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From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 7:37 AM
To: Richter, Kim B; Mendel, Teresa S; Davison, Kees C
Subject: FW: list

Here is a video of another Amcit (and former State Dept employee) claiming to be on the boats. She is not on the list from Athens, but that is the point of departure listed on her video greeting.

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From: Thomas Goldberger [redacted]
To: Goldberger, Thomas H [redacted]
Sent: Wed May 26 06:19:10 2010
Subject: list

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Is [redacted] (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sGPvIVbsC3M&feature=youtu.be&a>) on the list?

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 Subject: Israeli Press Reports on Free Gaza
 Attachments: MFA Spokesman on Gaza flotilla 24-May-2010.htm

For those of you interested, here are some pieces from today's Israeli press.

YNET 11:03 , 05.26.10

IDF says aid mission to Gaza a provocation

Aid ships carrying hundreds of pro-Palestinian activists making their way to Gaza to break Israeli blockade, but army says mission unnecessary in light of 'stable humanitarian situation' in Strip.

Hanan Greenberg

As eight ships are making their way through the Mediterranean towards the Gaza Strip in the framework of a European aid mission, Colonel Moshe Levi, commander of the Gaza District Coordination Office, told reporters Wednesday that there is no shortage of food or equipment in the Hamas-ruled territory.

"The sail is a provocative act that is unnecessary in light of the figures, which indicate that the humanitarian situation in Gaza is good and stable," he said, adding that Israel allows the transfer of many products to the Strip, apart from those which may be used by Hamas for terror-related activities.

According to data provided by the security establishment, 100 trucks enter Gaza every day. Over the past few months, these trucks have delivered, among other things, over 1,200 tons of medicines and medical equipment, 155 tons of food, 2,900 tons of clothes and footwear and close to 17 million liters (about 3.85 million gallons) of diesel oil, the army said.

"We are not familiar with any shortages in any field, and we are permitting the entrance of different kinds of equipment into Gaza, as well as the exporting of produce from Gaza," Levi said.

"Of course, anything that may be used by Hamas to boost its military capabilities will not be allowed in," he added.

The data also show that over the past year Israel has allowed 6,000 Palestinians to leave Gaza to receive medical treatment in Israel and Jordan. In addition, Israel does not limit the amount of medicines and food that enter the Strip.

A security official said that in some cases Israel allows the transfer of equipment that may potentially be used by Hamas so as not to obstruct the work of the UN or other international organizations.

According to the IDF, over the past year the unemployment rate in Gaza has dropped to 10-year low and currently stands at 38%, compared with 48% a few years ago.

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The organizers of the aid mission said the ships are carrying hundreds of activists from all over the world. "We're helping the Palestinians, just like the Greeks helped during World War II against the Nazis," a Greek activist aboard one of the ships told Ynet Tuesday.

The mission was organized by Turkish group IHH as well as other leftist European organizations. The activists taking part in the sailing operation also expressed their fear that the IDF will prevent them from arriving at their destination.

YNET 01:13 , 05.26.10

Gaza mission activist: It's just like facing Nazis

Greek professor on ship heading to Gaza likens mission to Greek aid in face of Nazis during World War II; Swedish participant concerned about IDF response, hopes Israel allows activists to 'meet our Palestinian brothers'

Aviel Magnezi

Eight ships are already making their way through the Mediterranean towards the Gaza Strip in, the framework of a European aid mission - with activists aboard the vessels likening their work to the anti-Nazi effort during World War II.

"We're helping the Palestinians, just like the Greeks helped during World War II against the Nazis," a Greek activist aboard one of the ships told Ynet Tuesday.

The mission was organized by Turkish group IHH as well as other leftist European organizations. The activists taking part in the sailing operation also expressed their fear that the IDF will prevent them from arriving at their destination.

The Greek activist, university professor Vangelis Pissias, told Ynet that he is concerned about harm to human rights anywhere in the world.

"Just like we don't accept the Israeli behavior in Gaza, we will not accept it anywhere," he said. He added that the mission is an anti-violent act, and that participants only wish to offer aid to Gazans and bring the message that "we won't let any military force to keep them in prison."

The professor stressed that he has nothing against Jews and that he even has Jewish friends. However, he refused to condemn Palestinian terrorism. "These people are doing what reality causes them to do," he said.

Turning his attention to World War II, he added: "Back then we helped the refugees, and we're doing it now too. The Palestinians have the same feelings, they are under attack and they're fighting for it for lack of other choice."

"The whole world watched Israel's serious crimes in Gaza about a year and a half ago," he said. "Humanity cannot accept it."

Meanwhile, Swedish history professor Mattias Gardel, who will also be heading to Gaza aboard one of the ships, told Ynet mission participants are concerned about human rights in Gaza and do not aim to assault anyone.

Gardel expressed his concern over the prospect of an Israeli military response to the aid mission, stressing that the activists aboard the ships are unarmed.

"We're unarmed, yet they are armed and will be coming with their Navy and commandoes - it will be a comedy," he said. "All of these forces against us. We urge the government to stop the fighters, open the door, and allow us to meet our Palestinian brothers."

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Turkey to Israel: Lift blockade of Gaza

Israel warns it would block a fleet of nine ships carrying some 700 international pro-Palestinian activists and humanitarian supplies from reaching Gaza.

By Reuters and DPA

Turkey urged Israel on Tuesday to lift its blockade of Gaza and allow a Turkish-led convoy of ships carrying humanitarian aid to enter the Hamas-controlled enclave.

Israel and Egypt closed Gaza's borders after Hamas took control of the territory in 2007 and refused to forswear violence against the Jewish state. Gaza's 1.5 million people face shortages of water and medicine.

An international flotilla carrying some 10,000 tons of medical equipment, housing material and other supplies is expected to reach Israeli waters by Friday, according to a Turkey-based humanitarian aid group leading the effort.

Speaking to reporters at a news conference during a UN meeting on the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said his government had been in touch with Israel about the aid convoy.

"Acting calmly is necessary rather than raising already heightened tensions," he said. "The blockade on Gaza should be lifted."

He added: "We don't want new tensions ... We believe Israel will use common sense towards this civilian initiative."

The Israeli government is under international pressure to relax its blockade, which the United Nations says punishes people in Gaza over the policy of Islamist Hamas, which is pledged to Israel's destruction.

Israel warned Tuesday that it would block the fleet of nine ships carrying some 700 international pro-Palestinian activists.

A similar, but smaller, aid flotilla was prevented by Israeli authorities a year ago. Five others have made it to Gaza in recent years.

Israel argues the blockade is necessary to keep violent elements in the Gaza Strip from rearming themselves with the tools to shoot rockets into Israel.

Israeli media reported authorities saying the ships would be boarded before they could reach Gaza. Any activists on board would be arrested.

Israeli authorities have urged the convoy's organizers to bring their goods to Gaza via a pre-approved border crossing. Organizers have said no such offer has been made.

"Ships that make their own way to Gaza don't do anything to help the people there," said Yigal Palmor, a spokesman for the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

Palmor said Free Gaza is "less interested in bringing help, than with advancing their radical agenda, which plays into the hands of Hamas."

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Turkey, the only Muslim member of NATO, is one of Israel's closest allies in the Middle East but relations have soured, in part due to Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan's frequent criticism of the Jewish state's Palestinian policies.

Robert Serry, the UN's special co-ordinator for the Middle East peace process, said the blockade could only embolden militants.

"I am particularly concerned that the current closure creates unacceptable suffering, hurts forces of moderation and empowers extremists. I call for the closure policy to end," said Serry, who also serves as UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon's representative to the Palestinian Territories.

The convoy, organized by the Istanbul-based Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief (IHH), includes vessels from Britain, Greece, Algeria, Kuwait, Malaysia and Ireland.

It is carrying some 20 million euros worth of supplies, making it the largest ever to the Palestinian Territories, Salih Bilici, spokesman for the pro-Palestinian IHH, told Reuters.

"Part of this mission is to draw attention to the suffering of the people of Gaza," Bilici said. "We are not concerned that our safety is at risk, because we are a humanitarian group without political aims."

The group is determined to deliver the aid directly to Gaza, rather than leaving it with Israeli authorities, Bilici said.

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Mendel, Teresa S

From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 8:06 AM
To: Richter, Kim B; Mendel, Teresa S
Subject: What is the actual ship count?

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We know only 1 from Ireland, but do Athens and Ankara know how many are leaving from each specifically? Press reports are saying a total of 8, 9 or 10, depending on the source.

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CC: Mendel, Teresa S
Subject: FW: 2nd 5/26 Update on Turkish part of Gaza Flotilla - 1 Amcit arrived, Departure planned for 5/27 afternoon
Sent: 5/26/2010 10:01:23 AM
Guess we have 2 more names for Tel Aviv/JRS/Cairo. Maybe we can find people in PIERS, but might be tough with just first and last names...

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Subject: 2nd 5/26 Update on Turkish part of Gaza Flotilla - 1 Amcit arrived, Departure planned for 5/27 afternoon

This afternoon post communicated with an IHH spokesperson in Antalya. She said:

- One of the two American citizens is expected to join the IHH ship has arrived.
- [redacted] (sp?) has arrived in Antalya. B6
- [redacted] (sp?) is expected but has not yet arrived. (b)(6)
- The IHH ship is expected to depart Antalya for the flotilla rendezvous point near Cyprus tomorrow afternoon. (b)(6)
- However, the actual departure time and date depends on when another ship from Greece participating in the flotilla reaches Antalya.
- IHH expects to arrive in Gaza in less than a day after they rendezvous near Cyprus.
- IHH also said it will submit a final list of passengers to their headquarters in Istanbul after their ship's passengers pass through passport control tomorrow.
- IHH said it will share the names of the American Citizens on that final list.

I plan to send a spot report cable tomorrow morning and follow up with an e-mail update tomorrow afternoon.

Best,

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Salvatore A. Amodeo

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Subject: Live Updates on Free Gaza & the Current Status of Ships
Attachments: Free Gaza May 2010.xlsx

All - In order to best track the current location of ships as they head in towards Gaza, check out: <http://witnessgaza.com/>. Nothing is close enough to show up on their google map yet, but the boats will start to appear there soon.

