DL; Greene, Elisa; Marchese, Gregory M; Waters, John R; [redacted] Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Rudman, Mara (Jerusalem); Connelly, Maura; Feltman, Jeffrey D

> Sent: Mon May 31 13:20:31 2010

> Subject: MFA flotilla briefing

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> MFA DG Yossi Gal and IDF Col. [redacted] briefed foreign ambassadors at 12:30 local time today.

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> Highlights - Identification of dead and wounded taking time. MFA will reach out proactively to Embassies as IDs are done, with location and status of citizens. The uninjured will be processed and escorted to airport for deportation. Unclear how long this will take.

> -- Most violence occurred on ship Mavi (Blue) Marmara. As far as is currently known, all injuries occurred on this ship.

> -- Col. [redacted] told Ambassador that activists on Mavi Marmara were prepared for boarders and were armed. Unclear if they had firearms in advance or took them from IDF boarding party. One IDF soldier nearly beaten to death with metal bar. Activists also had knives.

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> -- Events took place in international waters. Israel asserted it had the legal right to intercept in intl waters because there is a military blockade under the law of armed conflict between Israel and Hamas.

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> Ambassador Cunningham requests that Embassy Tel Aviv clear Dept guidance on this issue, thank you.

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