Below is a quick summary of what we understand to be the present state of the CHALLENGER II matter. Please let me know if you require or desire additional information or background.

Although the precise information is currently inconsistent and our confidence in the facts remains substantially less than 100%, below are the key facts as we presently understand them:

CHALLENGER II is a vessel of the United States, which is registered in the state of Delaware.

It is owned and operated by a company named Western Mediterranean Tours LLC, of Wilmington, DE.

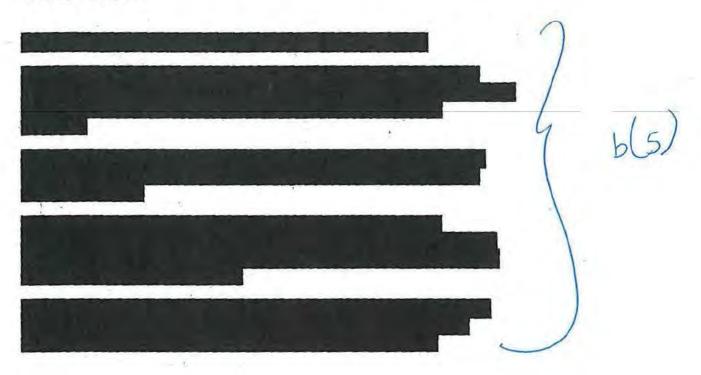
According to multiple open source news reports, it is in its present general location for the purpose of participating in the Gaza Flotilla.

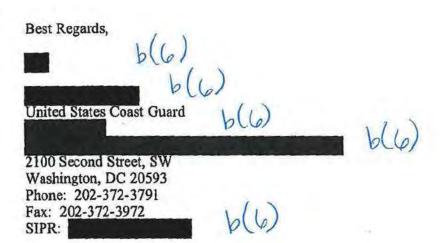
There is information (including a Greek customs document) suggesting that CHALLENGER II may be operating in contravention of US vessel inspection laws and the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS).

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

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

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





From: Kenyon, John S CAPT Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:54 AM To: Shaw, Adam J CAPT; Subject: FW: Challenger II briefing document Attachments: Challenger II Briefing.doc; FW: CHALLENGER II - Gaza Flotilla ----Original Message----From: Christensen, Eric CAPT Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:48 PM To: Stroh, Lincoln CAPT Kaser, Richard CAPT; Kenyon, John S CAPT; Cc: Kenney, Frederick CAPT Subject: Challenger II briefing document Lincoln,

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

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

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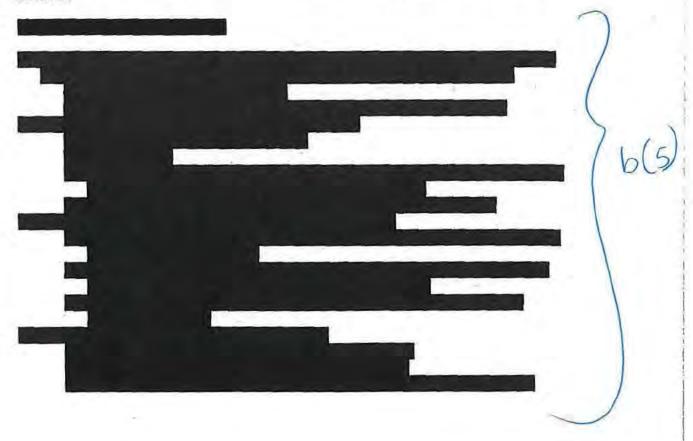
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Subj: Preliminary Briefing Document on Challenger I and Challenger II

I. Current Situation:

- The Challenger I and Challenger II are being operated by the Free Gaza Movement for the purpose of:
 - a. Breaking the siege of Gaza;
 - b. Raise international awareness about the prison-like enclosure of the Gaza Strip;
 - c. Pressure the international community to review its sanctions policy and end its support for continued Israeli occupation; and,
 - d. To force the U.S. Government to intervene should the Challenger I and Challenger II be seized by Israeli authorities.