Sydney Morning Herald has a map which shows the locations of some of the boats, but was only updated two days ago: <http://maps.google.com.au/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&t=h&msa=0&msid=104462212968933858200.00048752daadc5c5c8f38&ll=35.746512,27.37793&spn=12.471296,18.457031&z=5&source=embed>.

As of right now, we are aware of the ships in the attached spreadsheet as being en route. No word on whether the following vessels may be going to Gaza: BESIRE KAIKAVAN, OCEAN STAR, NOVOROSTYSK STAR, SHENANDOAH HIGHWAY, MAESTRO OCEAN, AND KYKLADES. Also no word on whether additional boats have departed Turkey. For those of you with additional info, please let me know, so that our folks in Israel and CA are fully armed with as much info as we can get prior to the ships arrival in the Gazan vicinity this weekend!

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Name of Ship	Point of Departure	Country/Flag	Known Amcits on Board
MV Rachel Corrie	Ireland	Cambodia/Cambodia	none
Challenger 1	Crete	Greece?/USA?	
Challenger 2	Crete	Greece?/USA?	
Mavi Marmara	Istanbul	Turkey/Turkey	
3 Additional boats from Greece??	Athens	Greece/Greece	

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From: Greene, Elisa
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To: Richter, Kim B
Cc: Zeroubavely, Sandra S
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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Is [redacted] on the flotilla? What about her husband, [redacted] [redacted] is a dual Israeli-American and would face arrest by the GOI if she came on the flotilla. Since you are checking with her, perhaps you can remind her of that (though I'm certain she is already aware of the risks). (b)(6)

From: Richter, Kim B
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 6:37 PM
To: Parker, Andrew C
Cc: Greene, Elisa
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

I just called [redacted] - She's with the Free Gaza Movement and she said she did not know of any ships flying under U.S. flags. She was going to email [redacted] to confirm but she believes there are none under U.S. flags. (b)(6)

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I will let you know as soon as I know more.

From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 11:00 AM
To: Richter, Kim B
Cc: Greene, Elisa
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Boat names would help, per email below.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 5:51 PM
To: Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Burnett, David R; Baron, Desiree A; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa; Burgess, Richard J; Chere, John E
Cc: Reisser, Wesley J; Goldberger, Thomas H
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 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/

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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."

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 To: Richter, Kim B
 Subject: FW: MFA HOSTS FLOTILLA STATES AMBASSADORS

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From: Blaukopf, Ruth B
 Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 8:54 AM
 To: Baron, Desiree A; Garcia, Dennis J; Kaplan, Crystal T; Greene, Elisa; Parker, Andrew C; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Burnett, David R; Frellich, Karlene H; Giauque, Jeffrey G; Goldberger, Thomas H; Hale, David M; Harden, Dave; Hertzberg, David A; Holmstrom, Todd C; Irwin, Matthew T; Jacoby, Julia I; Khoury-Kincannon, Sarah; Knopf, Payton L; Lentz, Andrew N; Sievers, Marc J; Mayo, Iris J; Reisser, Wesley J; Roberts, Kristi (Tel Aviv); Sachar, Alon (NEA/IPA); Sindle, James M; Waters, John R; Holst, Alan R; Grubb, Jason B; Levin, Jan; Honigstein, Michael D; Michaels, David G; Nelson, Timothy (Tel Aviv)
 Subject: MFA HOSTS FLOTILLA STATES AMBASSADORS

YNET 15:19, 05.27.10.

Foreign Ministry: Gaza aid flotilla can come to Ashdod

The Foreign Ministry summoned the ambassadors of Turkey, Greece, Cyprus, Sweden and Ireland, the states from which participants in the Gaza aid flotilla come from, to separate meetings in which Israel's position was clarified. Israel holds that the flotilla is a provocation and claims there is no blockade on humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip.

The Foreign Ministry invited the participants to come to Ashdod Port and unload their aid cargo, and Israel would transfer it to Gaza after security checks. The Ministry's director-general also emphasized that Israel would not allow the flotilla to reach Gaza's shores and that in keeping with Israel's local authority, the Defense Ministry had forbidden any vessels from entering Gaza.

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 Cc: Parker, Andrew C; Zeroubavely, Sandra S; Zuckerman, Eve; Husseini, Mohammad A
 Subject: RE: Former US Army Colonel and US Diplomat Joins Gaza Flotilla

Hopefully we can find out which boat she is on, along with the other Greek passengers! This is getting more confusing, the more info we find...

From: Weinfeld, Nili I
 Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 1:58 AM
 To: Greene, Elisa; Reisser, Wesley J; Richter, Kim B; Mendel, Teresa S; Davison, Kees C; Lewis, Glenn K
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This might be actually

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Thanks, Wes. Does anyone have DPOB or a middle name for her? There are too many people by the name of [Redacted] in PIERS and ACS to look her up.

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[Redacted] retired U.S. Army Reserve Colonel and former U.S. diplomat who resigned in March, 2003...

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Thanks, elisa

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Cc: Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa
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This is the additional Amcit that probably joined in Greece if we can get info on her!

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Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Frank - Our Embassy in Athens is contacting Greek authorities to find out the actual port of registration of these two ships. Although they are flying American flags, we have not been able to confirm if they are actually U.S. registered boats, or have raised the U.S. flag over foreign registered vessels (which would render the ships legally stateless).
 Wes

From: Schlereth, Frank G
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 10:12 AM
To: Sievers, Marc J; Reisser, Wesley J; Levin, Jan; Grubb, Jason B
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Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

The Israel Navy has sent me the Blog below from a AMCHL [Ann Wright] participating that indicates the two vessels are US flagged. The Israel Navy is formally requesting, and I understand the Israeli MFA has requested as well, that the USG take appropriate actions. I have been asked to provide a response to ASAP to Israel Navy leadership on USG intentions as well as USG reaction to Israel Navy intercepting US Flagged yachts. Thank you. (b)(6)

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Break the Israeli siege of Gaza or attack at sea, detention camps and deportation

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By the time you read this, we will be on the high seas of the Mediterranean (we hope the seas will not be too high).

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Our two U.S. flagged Free Gaza boats, will join two other passenger ships, a 600 passenger ship from Turkey sponsored by the Turkish humanitarian organization, İnsani Yardım Vakfı (IHH) and a 50 passenger ship from Athens sponsored by the European Campaign Against the Siege and the Greek/Swedish Ships to Gaza campaign, to sail to the shores of Gaza to break the Israeli naval blockade of the 1.5 million citizens in Gaza.

Four cargo ships from Ireland, Greece, Algeria and Turkey, will carry a total of 10,000 tons or 2 million pounds of construction materials for the housing of 50,000 made homeless during the 22 day Israeli attack on Gaza that killed 1440 Palestinians and wounded 5,000.

Many of us would like to see our boat renamed "The Audacity of Hope" as that is what we want to see from the Obama administration-- courage to challenge the Israeli government on the siege of Gaza. It would be a really brave, bold move as every U.S. presidential administration since the formation of the State of Israel in 1948 has blindly given free-rein to Israel in whatever actions it wishes to undertake no matter if the actions are a violation of international law. The carte blanche given to Israel by the United States has been dangerous for Israel's national security as well as for the national security of the United States.

Probable reaction of Israeli Navy Ships-Bow shots, ramming or boarding

In less than 48 hours, the Israeli Navy will probably fire U.S. made ammunition and rockets in international waters over the bows of two U.S. flagged boats and one Greek boat with U.S. citizens aboard as well as citizens from 13 other countries and over the bows of the Turkish 600 passenger ship.

Ironically, on one passenger ship will be [Joe Meaders], a U.S. citizen who is a survivor of the Israeli air and naval attack on a United States Navy ship, the USS Liberty, in 1967 killed 34 U.S. sailors and wounded 173. The Israeli government has never acknowledged, much less apologized for, the deaths of these sailors, nor the destruction of the USS Liberty. (b)(6)

According to Israeli media (<http://www.ipost.com/Israel/Article.aspx?id=176491>), the Israeli military is preparing for our arrival off the shores of Gaza. The Israeli navy has been practicing its plan for preventing us from docking in Gaza, a plan that probably includes demanding by radio that the ships change course away from Gaza, firing weapons in front of the ships, ramming the ships and sending well-armed boarding parties onto the ships.

Israelis prepare a detention camp

As our 8 ship flotilla prepares to depart Greece and Turkey to break the Israeli naval blockade of Gaza, the Israeli military is preparing a detention camp for the flotilla's 700 delegates from 20 countries who are passengers on four of the ships.

Those passengers include [Hedy Epstein], an 85 year old holocaust survivor, Parliamentarians from Germany and Ireland, two former diplomats from the United States, a retired U.S. Army Colonel, authors, journalists, activists, businesspersons and clergy. (b)(6)

Additionally, the military has identified a warehouse in the Ashelod area, just over Gaza's northern border that will be used to detain the 700 passengers on the 8 ships.

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Taking a page from the New York City police who put over 1500 persons into a filthy, unclean warehouse on a pier in New York City during the 2004 Republican convention, the Israeli government no doubt will make the surroundings as difficult as possible for us.

The Israeli government has extensive experience in warehousing dissent, as over 10,000 Palestinians are in Israeli jails and prisons, including juveniles who are arrested regularly in nighttime raids in villages of the West Bank.

20 passengers on the May, 2009 Free Gaza boat trying to break the siege were imprisoned for 10 days before they were deported from Israel. They included Nobel Peace Laureate Mairead Maguire and former U.S. Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney. (S)(b)

Wish us luck as we challenge the Israeli, Egyptian, European Union and United State's unlawful siege and collective punishment of 1.5 million Palestinians in Gaza!

What will you do to help break the siege of Gaza?

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Cc: Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmstrom, Todd C
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

These are the boats that Athens is aware of. Note that they do not include Challenger 1 & 2, which they are trying to track down and reportedly are flying American flags. No confirmation on the actual port of registry yet for those two boats.

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Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 7:25 AM
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Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

We are trying to get through to Piraeus harbor authorities. IN the meantime, our Consular Section received a few days ago a fax of the crewlists for the ships that purport to be in the flotilla leaving Greece. None is U.S. flagged or crewed, but none is named Challenger I or Challenger II.

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The names/nationalities of the ships we have are:

1. (unreadable) Ocean/Marshall Islands Capt. Dane, Crewed by Filipinos and two Ukrainians
2. Novorossysk Star/Malta, Capt Israeli, crewed by Bulgarians, Israells, Russians, Romanians, a Moroccan and a Filipino
3. Kyklades/Panama – Capt. Greek, crew Ukrainian, Egyptian, Sri Lanka, Ghana, etc.
4. (Resire?) Kallavan/Marshall Islands. Capt and crew are Turkish.
5. Ocean Star/Malta Capt. and crew Ukrainian
6. Shenandoah Highway/Panama – Capt. Bulgarian, crew Bulgarian and Filipino

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McKeever, Matthew X; Davison, Kees C

Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Embassy Athens colleagues:

Per conversation with the Israel desk, this issue has acquired a bit more urgency. Apparently the Greek Ambassador here in Washington contacted the Israeli Embassy to state that the vessels discussed below were flying the U.S. flag. This could pose some serious ramifications if they are registered Greek, but flying the U.S. flag. We need to know NLT Washington OOB tomorrow whether or not this is the case. Presuming the vessels departed for Piraeus, the GOG should know where the ships were registered, and whether or not they were registered to Greece when they departed (and sailing under a Greek flag).

Additionally, Embassy Tel Aviv would greatly appreciate if Embassy Athens can help determine which of the ships are carrying AmCits. I believe CA has already reached out on this.

NEA is working with L to determine what ramifications there are if the Greek vessel is indeed flying under an American flag. We'll keep you updated as that works its way forward, but so far this is what we've received from L:

"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).

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Thanks,
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I'm looping in Embassy Athens, who should be able to help out.

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Hi Wesley, I'm adding in Greece Desk officers Adam and Ilan.

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Cc: Holmstrom, Todd C; Goldberger, Thomas H
Subject: FW: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Can EUR help us confirm with the Greeks if two of the boats mentioned by our DATT in Tel Aviv are legitimately American flagged vessels or are they registered as Greek ships?

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To: Hanrahan, Richard F; Reisser, Wesley J; Baumert, Kevin A
Dolan, JoAnn; Goodman, Ilan A; Scarlatelli, Adam W; Holmstrom, Todd C;
CC: Goldberger, Thomas H; Carouso, James A; Stewart, Nan E; Allison, Alicia P;
[redacted] Mendel, Teresa S
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza
Sent: 5/27/2010 4:37:02 PM
Richard. Mike:

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Many thanks for sharing this very useful information. (Looping in CA's Teresa Mendel.)

Regards,

Terry

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Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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All,

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I just got off the phone with [redacted] the FPD Special Agent in Cyprus. He informed me that the Cypriot authorities will not allow any of the Free Gaza ships to enter any ROC port. He also believes it is unlikely that they would be allowed within the 12nm territorial sea. (b)(7)(c)

Richard

From: Netos, Eleftherios E
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 8:11 PM
To: Reisser, Wesley J; Baumert, Kevin A
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Carouso, James A; Stewart, Nan E; Allison, Alicia P; Hanrahan, Richard F
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With respect to potential steps to take with the Cypriots, do we have any information to indicate whether or not the vessels will either: 1) call on an RoC port (my understanding—corroborated by Embassy Nicosia—was that they would not do so; based on the e-mail below. I am looping in Embassy Nicosia to make them aware of your information from the IDF), or 2) whether or not the vessels will conduct their rendezvous within the 12 nm territorial sea claimed by the RoC (if they do not, there is really nothing we can expect the RoC to do, as the vessels would not be operating in their territorial waters).

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Kevin – Our DAO is working it as best he can, as is Emb Athens. Is there any specific info Coast Guard needs (make, model etc)? These are yachts, not merchant ships, so they don't have as many identifiers according to the DATT in Tel Aviv as the big boats have.

From: Baumert, Kevin A
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:15 AM
To: Baumert, Kevin A; Reisser, Wesley J
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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, Kevin

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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.

Thanks,
Kevin

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Kevin - Can we additionally find out if there are any steps we can take with the Cypriots. The Israelis have told us these two ships will stop there to refuel on the way. If we have knowledge that they are headed to a closed zone or into harms way, is there anything we can ask of that government?
Wes

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Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Kevin - 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?
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Kevin – 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!
Wes

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CC:

Subject: Turkey: SitRep 1 on Humanitarian Aid Foundation Flotilla, 12:00 pm Turkey Time

Sent: 5/31/2010 5:54:35 AM

1. (SBU) According to Turkish press sources, at approximately 4:30 a.m. on May 31, the Israeli military allegedly landed soldiers on the deck of the Turkish flag ship "Blue Marmara", while it was in international waters, between 69 and 70 miles from Israel's shore. The ship was part of the Turkish NGO Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) flotilla attempting to reach Gaza and allegedly deliver humanitarian supplies. The latest press reports indicate that shots were fired on the ship and somewhere between 10 and 16 people were killed. Israel Prime Ministry Spokesman Gendelman said that there were firearms, knives and batons on the ship, and that fire was opened against the Israeli soldiers. Gendelman reported that between eight and ten soldiers were wounded, some in serious condition.

2. (SBU) So far the press has not identified any Americans among the victims. According to Al Jazeera TV, 9 of the dead are Turkish citizens. According to the Associated Press, IHH Official Omer Faruk Korkmaz reported that Israeli soldiers are taking the ship to Haifa. IHH Headquarters in Istanbul also reported that they have lost radio contact with the flotilla. The Turkish press reported that the Israeli military jammed the flotilla's radio communication starting at 3:30 a.m. Israeli television stations have reported that the wounded -- civilians and soldiers -- were transferred to hospitals in

Ashkelon. Turkish television stations reported that preparations are underway detain some civilians in prisons.

3. (SBU) Following the intervention, the Prime Ministry established a crisis task force to follow events after 7:00 a.m. Deputy PM Bulent Arinc, Interior Minister Besir Atalay, Prime Ministry Undersecretary Efgan Ala, and Turkish General Staff Operations Commander General Mehmet Eroz are following the issue. The Turkish MFA released a strong statement that condemned the attack and protested the use of force by the Israeli Defense Forces against the civilians on the flotilla, who were from many countries and wanted to transport humanitarian assistance to the people in Gaza. It pointed out that there were women and children among the passengers, and that they had received reports so far that the intervention had caused 2 deaths and more than 30 people to be injured. It said Israel has "once again clearly demonstrated that it does not value human lives and peaceful initiatives through targeting innocent civilians." Calling the intervention an "inhuman act," it said the incident, which took place on the high seas in a gross violation of international law, "might cause irreversible consequences in our relations." It said that the Embassy in Tel Aviv would conduct initiatives to protest the event, and that the incident is being "strongly protested" in Ankara, while an explanation from the Israeli Ambassador in Ankara has been demanded at the Ministry. It said the actions against civilians conducting peaceful activities -- whatever their motives -- were unacceptable and that Israel will have to bear the consequences of the actions, which constitute a violation of international law. In closing the statement said "May God bestow His mercy upon those who lost their lives. We wish to express our condolences to the bereaved families of the deceased, and swift recovery to the wounded."

4. (SBU) [redacted] told the Ambassador that he personally could not understand how the intervention could have happened. He and others were working with the Israelis, he admitted, and they thought that they had a solution to keep everything under control. He stressed as well that there will be consequences to the intervention. He emphasized that Turks are outraged that the Israelis acted when the ships were 69 miles from Gaza, in international waters. He intimated that a solution might have been possible, or at least more understanding, were the ships intercepted as he had thought they would be closer to Gaza. The Ambassador stressed the need to protect both U.S. and Israeli diplomatic establishments from crowds of protesters in Turkey, and urged caution on any action until all of the facts were in. [redacted] in turn urged for us to ask Washington to say something critical about this operation, indicating that this would help, although the Ambassador did not respond to the request.

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5. (SBU) Israel's Ambassador to Turkey, Gaby Levi, told the Ambassador that while he had been summoned to the MFA, his residence had been blockaded by protestors and so he was unable to move. He was "under siege" at his embassy. He anticipated "the worst" from the Turks, and that there will be diplomatic consequences to the intervention. The Turkish press reported that MFA Deputy U/S Unal Cevikoz spoke to Ambassador Levi for 20 minutes, and in addition to condemning the attack, he urged Israel to send the passengers and wounded to Turkey immediately. Cevikoz also reminded Levi that Turkey preserves all its rights stemming from international law. The

Turkish press also reported that the visit of an Israeli tourist ship to Alanya port today was cancelled.

6. (SBU) There were protests in several cities Turkey against Israeli and U.S. installations. Media outlets reported that a large crowd of protestors gathered outside the Israeli Consulate in Istanbul starting at 5:00 a.m. The group had been very agitated but at the moment was calm, and had been contained by Turkish police, using water cannons and pepper gas. Mission RSOs sent SMS messages through its warden network to avoid protests in the areas around Israeli or U.S. diplomatic buildings. In Adana at approximately 1:45 a.m. a group of 30-40 protestors held a sit-in in front of the U.S. Consulate for half an hour, and another protest is expected.

7. (SBU) Turkish media outlets report that Hamas called the operation "brutal", and urgently urged the UN to interfere, while Palestinian President Abbas termed the attack as "massacre" and declared three days of mourning.

8. (SBU) Post will continue to monitor events and report as needed.

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Subject: Turkey: SitRep 2 on IHH Flotilla, 2:30 pm Turkey Time
Sent: 5/31/2010 8:16:46 AM
Attachments: Turkey: SitRep 1 on Humanitarian Aid Foundation Flotilla, 12:00 pm Turkey
Time [Turkey SitRep 1 on Humanitarian Aid Foundation Flotilla 1200 pm Turkey
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1. (SBU) In response to the intervention by the Israeli Military on the Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) flotilla, the MFA announced it will recall its ambassador to Israel, Oguz Celikkol, and will cancel three military exercises it had planned with Israel. It will also recall the Turkish Youth National Soccer Team before it plays its scheduled match. The press reported that PM Erdogan cut his trip to Latin America short and will return to Turkey today, while FM Ahmet Davutoglu is on his way to New York to request that the UN Security Council meet in an emergency session to discuss the intervention today. Ambassador Jeffrey has been summoned to the MFA today, with other Security Council Ambassadors, to hear the GOT position on the emergency session. Acting Prime

Minister Bulent Arinc said that the intervention will be a "black stain in human history," and urged Israel to lift the blockade against Gaza so that humanitarian aid may reach Gaza. Arinc equated the intervention in international waters with an act of piracy, although he ruled out sending Turkish naval forces to the region for the time being. President Gul condemned the attack, saying that Israel "deeply wounded" the international public's conscience. He urged Israeli officials to bring an end to the developments, and urged Turks to act with restraint. Turkish Grand National Assembly Speaker Mehmet Ali Sahin said that the parliament may issue a condemnation declaration.