Sources: (1) The Free Gaza Movement website, http://www.freegaza.org/ accessed on 03 June 2010. (2) 'As American as Apple Pie' press release from The Free Gaza Movement, http://www.freegaza.or/en/home/press-releases/1189-as-american-as-apple-pie

2. The Challenger I and Challenger II are part of a Freedom Flotilla that is on its way to deliver 10,000 tons of supplies to Gaza.

Source: 'As American as Apple Pie' press release from The Free Gaza Movement, http://www.freegaza.or/en/home/press-releases/1189-as-american-as-apple-pie accessed on 03 Jun 2010.

Records for the Challenger I and Challenger II are not located within the USCG MISLE database under their present names. Any previous names are not known.

Source: (1) MISLE Search by ACTEUR. b(6)

 The Challenger I and Challenger II appear to be registered in the State of Delaware, and hold the registration numbers DL8171AC and DL8172AC.

Source: Government of Greece General Directorate of Customs and Excise forms.

5. The provisions of 33 CFR 173.77(d) state the following: "A certificate of number is invalid 60 days after the day on which the vessel is no longer principally used in the State where the certificate was issued."

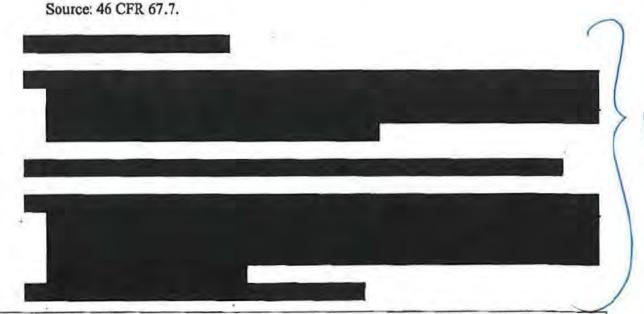
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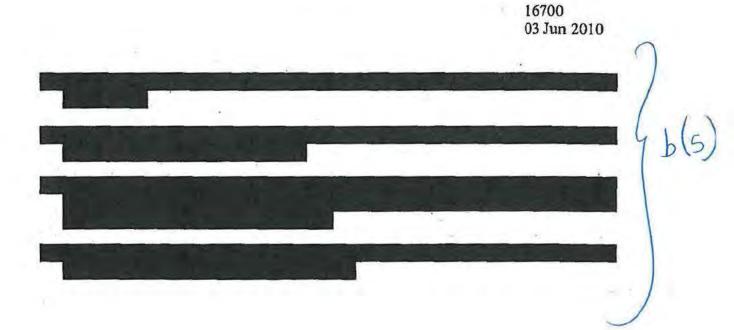
- It is presently unknown how long the Challenger I and Challenger II have been principally used outside of the State of Delaware.
- 7. The Challenger I and Challenger II are each carrying approximately twenty passengers.
 - Sources: (1) Pireaus [Greece] Port Authority Port Police 'Passenger and Crew List' forms.
- 8. There is no evidence known to ACTEUR which indicates that the passengers have provided consideration for their carriage.
 - Sources: (1) The Free Gaza Movement 'Passenger Form,' http://freegaza.org/application-form-accessed 03 June 2010; (2) The Free Gaza Movement 'Passenger-notice,' http://freegaza.org/en/join-in/passenger-notice; (3) 46 USCA Chapter 33.
- 9. In so much that the Challenger I and Challenger II are carrying passengers on an international voyage, the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), are applicable, most notably the provisions of Chapters 3 and 5, subject to tonnage exclusions. Compliance status is suspect, though unverified. To the extent which SOLAS applies, and if the vessel to be determined a U.S. vessel, then relevant SOLAS Certificates would need to be issued by the U.S. as flag state.

Source: The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended.

 The provisions of 46 CFR 67.7 do not require the Challenger I and Challenger II to be documented.