2. (SBU) Protests against the intervention continued. In Istanbul, a crowd of protesters that had been dispersed from the Israeli Consulate moved towards Taksim Square, in the city center. The media reported that the crowd was steadily building in size, to between 5,000-10,000 people. According to press reports, many of the protesters are carrying Turkish and Palestinian flags, are chanting slogans denouncing Israel, and are reciting prayers in Arabic. The media reports that 9 of the apparent 16 dead were Turkish, and that all of them were killed on one Turkish ship, has inflamed passions here. Press pictures of the intervention have shown Israeli soldiers pointing rifles next to Turkish flags.

3. (SBU) In Adana, a number of people gathered in front of the U.S. Consulate for a peaceful protest. The Consulate local guard force estimated there were 500-700 people while the Turkish National Police (TNP) estimated there were close to 4,000. The group laid a black wreath in front of the consulate, said the U.S. is an invading country, and dispersed. The TNP cooperated very well with security staff, and sent nearly all of their branch chiefs as well as the Security Director.

4. (SBU) Turkish press reported that because of the intervention Greece canceled an air force exercise with Israel and canceled the visit of the Greek Air Force Commander, planned for June 1. According to the press, the Greek MFA said they have not received any information about the welfare of the 34 Greeks that had joined the flotilla, and protests outside the Israeli Embassy in Athens were planned for May 31 and June 1.

5. (SBU) Note: SitRep 1 incorrectly indicated that the RSO in Istanbul and Ankara sent out a warden message. RSO Adana sent a warden message regarding the protest at the U.S. Consulate, but the SMS messages in Istanbul and Ankara were sent only to the embassy intra-community regarding traffic alerts due to protests.

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Subject: Turkey: SitRep 3 on IHH Flotilla, 4:30 pm Turkey Time
Sent: 5/31/2010 9:37:53 AM

1. (SBU) At 1500 Ambassador Jeffrey and other ambassadors from UN Security Council member states were briefed by the MFA regarding the intervention by the Israeli Military on the Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) flotilla. Following this, the MFA briefed other groups of ambassadors from (1) the Organization of the Islamic Council member states, (2) EU member states, and (3) all other states. All member states received the same briefing.

2. (SBU) The MFA confirmed that FM Davutoglu is going to New York with the purpose of addressing the UN Security Council today. The Ministry put particular emphasis on calling the intervention a "gross violation of international law," handing out maps to emphasize the location of the intervention. They placed the intervention at 64 nautical miles from the northeast corner of Israel's blockade area of Gaza, which covers 20 square nautical miles from the coastline. The Ministry stressed that it reserves its rights under international law, that this "grave" action should not go without a response, and

that a response to the intervention is the responsibility of the entire international community.

3. (SBU) The Ministry also stressed that Israel bears the responsibility for the intervention, which involved an attack on innocent civilians -- including women, children and the elderly -- who were on a humanitarian mission. While Turkey has withdrawn its Ambassador to Israel for consultations. Its first priority is to determine the whereabouts and identity of the passengers who were killed or wounded in action, and it would like all of the passengers returned to Turkey as soon as possible. (Note: Withdrawing the ambassador for consultations is less dramatic than recalling him, and does not necessarily require a response from the GOI. End note.)

4. (SBU) The Ministry estimated that the Turkish registered ship that was boarded, the Mavi Marmaris, carried 560 passengers not counting the crew. The majority of those passengers (353) were Turks, though there were also citizens from 43 other nations including Algeria (33 passengers), Jordan (31), the U.K. (28), between 10-20 passengers from Malaysia, Indonesia, and Kuwait, respectively, and 3 U.S. citizens.

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Subject: Turkey: SitRep 4 on IHH Flotilla, 6:00 pm Turkey Time
Sent: 5/31/2010 11:12:24 AM

1. (SBU) A source at the Turkish newspaper Hurriyet told Post that its website carrying the U.S. statement regarding the intervention by the Israeli Military on the Humanitarian Aid Foundation (IHH) flotilla has received over 250,000 hits so far today. The statement, "The United States deeply regrets the loss of life and injuries sustained, and is currently working to understand the circumstances surrounding this tragedy" was run with other international condemnations of the intervention.

2. (SBU) Press reports of the protest in Istanbul's Taksim Square estimated the group numbered over 10,000. The group was prepared with printed banners telling Israel to leave the ships alone, and appeared well organized. Protestors burned Israeli flags and chanted anti-Israeli slogans.

3. (SBU) Post's RSO office received confirmation from the MFA that it sent a cable to all security posts in Turkey authorizing any needed additional security for both Israeli and

U.S. installations. Post requested and received additional coverage in Ankara. The shouts of protestors could be heard from the Embassy compound.

4. (U) Anti-Israeli attacks may increase. According to Anatolia News Agency, a Turkish lawyer who is allegedly a member of IHH was charged with assaulting an Israeli athlete competing in the inaugural Cycling Tour of Trakya in Tekirdag on May 31. The assailant entered the race track to try to punch the cyclist but was stopped by the police after the cyclist managed to escape the first swing. There are seven Israeli cyclists competing in the tour. Turkish press reported the Government of Israel "has advised its citizens to avoid travel to Turkey and instructed those already there to keep a low profile and avoid crowded downtown areas."

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Richter, Kim B

From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:43 AM
To: Parker, Andrew C; Zeroubavely, Sandra S
Cc: Richter, Kim B
Subject: FW: US Passenger List for Freedom Flotilla

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Andy - You might be able to reach [redacted] via the email address below.
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 10:31 AM
To: Richter, Kim B
Cc: Reisser, Wesley J
Subject: RE: US Passenger List for Freedom Flotilla

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Oh it is not that (a trust issue), it is that things are not solidified. I "get" your intentions and I will pass along info as I am able.

[redacted] says that she is out and okay. If you need to reach her, he is probaby the best way to reach her. His email is [redacted]

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Subject: RE: US Passenger List for Freedom Flotilla
Date: Wed, 2 Jun 2010 09:40:16 -0400
From: RichterKB@state.gov
To: [redacted]
CC: ReisserWJ@state.gov

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We are not sharing this information with the Israelis. We are asking for it so that the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv can be in the best position to assist any U.S. citizen aboard these ships. If you are reluctant to give us a name but know that one is aboard a ship, please at least pass that information along.

Do you know anything about the Challenger II coming from Cyprus, I believe. Are there any U.S. citizen passengers?

We can confirm that the U.S. Embassy has visited all the detainees and then informed their families about their status. Also, anyone who needed medical care was given the opportunity to get it.

Also, have you been in touch with [redacted] Is she okay? Do you have contact information that you can provide for her in Israel?

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Regards,

Kim

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 9:27 AM
To: Richter, Kim B
Cc: Reisser, Wesley J
Subject: RE: US Passenger List for Freedom Flotilla

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Hi Kim and Wesley and welcome back. I know that you are referring to the Rachel Corrie. That information is being embargoed at the moment but I promise to share as soon as I am able.

We have reports that one of the American passengers was severely beaten [redacted] I know that there are privacy concerns, but without naming names can you tell us if any American passengers are among the injured. Many thanks. [redacted]

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Subject: RE: US Passenger List for Freedom Flotilla
Date: Wed, 2 Jun 2010 09:00:23 -0400
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Do you have any information on any other boats going to Gaza within the next few days?

Thanks.

Kim

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2010 12:31 PM
To: Richter, Kim B; Reisser, Wesley J
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: US Passenger List for Freedom Flotilla

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Kim and Wesley,

I apologize for not having this information to you yet. I do have all the details (including emergency contact information) but it is still being embargoed until all the boats are departing. Some of the passengers have agreed to do the waiver and will be forwarding that. There is also a little bit of jockeying in terms of passengers because some reporters have requested to board at the last minute and they are trying to figure out how to get the seats.

I know this is the holiday weekend and people are leaving early today. If I relay it later this afternoon, should I just send them to you, or is there an after hours contact that you all want me to also cc on here.

Just let me know. Thanks for all your help and concern with the passengers and again I'm sorry there is a delay in getting this information to you. [redacted]

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PS-- There is a website up that will allow everyone to track the boats. It is www.witnessgaza.com [redacted]

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FROM: CA – Janice L. Jacobs
NEA – Jeff Feltman

SUBJECT: Free Gaza Flotilla: Status of U.S. Citizen Detainees

On June 1, 2010, consular officers visited 12 U.S. citizen detainees. Eleven were at Ella Prison in Beersheva. All were in good health and signed privacy act waivers and their families were contacted. They said they would agree to be deported and have been transferred to the airport in preparation for departure. One detainee, moderately injured in altercations with sailors at sea and with immigration police at the Port of Ashdod, refused medical treatment and was held at Givon Prison, Ramle, pending deportation; he, too, is now at the airport. Embassy Tel Aviv continues to try to locate seven possible U.S. citizens who may have been on the flotilla vessels but who are not among those detained at Ella Prison and may have been released already. Consular officers also confirmed the presence of three Pakistani nationals, per Department's request.

Consular officers report that the conditions at Ella prison are crowded, with consuls from many countries meeting with their nationals in a common space. Immigration judges have seen some of the detainees and provided deportation orders for the detainees to sign. If they sign, they agree to deportation within 72 hours. If they refuse, they are being told they could wait up to 30 days for an immigration hearing. Human rights lawyer Leah Tsemel is present and working with the Free Gaza Movement. The detainees believe they were kidnapped on the high seas, are illegally in Israel, and are being held hostage.

Many Arab-state detainees, including a Palestinian woman and a number of Kuwaitis, have asked our consular officers for assistance because they do not have consular representation. Indonesians were on the Mavi Marmara but have not been seen at Ella. The International Red Cross is present. Post will continue to provide appropriate consular assistance to any U.S. citizen involved with the flotilla.

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There are two additional vessels scheduled to approach Gaza later this week. We have no information regarding possible U.S. citizens on-board.

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Cc: Mendel, Teresa S; Reisser, Wesley J; Sievers, Marc J; Manning, Nicholas J
Subject: Re: More on [Paul Larudee]

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Istanbul flight is two hours, not three. Three planes should land in another 90 minutes approx. Turks are planning reception desks to assist pax with onward travel resv. Probably will be a PR show as well. Pax will be admitted to Turkey without visas etc while in transit. Onward travel is not covered by Israel. That was only for people who accepted immediate repat from the Port. No consular access was accorded by GOI at Ben Gurion Airport. Two or three smaller medical flights took injured to Ankara. No Amcits in that category that we have known about. I will email Larudee's wife that he is on flight to Athens. (b)(6)

From: Bernier-Toth, Michelle
To: Parker, Andrew C; Richter, Kim B; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul)
Cc: Mendel, Teresa S; Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Thu Jun 03 01:59:58 2010
Subject: RE: More on [redacted]

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Looping in Susan in Istanbul...

From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 6:58 PM
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Subject: Re: More on [redacted]

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Landing details of flights are nit known to MFA except for advice that Greek and Turkish MFAs should have details. Onward travel plans also unknown.

[redacted] is only known Amcitt on Athens flight.

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Istanbul flights include:

[redacted]

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Location unknown [redacted] (dual Irish/Amcitt)
Others believed to have left thru Allenby:

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From: Bernier-Toth, Michelle
To: Davison, Kees C; Parker, Andrew C; Richter, Kim B
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Subject: FW: More on [Paul Larudee]

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Kees: Head's up that folks from the Free Gaza flotilla may be coming your way for assistance...

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From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 6:39 PM
To: Manning, Nicholas J
Cc: Greene, David J; Reisser, Wesley, J; Richter, Kim B; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Sindle, James M
Subject: Re: More on [redacted]

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[redacted] is confirmed on the flight to Athens which should arrive in approx two hours. More to follow on others. (b)(6)

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Subject: Re: More on [redacted]

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Just spoke with MFA Situation Room. One Greek plane departed to Athens in the last hour. Three Turkish planes are about to depart to Istanbul. Total is approx 520 on those planes. Approx five or six TCNs were unable to travel and will remain in detention at the airport right now. Another five or six may still be hospitalized.

MFA will continue to check status of [redacted] and other Amcits and hopefully call me back in an hour or so. (b)(6)

All pax are going on these planes (other than people who went overland to Jordan/Egypt or who flew out earlier (eg [Peck and [redacted] They will need to connect from Greece/Turkey to onward destinations. Person property issues will become clearer in the days ahead. (b)(6)

More when available.

Andy

From: Manning, Nicholas J
To: Parker, Andrew C
Cc: Greene, David J
Sent: Wed Jun 02 23:43:21 2010
Subject: FW: More on [redacted]

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Andrew -- Anything you can pass along will be appreciated. --Nick

From: Mauer, Daniel [mailto:Daniel.Mauer@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:40 PM
To: Manning, Nicholas J
Subject: RE: More on [redacted]

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Thanks Nick. The congressman is very interested in an update on his condition, the nature of his hospitalization, when he is expected to return to the U.S., etc., as soon as any of that information becomes available. Thanks.

Daniel Mauer
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From: Manring, Nicholas J [mailto:ManringNJ@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:30 PM
To: Mauer, Daniel
Cc: Greene, David J
Subject: RE: More on [redacted]

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Dan,

I was just given this update from the Israeli Embassy here in Washington. --Nick

From: Daniel Meron [mailto:Cong@washington.mfa.gov.il]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:14 PM
To: Manring, Nicholas J
Cc: Dan Arbell
Subject: RE: DEPORTATIONS UPDATE @ CoB -- YNET

Nick,
Following our conversation I spoke to the situation room in the Israeli Foreign Office and was told that one American -- [redacted] is hospitalized and will not be leaving the country with the other Americans. I understand that your Consul in Tel-Aviv has been in touch with him.
Best,
Daniel Meron

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From: Manring, Nicholas J
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 1:08 PM
To: 'Mauer, Daniel'
Cc: Greene, David J
Subject: RE: More on [redacted]

Daniel -- I confirmed with Post that [redacted] is on the list the Israeli's provided them of those who are being taken to the airport for departure tonight/tomorrow morning. --Nick

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From: Mauer, Daniel [mailto:Daniel.Mauer@mail.house.gov]
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To: Manring, Nicholas J
Cc: Greene, David J
Subject: More on [redacted]

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Hi Nick,

I was told by [redacted] family that they've been told by the group's attorney in Israel that he, unlike the rest of the Americans still in Israel, will not be deported later tonight after all. Can you confirm whether or not your earlier e-mail that all of the Americans, including [redacted] will be released, is correct?

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Thanks,
Dan

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Richter, Kim B

From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:32 AM
To: Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa
Cc: Richter, Kim B
Subject: FW: protest re Amcit death

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Let us know of any additional material Kim or I may need on this.

From: Richter, Kim B
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:29 AM
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Reisser, Wesley J
Cc: Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Walker, Carolee B
Subject: RE: protest re Amcit death

I'm drafting the demarche cable now and you'll see it soon.

From: Bernier-Toth, Michelle
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:28 AM
To: Reisser, Wesley J; Richter, Kim B
Cc: Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria
Subject: RE: protest re Amcit death

Good. I love working with NEA.

From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:27 AM
To: Richter, Kim B
Cc: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria
Subject: FW: protest re Amcit death

NEA concurs.

From: Connelly, Maura
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:23 AM
To: Goldberger, Thomas H; Reisser, Wesley J; Holmstrom, Todd C
Cc: Sievers, Marc J
Subject: RE: protest re Amcit death

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Wes -- start work immediately on a draft instruction to Tel Aviv.. Work with CA and TA Consular Section for now and then -- after we review -- with NSC.

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Maura – you agree?

From: Reisser, Wesley J
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 8:34 AM
To: Goldberger, Thomas H; Holmström, Todd C
Subject: FW: Press report: Possible Amcit among bodies sent to Turkey

Will need to discuss this with CA.

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Thanks. Ops passed to us and we have alerted the White House. CA/P should get some press guidance out ASAP!

From: Richter, Kim B
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 7:28 AM
To: Reisser, Wesley J
Subject: FW: Press report: Possible Amcit among bodies sent to Turkey
Importance: High

Not sure if you are on the email.

Amcit killed in the Gaza Flotilla

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Importance: High

All:

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Believe the body is in Istanbul.

We have the family's cell number.

Before we contact we are going to get confirmation thru MFA ... there have been various lists ... and this is a new addition to the list of the dead.

More as this story develops.

Rich

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From: Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:55 AM
To: Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Duguid, Gordon K; Beekman, Philip M; PA FO Group; Crowley, Philip J; CA-OCS-Duty-Principals; CAPRESSREQUESTS; Miller, Andrew T; Mendel, Teresa S
Cc: SES_DutyDeputies; SES-O_SWO-Only; Appleton, Richard H
Subject: RE: WH inquiry: Press report: Possible Amcirt among bodies sent to Turkey

Hi Susan: Per Rich Appleton's email to us, the father confirmed to Rich via telcon at 1630 Ankara time that it was his son. Father IDd the body as that of his son.

From: Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul)
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:51 AM
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Duguid, Gordon K; Beekman, Philip M; PA FO Group; Crowley, Philip J; CA-OCS-Duty-Principals; CAPRESSREQUESTS; Miller, Andrew T; Mendel, Teresa S
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Hi, Michelle: Not quite. I said that Rich Appleton was going to talk with the father.
Susan

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All: Istanbul (Susan Abeyta) just alerted Ops that the father of our Amcirt has confirmed his death. We can therefore say:

We can confirm that a U.S. citizen was among those killed in the raid on the Free Gaza flotilla. Our Mission in Turkey has been in contact with the U.S. citizen's family and will provide all appropriate consular assistance.

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PA is also getting a number of queries. A/S Crowley will brief at noon, so we will also need whatever we can say about the case before then. Thanks.

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Colleagues –

The White House Situation Room just called with a request from Robert Gibbs for information on the case below (Gibbs apparently stated he was receiving media inquiries and needed more information). We briefed out the information below but did not forward the below email. We reinforced several times that no NOK notification had yet been made and this personal information is sensitive.

The Watch also called out to post to inform Mr. Appleton of the request for information. He will inform the Watch once NOK notification has been made.

Regards,

*Philip Beekman
Senior Watch Officer
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Addendum:

A large crowd is at the historic Fatih Mosque in Istanbul where all 9 bodies are presented in flag draped coffins. Extensive coverage on tv. Bodies will then be transported to their hometowns.

Correction: Father got his MBA at Rensselaer in Troy, NY ... and his PhD in Turkey thereafter.

We will call father at COB Ankara today even if there is no confirmation from MFA.

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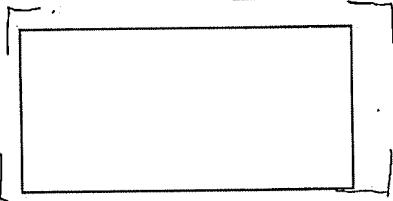
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Subject: RE: Free Gaza Flotilla Folks

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Hi, Michelle: I saw your e-mail with the list around 6:30 this morning: it came in at 2:15. We sent a conoff and les to the airport and now to the hotel where most have been sent. I spoke with [redacted] at some length around 8:30. Also with [redacted] who is fine and promised to call his children. I also spoke with Katherine Sheetz to contact her family - [redacted] will give her the numbers she needs. The following group are at the Akgun Hotel:

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[redacted] Brazilian American, decided not to go to the hotel with the group but is in Istanbul, had been on the Mavi Marmara.

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[redacted] the American we knew was on the Mavi Marmara. [redacted] told me [redacted] went off with a another group but was expected to contact her and the group at the hotel later today.

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All appear to be well.

[redacted] Israeli/American, went to Cyprus, according to [redacted]

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[redacted] dual Irish/Amcit is using her Irish passport, is here in Istanbul, according to [redacted]

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[redacted] reported that she went out through Jordan, which fits the info you provided.

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[redacted] did not know passenger [redacted]

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Israeli authorities confiscated everything except for their passports : baggage, cameras, laptops, wallets, credit cards, money.

Turkish airlines has been great: They are paying for their hotel rooms and meals.