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MV CHALLENGER I (aka SAMOUD)

Current Owner

Western Mediterranean Trips LLC Challenger I 3511 Silverside Road; Suite 105 Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (302) 447-9800

Current Registration

State of Delaware effective April 1, 2010
Pleasure Vessel
Registration number DL8171AC
State of Principal Use - Delaware
No USCG Certificate of Documentation (pending NVDC confirmation)

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Previous Name and Registration Details

GOLDEN FLAME Republic of Greece Nov 21, 200 [last digit illegible] – March 23, 2010 Registration Number 7024 Passenger/Tourist Vessel

Previous Owner



The vessel was sold to Western
Mediterranean Trips LLC on
February 24, 2010 for 130,000
(euro) free of liens. It was accepted
for transfer by
on behalf of WMT.
is
an Australian school teacher and a
human rights activist. Free Gaza
Movement web site states that she
will remain in Gaza to report upon
the flotilla.

http://www.freegaza.org/en/home /56-news/606-passengers-listdignity-has-left-cyprus

Hull Number

DLZ12704D710

Construction

Cantieri Di Livorno, Italy 1977 Wood Hull Inboard 1300 hp (2 X 650 MDE)

Two Propellers ABS A1 Yacht

Dimensions

Length Overall: 66 ft

Breadth: 11 ft Depth: 7 ft Gross Tons: 73 Net Tons: 58 6(6)

MV CHALLENGER II (possible aka AMAL)

Current Owner

Western Mediterranean Trips Plus LLC 3511 Silverside Road; Suite 105 Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (302) 447-9800

Current Registration

State of Delaware effective April 1, 2010
Pleasure Vessel
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State of Principal Use - Delaware

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Previous Name and Registration Details

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Honduras

October 14, 2002 – March 18, 2010 Registration Number RHL-04392

Pleasure Vessel

Previous Owner

Anmar Shipping Company S. DE R.L. C/O 10, Dimaki Street Athens, Greece The vessel was sold to Western
Mediterranean Trips Plus LLC on
March 4, 2010 for 120,000 (euro)
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Hull Number

DLZ12705D710 (sequential hull number to CHALLENGER I)

Construction

Cantieri Di Livorno, Italy 1977

Wood Hull

Inboard 2400 hp (2 X 1200 MDE)

Dimensions

Length Overall: 69 ft

Breadth: 19 ft Depth: 10 ft Gross Tons: 128 Net Tons: 95 .11

MV CHALLENGER III (possible aka AMAL)

Current Owner

Western Mediterranean Trips Gold Plus LLC 3511 Silverside Road; Suite 105 Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (302) 447-9800

Current Registration

State of Delaware effective April 1, 2010

Pleasure Vessel

Registration number DL8175AC

No USCG Certificate of Documentation (pending

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Previous Name and Registration Details

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Cyprus June 16, 2009 - December 15, 2009

Spetses (Greece) 1978-2009 Registration Number SV 4925

Pleasure Yacht

Previous Owner

Blue Hive Company Limited 122 Athalassis, 1st Floor Strovolos P. C. 2024 Nicosia, Cyprus The vessel was sold to Western
Mediterranean Trips LLC during
March 2010 for 100,000 (euro) free
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http://www.freegaza.org/en/boattrips/passenger-lists/67-eighthtrip-to-gaza/932-fathi-jaouadi

Hull Number

DLZ12706D701

Construction

Lekkas Ioannis, Greece 1977

Wood Hull

Inboard 365 hp

Dimensions

Length Overall: 68 ft

Breadth: 18 ft Depth: 8 ft

Gross Tons: 56 Net Tons: 25 b(6)

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Results for Vessel: No Data

Hull ID Number: DLZ12705D710

Registration Number: DL8172AC

Registration Authority: DE - DELAWARE

Registration Type: State Registered

Owner Information

Primary Owner Name: Western Mediterranean Trips

Date of Birth: No Data

SSN: No Data

Individual Tax Identification Number No Data

Tax Identification Number (TIN): No Data

State ID Number: No Data

Drivers License Number: No Data

Party Type: Business/Organization

Owner Address: Silverside Rd Challenger II3511

City: Wilmington

State: DE

County: New Castle

Zip Code: 19810 - 4822

Secondary Owners

Second Party Owner Name: PLUS LLC

Third Party Owner Name: No Data

Secondary Address Information

Address: No Data

City: No Data

State: No Data

Zip Code: No Data - XXXX

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Vessel Information

Vessel Name: No Data

Primary Use: Pleasure

Registration Certificate Effective Date: April 1, 2010

Registration Certificate Expiration Date: No Data

Registration Certificate Status: Active

Vessel Manufacturer/Make: No Data

Model Year/Year Built: 1977

Length in Ft/In: 66' 8"