We will be assisting if they need money transfers etc. We'll need to coordinate with colleagues in Israel to track down their belongings.

That's it for now.

Susan

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Cc: Richter, Kim B; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria
Subject: Free Gaza Flotilla Folks

Susan: These Amcits may seek assistance from y'all...don't know what they have with them in terms of passports, etc.
Landing about 5 a.m. I've just woken up your Duty Officer to see if we can pass an emergency message to [redacted] (b)(6)

From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 6:58 PM
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Davison, Kees C; Richter, Kim B
Cc: Mendel, Teresa S; Reisser, Wesley J; Sindle, James M; Manning, Nicholas J; Plott, Susan M; Zuckerman, Eve; Romero, Vincent
Subject: Re: More on [redacted] (b)(6)

Landing details of flights are not known to MFA except for advice that Greek and Turkish MFAs should have details.
Onward travel plans also unknown.

[redacted] is only known Amcic on Athens flight. (b)(6)

Istanbul flights include:

[redacted]

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Location unknown [redacted] (dual Irish/Amcic)
Others believed to have left thru Allenby:

[redacted]

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Mendel, Teresa S

From: Gallegos, Adriana M
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:27 AM
To: Mendel, Teresa S
Subject: RE: Amcit death on Turkish flotilla

This is the latest language on this.

We can confirm that a U.S.-Turkish dual national was among those killed in the raid on the Free Gaza flotilla. Our Mission in Turkey has been in contact with the family and will provide all appropriate consular assistance. Out of respect for the family we cannot further comment on this incident.

From: Mendel, Teresa S
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:25 AM
To: Gallegos, Adriana M
Subject: FW: Amcit death on Turkish flotilla

FYI

From: Brink, Bridget A. [<mailto:Bridget.A.Brink@nss.eop.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:17 AM
To: Mendel, Teresa S
Subject: FW: Amcit death on Turkish flotilla

Trying this one, thanks.

From: Brink, Bridget A.
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:17 AM
To: 'mendel@state.gov'
Cc: 'Baily, Jess L'; Kaidanow, Tina S; 'Katsoulos, Athena'
Subject: Amcit death on Turkish flotilla

Theresa,

The WH Spokesman wanted the latest guidance we can use on the Amcit death on the Turkish flotilla.

Grateful if you could forward CA's recommended guidance. Is the fact that this is now in the press mean that we can talk about it, i.e. express our condolences, etc?

Thanks.

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From: Reisser, Wesley J
 Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:37 AM
 To: Parker, Andrew C
 Cc: Appleton, Richard H; Richter, Kim B; Mendel, Teresa S; Marsh, Denise M; Bernier-Toth, Michelle
 Subject: RE: Deceased confirmed as Amcit

Andy - It can be much shorter, but we need something to the full Monitoring Group collective that confirms the death.
 Wes

From: Parker, Andrew C
 Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:13 AM
 To: Appleton, Richard H
 Cc: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Miller, Andrew T; Reisser, Wesley J; Sievers, Marc J
 Subject: RE: Deceased confirmed as Amcit

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Rich,

Of course, we all feel badly for the family and for the young man who died. It won't make the father feel any better, but if it helps now or heads off future arguments, you can let him know that many of the Amcits that Embassy Tel Aviv sought and located were Muslim Americans [redacted] We were aware from Ankara that (b)(6)

Furkan Dogon was a possible Amcit participant and raised his name every time we asked the MFA for news of Amcits.

When we did not locate him at Ella Prison with the other detainees, we continued to question MFA. On one occasion, at least, the duty officer took a call from the family directly and passed the request to CONS. We did get the Mavi

Marmara manifest on Tuesday after 5:00 p.m. when the two vice consuls were at Ella Prison and I was at Govin Prison to see [redacted] On Wednesday I reviewed the list for anyone identified as an Amcit but failed to review the 400 or so (b)(6)

names of Turks, where I would have seen Dogon listed as a Turk. The father should know that we have Muslims on staff and that two of the consular assistants who went to Ella Prison are Israeli Arabs, one Muslim and the other Christian. The family has our condolences.

Andy

From: Appleton, Richard H
 Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 4:56 PM
 To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Miller, Andrew T
 Cc: Brink, Bridget A.; Silliman, Douglas A.; Baily, Jess L; Kaidanow, Tina S; Jeffrey, James F; Duguid, Gordon K; PA FO Group; Crowley, Philip J; CA-OCS-Duty-Principals; SES_DutyDeputies; SES-O_SWO-Only; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Walker, Carolee B; CA-OCS-Special Assistant; Macray, Rosemary R; Echard, John E Jr; Giauque, Ivna; Gallegos, Adriana M; Richter, Kim B; Kazi, Pamela R; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan; Grubb, Jason B; Richter, Kim B; Amodeo, Salvatore A (Istanbul); Wiener, Sharon A (Istanbul); Dayton, Win (Istanbul); Silliman, Douglas A; Hunter, Rodney M; Leary, Thomas M; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Ogle, Karen L; Sisli, Fatih; Keen, Daniel G; Parker, Andrew C; Jeffrey, James F; Howard, Jeremiah "Jerry"; Hunter, Rodney M; Keen, Daniel G; Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul); de Otalvaro, Laura H; Abeyta, Susan K (Istanbul); Combs, James D; Dicker, Craig L; Lawrence, Suzanne I; SES-O_SWO; SES-O_OPS-WatchTeam; Marsh, Denise M; Mendel, Teresa S; Darnell, Daria L; Combs, James D; Gisvold, Lisa C (Istanbul); Morrissey, Karen M (Istanbul)
 Subject: Deceased confirmed as Amcit
 Importance: High

At 1630hrs Ankara time I talked to Ahmet DOGAN, the father of Furkan DOGAN, by phone. He had just loaded the body of his son on the plane in Istanbul bound for Kaiserli. He confirmed to me that he had identified the body was his son's.

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He was very emotional. Stressing the lad was just 19 years old. He said his son was fired at five times from very close range...and that he was unarmed.

He asked that I pass the following back to Washington:

The US government didn't do anything to locate my child and was it because this child was a Muslim? "My child was first wounded and then he was killed by a firing squad. He died of gunshots fired very closely to him and he didn't have any weapons in his hands. He received 5 gunshots from close range".

He said that he is really saddened and he wanted to know what the US government will do perceptibly regarding this issue.

The father agreed to pass this information back to Washington, but did not give specific release under the Privacy Act beyond simply that.

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SUBJECT: ARREST, CASE OF [REDACTED]

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1. NAME: [REDACTED]

2. SEX: [REDACTED]

3. DPOB: [REDACTED]

4. PASSPORT:

5. OTHER NATIONALITIES, IF ANY, AND HOW ACQUIRED: [REDACTED] via her mother

USUAL COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: [REDACTED]

6. LAST KNOWN U.S. ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: May 31, 2010, Ashdod Port

8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: Good, said she was tired.

9. CHARGES: Unspecified.

10. PLACE OF DETENTION: Ella Detention Center, Beer Sheva

11. JUDICIAL STATUS: Deported

12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE:

13. POSSIBLE SENTENCE: Deportation

14. ATTORNEY: No.

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15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: On 06/01/10, subject signed PAW to include

16. NOK:

17. NOTIFICATION: On 05/31/10, Post received notification of subject's arrest by the MFA.

18. ACCESS: On 06/01/10, Conreps visited subject at the Ella Detention Center, Beer Sheva. First visit to date.

19. OTHER AMERICANS ARRESTED: Yes. Fifteen Amcits in total that Post is currently aware of were arrested/detained on 05/31/2010 at the Ashdod Port. Subject and the other Amcits were passengers on a flotilla of 6 ships attempting to enter Gaza (see septels).

21. PROPERTY CONFISCATED: Four mobile phones, Sony laptop, D90 Canon camera, wallet, clothes.

22. JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS: N/A

23. EMDA: N/A

24. REMARKS: She was healthy but complained of being tired and hungry. She was worried that her mother might be worried about her.

25. ADVISING NOK OR OTHERS: NOK Notified by CONOFF on 06/01/2010

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TAGS: CASC, IS [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ARREST, CASE OF [REDACTED]

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REF: A) JERUSALEM 000503; B) 2009 TEL AVIV 001426

1. NAME: [REDACTED]

2. SEX: [REDACTED]

3. DPOB: [REDACTED]

4. PASSPORT: 016998380, issued November 18, 2008

5. OTHER NATIONALITIES, IF ANY, AND HOW ACQUIRED: [REDACTED]

USUAL COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE: U.S.

NATIONALITY OF PASSPORT USED TO ENTER COUNTRY OF ARREST:

6. LAST KNOWN U.S. ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

7. DATE/PLACE OF ARREST: May 31, 2010, Ashdod, Port

8. CONDITION OF ARRESTEE: unknown

9. CHARGES: unknown

10. PLACE OF DETENTION: PLACE OF DETENTION UNKNOWN

11. JUDICIAL STATUS: released

12. TRIAL/HEARING DATE: none

14. ATTORNEY: No.

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15. PRIVACY ACT WAIVER: none

16. NOK: [REDACTED]

17. NOTIFICATION: Post was aware of subject's participation on the flotilla.

18. ACCESS: none

19. OTHER AMERICANS ARRESTED: Yes. Fifteen Amcits in total that Post is currently aware of were arrested/detained on 05/31/2010 at the Ashdod Port. Subject and the other Amcits were passengers on a flotilla of 6 ships attempting to enter Gaza (see septels).

24. REMARKS: [REDACTED] Post checked on numerous occasions with the MFA as to subject's whereabouts, but was unable to obtain information on subject directly from the MFA.

[REDACTED] contacted Post on June 3, 2010, and advised that subject was released from GOI custody and is currently in Ramallah, West Bank, though he has not provided contact details for subject in Ramallah.

According to the Detroit Free Press reports, subject was released on June 1, 2010 and, according to her husband, was allegedly punched by an Israeli commando and elbowed in the face by Israeli authorities while in the detention center. Post has been unable to reach subject for comment but has requested her husband pass on a message to contact Post directly. [REDACTED] has advised Post that he will pass on the message.

25. ADVISING NOK OR OTHERS: Post has had email communication with NOK.

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From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 8:39 AM
To: Appleton, Richard H
Cc: Ogle, Karen L; Reisser, Wesley J; Honigstein, Michael D; Richter, Kim B
Subject: FW: Flotilla figures now

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Latest from Israeli MFA.