Vessel Type: No Data

Hull Material: Wood

Engine Drive Type: Inboard

Propulsion Type: Propeller

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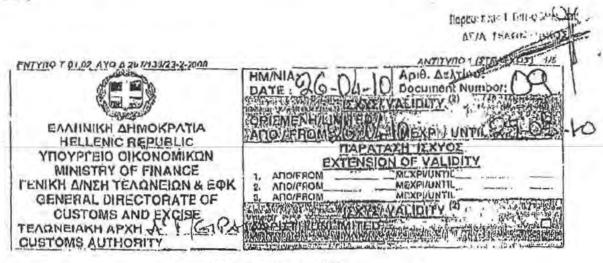
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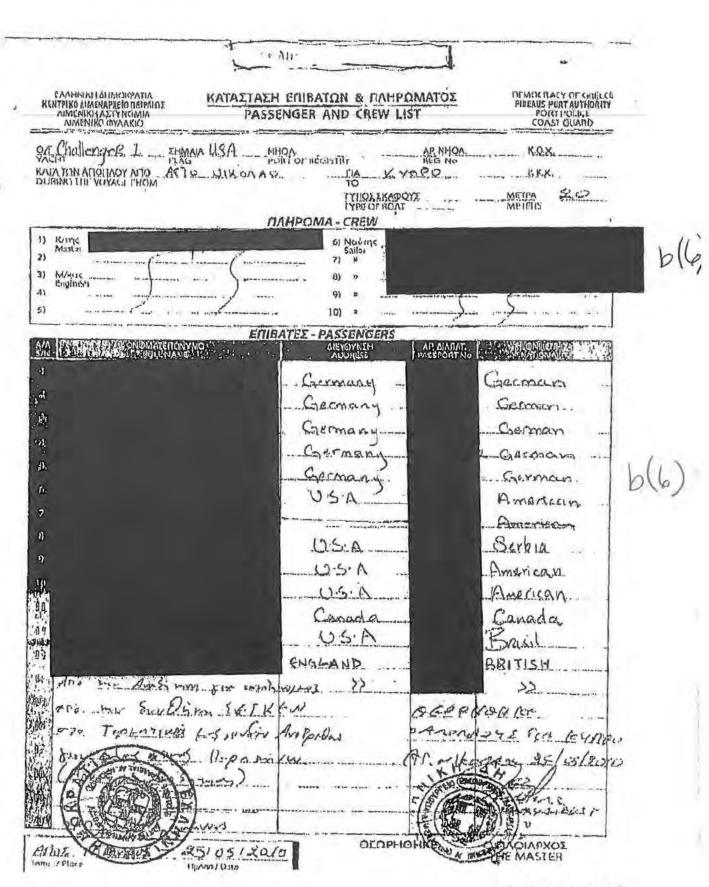
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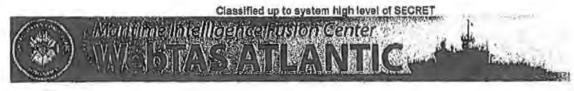
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Initial Summary

(U//FOUO) SUPPORT TO THE GAZA FLOTILLA: IRT the Free Gaza Movement, EIE will collect information on vessels involved with the flotilla movment. CURRENTLY, TWO VESSELS (M/V CHALLENGER I AND M/V CHALLENGER II) ARE PART OF A FREEDOM FLOTILLA THAT IS ON ITS WAY TO DELIVER 10,000 TONS OF SUPPLIES TO GAZA to arrive ivo Gaza. ON 31 MAY 10, A FLOTILLA HEADED TO THE GAZA STRIP TO DELIVER AID IGNORED THE ISRAEL BLOCKAGE AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY BOARDED BY ISRAELI FORCES. DURING THE BOARDING, AT LEAST NINE CIVILIANS WERE KILLED. Two Vessel M/V Busy Bee and M/V Worker Bee may be adding support while currently working the the Gulf of MEX.

EEIs/CONOPs

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