Additionally, we've been trying to check if any of the six still-hospitalized IDF commandos are Amcits.

From: Zuckerman, Eve
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 3:36 PM
To: Parker, Andrew C
Cc: Greene, Elisa; Tanus, George; Zeroubavely, Sandra S
Subject: RE: Flotilla figures now

Spoke with Rachel Shani. She confirmed that there are only three flotilla passengers in hospital - one Indonesian and two Turks. No one is in custody.

From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 1:22 PM
To: Greene, Elisa; Tanus, George; Zuckerman, Eve
Subject: FW: Flotilla figures now

Can we inquire of MFA whether any flotillites are still in hospital or custody, and what nationalities they have?

From: Appleton, Richard H
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 11:08 AM
To: Silliman, Douglas A; Parker, Andrew C
Cc: Ogle, Karen L
Subject: FW: Flotilla figures now

Thanks... that would be helpful
Rich

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From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 11:06 AM
To: Appleton, Richard H
Cc: Ogle, Karen L; Greene, Elisa; Zuckerman, Eve; Tanus, George
Subject: RE: Flotilla figures now

Rich,

At this point we are not aware of any flotilla Amcits in custody. One, [redacted] was released locally as she is a dual citizen. She is probably still in Israel or the West Bank. We were told by MFA yesterday that some flotilla participants

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were still in hospital. There may be some in custody that we do not know about. We can check further for more information and get back to you.

Andy

From: Appleton, Richard H
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 10:50 AM
To: Parker, Andrew C
Cc: Ogle, Karen L; Greene, Elisa
Subject: Flotilla figures now

Andrew:

How many flotilla folk are left in Israel? Breakdown by Turks, Americans, others?

This would be helpful to us here.

Thx

Rich

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From: Reisser, Wesley J
To: Richter, Kim B
Subject: FW: Report from Embassy Nicosia on Challenger II and III
Sent: 6/4/2010 8:43:37 AM

From: Riley, Robert J
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 3:53 PM
To: Gaza Flotilla Monitoring Group
Cc: Cohen, Jonathan R; EUR-SE-DAR-DL; Kaidanow, Tina S
Subject: Report from Embassy Nicosia on Challenger II and III

I just got off the phone with Embassy Nicosia, which we asked to check into the reports a ship may have departed Limassol, Cyprus possibly ert Gaza. Embassy spoke directly with Cypriot Marine Police, which reported the following:

- Challenger III remains in Limassol, is seriously damaged and will take an estimated month to repair. There are currently no captain, crew or passengers aboard the ship. As they have stated previously, Cypriots have no intention of allowing ship depart for Gaza.
- Challenger II, a different ship, is damaged and anchored in the Med outside of Cypriot territorial waters. Cypriot marine police do not believe it is seaworthy.
- Previously, upon learning of the Challenger III's potential for involvement with the Gaza Flotilla, Embassy Consular Officers asked Cypriot authorities for a briefing on the ship's status, crew and passengers to protect any Amcits potentially aboard. It was then that the Cypriots informed Embassy that there were no Amcits on board and the GoC had no intention of allowing the ship to depart for Gaza. Embassy officers of course agreed with the GoC's course of action and thanked them for the briefing.

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From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 9:22 AM
To: Miller, Andrew T; Mendel, Teresa S; Appleton, Richard H; Richter, Kim B; Walker, Carolee B
Cc: Greene, Carrie P; Ogle, Karen L
Subject: RE: THIS MORNING'S TASKING

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From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 10:58 AM
To: Sievers, Marc J; Levin, Jan
Cc: Burnett, David R; Grubb, Jason B; Palm, Robert H; Hoyer, Kurt J; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Today's Guidance

Greene, Elisa; (b)(7)(C) B7(C)

Our consular assistant, [REDACTED], visited the morgue at 10:50 a.m. on June 1, and met with [REDACTED]. He showed her frontal photos of nine men taken from the shoulders up. They compared the photos with photos [REDACTED] had from PIERS of fifteen Americans we had not yet located. None of them appeared to match. None of the men in the photos showed evidence of bullet wounds, damage or distortion, except for some bruises and hematomas. While returning to the Embassy, [REDACTED] received a call from ACS chief Elisa Greene who had just received information about another possible Amcit, Furkan Dogan. Elisa described the man from the PIERS record and [REDACTED] reviewed the photo in person on return to the Embassy. There did not appear to be any similarity with the photos she had seen.

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We had no further contact with the morgue until today, when [REDACTED] again spoke with [REDACTED]. He reported that all bodies had gunshot wounds, but he could not confirm that any of the bodies showed evidence of four entry wounds. He suspected that some wounds were exit wounds. He noted that the Turkish government had requested that the morgue not conduct autopsies or take fluids from the remains, so only superficial evaluations were made. He noted that he had limited contact with the Turkish embassy, all initiated by the morgue, and that he found them uncooperative and at no time did they provide assistance with identification by forwarding documents or photographs of their citizens. None of the bodies were ID'd prior to sending them to Turkey and no official causes of death were determined. However, he did say that one of the bodies did fit the description of a 19-year old.

The conversation with [REDACTED] today as limited as he was in the midst of an autopsy. He said he would be willing to talk later if we require additional information.

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From: Miller, Andrew T
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 3:58 PM
To: Mendel, Teresa S; Appleton, Richard H; Parker, Andrew C; Richter, Kim B; Walker, Carolee B
Cc: Greene, Carrie P; Ogle, Karen L
Subject: RE: THIS MORNING'S TASKING

Folks,

[REDACTED] Call into the Ops center and we'll get hooked up. Copying other ACS players in case the chiefs are tied up. Posts, feel free to add in any LES that have relevant info. Thanks, Andy.

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From: Mendel, Teresa S
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 8:27 AM
To: Appleton, Richard H; Parker, Andrew C; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Richter, Kim B; Walker, Carolee B
Cc: Miller, Andrew T

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Subject: FW: THIS MORNING'S TASKING
Importance: High

All,
Andy has suggested we convene a conference call to outline our response to this tasking. Are you available now?

Teresa

From: Gallegos, Adriana M
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 8:01 AM
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Richter, Kim B; Kazi, Pamela R; Lopatkiewicz, Viktoria; Walker, Carolee B; Mendel, Teresa S
Cc: CA-OCS-Special Assistant; Echard, John E Jr; Macray, Rosemary R; Giauque, Ivna
Subject: THIS MORNING'S TASKING
Importance: High

I know we answered many of these questions yesterday but what new updates can we add about the deceased Amcit?

CA / EUR / NEA / TURKEY / IS/PAL: What updates do have on the deceased AmCit? Do we have a better idea on the nature of his death? Can we confirm the reports of four gunshots to the head? How many times have we seen the body? Who has seen the body? Where is the body now? Who or what organization on the American side is investigating the death? When and at what level was our last communication with the Turkish government on this?

From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 3:35 PM
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Macray, Rosemary R; Jeffrey, James F; Marsh, Denise M; Silliman, Douglas A; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T; Greene, Elisa
Cc: Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S; CAPRESSREQUESTS; Sievers, Marc J
Subject: Re: FOLLOW-UP Qs from Spokesman's Daily Briefing

Some points of interest:

[redacted] at Abu Kabir (the TLV morgue) told our Cons Asst that were under strict orders from the Turkish govt not to do autopsies that involved intrusive procedures or the drawing of blood. He also said they had zero contact from the Turkish embassy with respect to identification of remains. Our asst saw photos of nine victims. None looked like he was damaged greatly as if he had taken four bullets to the head.

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From: Parker, Andrew C
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Macray, Rosemary R; Jeffrey, James F; Marsh, Denise M; Silliman, Douglas A; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T; Greene, Elisa
Cc: Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S; CAPRESSREQUESTS
Sent: Thu Jun 03 21:38:02 2010
Subject: Re: FOLLOW-UP Qs from Spokesman's Daily Briefing

Our consular assitant, who has training in identification of remains, went to the morgue with color photos from PIERS files of all Amcits we were aware of but had not yet located. She was not given access to the morgue but was shown color photos of the deceased. None matched our records. On her return to the Embassy we had learned of Mr Dogon. She looked at his PIERS photo and did not believe it matched any of the photos she saw. At this time we do not know absolutely that the photos she saw included one of Mr Dogan. No other USG official was present.

From: Bernier-Toth, Michelle
To: Macray, Rosemary R; Jeffrey, James F; Marsh, Denise M; Silliman, Douglas A; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T; Parker, Andrew C; Greene, Elisa

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Cc: Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S; CAPRESSREQUESTS
Sent: Thu Jun 03 21:14:15 2010
Subject: RE: FOLLOW-UP Qs from Spokesman's Daily Briefing

The family identified the remains of Furkan Dogan and reported his death to the U.S. Embassy in Ankara. A consular official visited the morgue in Tel Aviv. This was before we learned that Mr. Dogan was on the flotilla, however. The consular official reviewed Mr. Dogan's PERS record and did not think his remains were among those at the morgue (right, Andy P and Elisa?)
Dogan's PERS record shows POB as Troy, NY.

From: Macray, Rosemary R
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:11 PM
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Jeffrey, James F; Marsh, Denise M; Silliman, Douglas A; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T
Cc: Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S; CAPRESSREQUESTS
Subject: FOLLOW-UP Qs from Spokesman's Daily Briefing

Follow-up question from the Spokesman's daily briefing.

CA/NEA: What U.S. official viewed the body of the dual-national American citizen who was killed in the Gaza flotilla incident?

Can we confirm that it was a consular official who went to the morgue in Israel in an attempt to identify deceased AmCits and that at the time the body of Mr. Dogan could not be identified? (Were there representatives of any other USG agency present?)

Did anyone else from the USG view the body again after that morgue visit – either in Israel or Turkey?

Ultimately it was his father who ID'd his son, right?

Also, the Spokesman said that Mr. Dogan was born in Troy, NY (which I think was his extrapolation from the father's studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic). Can we confirm the city of birth please?

*Rosemary Macray
Media Unit Chief
Office of Policy Coordination and Public Affairs (CA/P)
U.S. Department of State
(202) 647-1488*

From: Bernier-Toth, Michelle
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:12 PM
To: Jeffrey, James F; Marsh, Denise M; Silliman, Douglas A; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T; Macray, Rosemary R
Cc: Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S
Subject: RE: Contact with Father of Deceased Amcit

Amb. Jeffrey:

We just got off a call with the NSC in which we hashed out the USG's public statement – we'll get you the guidance that PJ Crowley will use vis a vis whether the USG is going to investigate, in case you need it.
Michelle

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From: Jeffrey, James F
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:32 AM
To: Marsh, Denise M; Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Silliman, Douglas A; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T
Cc: Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S
Subject: RE: Contact with Father of Deceased Amcit

As predicted. I'll call. JJ

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From: Marsh, Denise M
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 6:25 PM
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Silliman, Douglas A; Jeffrey, James F; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T
Cc: Baily, Jess L; Riley, Robert J; Kaidanow, Tina S
Subject: Re: Contact with Father of Deceased Amcit

From: Marsh, Denise M
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Silliman, Douglas A; Jeffrey, James F; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T
Sent: Thu Jun 03 11:24:31 2010
Subject: Re: Contact with Father of Deceased Amcit

Thanks Michelle - looping in others.

From: Bernier-Toth, Michelle
To: Marsh, Denise M; Silliman, Douglas A; Jeffrey, James F; Appleton, Richard H; Hickey, Mary E; Miller, Andrew T
Sent: Thu Jun 03 11:16:10 2010
Subject: Contact with Father of Deceased Amcit

Dear All:

I recommend that Amb. Jeffrey contact Mr. Dogan to reiterate the Department's condolences and explain the efforts that Embassy Tel Aviv went to (as outlined in an email from Andy Parker to Rich and myself) to locate his son among the activists.

It would be entirely appropriate, and I'm sure welcome, for such a message to come from the Ambassador.

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Richter, Kim B

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From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 9:50 AM
To: Miller, Andrew T; Richter, Kim B
Cc: Greene, Elisa
Subject: RE: background on Furkan Dogan notification of death

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Eve just spoke with [redacted] the chief medical examiner of Israel. Before clamming up and referring her to the Min. of Defense, he said that Dogan had two bullet wounds, one to the right cheek and one to the head (not specified where). He did say there were NO shots to the back of the head.

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From: Parker, Andrew C
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 4:10 PM
To: 'bbrink@nsc.eop.gov'; Marsh, Denise M
Cc: Sievers, Marc J
Subject: FW: background on Furkan Dogan notification of death

Per tel/con: Background information. Recommend not for distribution outside the USG as is.

From: Zuckerman, Eve
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 2:48 PM
To: Greene, Elisa; Parker, Andrew C
Subject: RE: background on Furkan Dogan notification of death

In response to para 4, I would like to affirm that immediately upon my return to the Embassy, I reviewed the PIERS photo (one photo) and told Elisa Green that he did not appear to resemble any of the nine headshots that I had seen at the morgue.

*Eve Zuckerman
Consular Assistant
US Embassy, Tel Aviv*

From: Greene, Elisa
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 2:44 PM
To: Parker, Andrew C
Cc: Zuckerman, Eve
Subject: background on Furkan Dogan notification of death

Andy, further to your email:

- At 11:13AM on 01 June 2010, Daniel Keen, Ankara Vice Consul, sent me an email asking if we knew anything about Amcit Furkan DOGAN, as his parents believed he was on the flotilla.
- As I was at the interviewing window and in the middle of passport and CRBA interviews, I didn't see the email until approximately 11:30am. I then called Johnny Sakran, Susan Plott, and Jason Green (whom I had spoken to a few minutes earlier who said they were about to enter the Ella Prison in Beer Sheva and would be turning off their phones momentarily) but none answered. (If you need the exact time of the call, we can wait until the phone bill comes out.)

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- o I then responded to Daniel Keen at 11:33am, stating that I was unable, at that moment, to ask my staff at the Ella Prison in Beer-Sheva to ask about Mr. Dogan because they had already entered the compound and had surrendered their telephones to the prison guards.
- o I then called [redacted] from ext. 7649 (window 5) at approximately 11:35AM to tell her that we had another Amcit, a Turkish-American named Furkan Dogan, and that I was concerned that he was amongst the dead, particularly since the dead were reported to have been Turkish citizens. (If you need the exact time of the call, we can wait until the phone bill comes out.) [redacted] said she was in an Embassy vehicle en route to the Embassy, returning from the Institute of Forensic Medicine in Abu Kabir (the morgue) and had already seen nine headshots of the deceased. I described Mr. Dogan to [redacted] over the phone, stating that he was young looking, eighteen years old, with a clean complexion, brown hair, protruding ears, olive-skinned. [redacted] said that while there was an unidentified man in his 20's to 30's, the man I described did not meet the description of the man that Eve had seen, who had reddish hair. I asked [redacted] to return to work and review the PIERS photos that I had emailed her to see if this was the same man. [redacted] said she would.
- o After I hung up with [redacted] I then emailed Daniel Keen again, cc-ing Fatih Sisli, Eve, Sandra, George, and you, at 11:37AM. In my email, I stated: "Doesn't appear to be amongst the dead—one of my staff just returned from the morgue."
- o I then added Mr. Dogan to the Amcit flotilla spreadsheet. Before leaving for the day, I sent the updated spreadsheet via email to Consular Staff, at 12:08 PM. Shortly thereafter, I left for the day on sick leave, and then returned to work Friday morning, 04 June 2010.

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Please see attached documents. Thanks, elisa

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Cc: Burnett, David R; Grubb, Jason B; Palm, Robert H; Hoyer, Kurt J; [redacted]
Zuckerman, Eve
Subject: RE: Today's Guidance

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Our consular assistant, [redacted] visited the morgue at 10:50 a.m. on June 1, and met with [redacted] He showed her frontal photos of nine men taken from the shoulders up. They compared the photos with photos Eve had from PIERS of fifteen Americans we had not yet located. None of them appeared to match. None of the men in the photos showed evidence of bullet wounds, damage or distortion, except for some bruises and hematomas. While returning to the Embassy, [redacted] received a call from ACS chief Elisa Greene who had just received information about another possible Amcit, Furkan Dogan. Elisa described the man from the PIERS record and [redacted] reviewed the photo in person on return to the Embassy. There did not appear to be any similarity with the photos she had seen.

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We had no further contact with the morgue until today, when [redacted] again spoke with [redacted]. He reported that all bodies had gunshot wounds, but he could not confirm that any of the bodies showed evidence of four entry wounds. He suspected that some wounds were exit wounds. He noted that the Turkish government had requested that the morgue

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not conduct autopsies or take fluids from the remains, so only superficial evaluations were made. He noted that he had limited contact with the Turkish embassy, all initiated by the morgue, and that he found them uncooperative and at no time did they provide assistance with identification by forwarding documents or photographs of their citizens. None of the bodies were ID'd prior to sending them to Turkey and no official causes of death were determined. However, he did say that one of the bodies did fit the description of a 19-year old.

The conversation with [redacted] today as limited as he was in the midst of an autopsy. He said he would be willing to talk later if we require additional information.

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June 4, 2010

U.S. Citizen Death on the Free Gaza Flotilla

Key Message

- As Secretary Clinton reiterated yesterday, "Protecting the welfare of American citizens is a fundamental responsibility of our government and one that we take very seriously."
- Our Mission in Turkey has been in contact with the family of deceased U.S.-Turkish dual national Furkan Dogan (Dough-un). Our Ambassador to Turkey, Jim Jeffrey, as well as the Consul General have spoken with Mr. Dogan's father and expressed our condolences and conveyed offers of consular assistance to the family.
- We also continue to assist a third American hospitalized in Jerusalem, Emily Henochowicz, who was seriously injured during a subsequent protest at one of the entry points into Gaza.
- We are in contact with the Israeli government to obtain more information.
- We expect the Israeli government to conduct a prompt, impartial credible and transparent investigation that meets international standards. We are open to all possible methods to ensure a credible investigation, including international participation. We will continue to discuss these ideas with the Israelis and our international partners in the days ahead.

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- As the Secretary said, while Israel has legitimate security needs, the situation in Gaza is unacceptable and unsustainable. This difficult situation requires careful, thoughtful responses from all concerned. This is something that we are looking into with all our international partners.

Details of U.S. Citizen Death

- Mr. Dogan's father identified his son's remains when they were repatriated to Turkey.
- The Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed his death and dual citizenship to our Embassy in Ankara.
- A funeral took place today in Turkey. We will provide no further details out of respect for the family.

If asked:

- We have made no decisions at this point on any U.S. Government actions.

The arrest of an Amcit at a Demonstration

- We received information from the Free Gaza Movement regarding the arrest of a U.S. citizen. Our consular officials in Jerusalem are seeking additional information and will provide consular assistance as necessary.

Background for the Briefer Only:

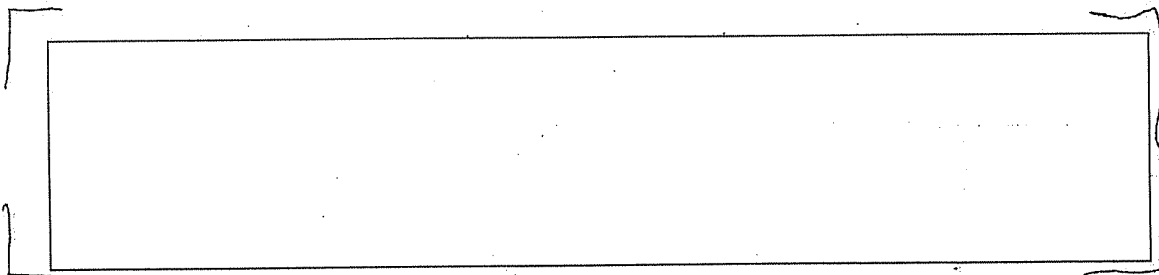
On June 1, Mr. Dogan's family notified the Embassy in Ankara that Furkan was aboard the Mavi Marmara. This information was passed to Embassy Tel Aviv. Consular officials in Tel Aviv sought to locate Mr. Dogan at the morgue and among detainees at the Ella prison, all the while seeking assistance from the Israeli Foreign Ministry. Before Mr. Dogan could be located, the media reported his death on June 2.

Born in Troy, NY, Mr. Dogan was 19 years old at the time of his death.

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