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From: [REDACTED] CDR
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 8:15 AM
To: SindleJM@state.gov; Parker, Frank
Cc: [REDACTED] LT; [REDACTED] F CAPT; [REDACTED] CAPT; Sollosi, Mike
Subject: RE: NOTMAR on Gaza

[REDACTED]
The NOTMAR has been submitted and should be going out shortly.

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

From: SindleJM@state.gov [mailto:SindleJM@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 7:45 AM
To: [REDACTED] CDR
Cc: [REDACTED] LT; [REDACTED] F CAPT; [REDACTED] CAPT; Sollosi, Mike
Subject: Re: NOTMAR on Gaza

Colleague,

State will release a press statement in early June shortly before the flotillas prepare to leave. But it seemed understood at the IPC that USCG was going to get the cleared NOTMAR out in April (the IPC was APR 4). Several principals, including SecState, have already referenced it as already being transmitted. Anything that USCG can do to expedite this would be appreciated.

Thanks,

Jim Sindle
NEA/IPA

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@uscg.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 12:07 PM
To: [REDACTED] CDR <[REDACTED]@uscg.mil>
Cc: [REDACTED] LT <[REDACTED]@uscg.mil>; [REDACTED] CAPT <[REDACTED]@uscg.mil>; [REDACTED] CAPT <[REDACTED]@uscg.mil>; Sindle, James M; Sollosi, Mike <Mike.M.Sollosi@uscg.mil>
Subject: RE: NOTMAR on Gaza

CDR:

There is a process in place to issue these types of notices. I have attached a 2-page extract from our Aids to Nav Admin Manual (COMDTINST M16500.7A). I do not mind sending the notice to NGA and the Districts, but I don't want to step on any toes at State or NGA.

[REDACTED]
Commandant (CG-5531)
Office of Navigation Systems

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From: [REDACTED] CDR
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 11:46 AM
To: [REDACTED] SindleJM@state.gov
Cc: [REDACTED] LT; [REDACTED] F CAPT; [REDACTED] CAPT; [REDACTED] CDR
Subject: RE: NOTMAR on Gaza

[REDACTED],
Attached is the final version of the notice that cleared through State and here in the building. I wasn't at the IPC, so I'm not certain what MARAD has planned. I think State has already issued a warning on the issue, and the language of the notice is synchronized with the State warning. Included Jim Sindle on this e-mail to confirm that.

V/R,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 7:27 AM
To: [REDACTED] CDR
Cc: [REDACTED] LT; [REDACTED] F CAPT; [REDACTED] CAPT
Subject: RE: NOTMAR on Gaza

Cdr [REDACTED]

I haven't seen a copy of the notice, but I can push one through to the districts and NGA. Do you know whether MARAD is going to issue anything? Should the notice go through State and be issued as a Special Warning?

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From: [REDACTED] CAPT
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 7:20 AM
To: Connors, Timothy CDR
Cc: [REDACTED] LT; [REDACTED] F CAPT
Subject: RE: NOTMAR on Gaza

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in CG-553 was the coordinator for the release of the Japan radiation advisory, so he can assist here also. If we have a text to go out please pass to [REDACTED]

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

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

From: [REDACTED] CDR
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 4:51 PM
To: [REDACTED] CAPT
Cc: [REDACTED] LT
Subject: FW: NOTMAR on Gaza

Sir,

Appears as if there was some disconnect on the NOTAM. Not sure who would send the NOTAM, but it appears as if it has cleared and is ready to go.

V/r

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From: prvs=1174c06b8=Prem_G._Kumar@nss.eop.gov
[mailto:prvs=1174c06b8=Prem_G._Kumar@nss.eop.gov] On Behalf Of Kumar, Prem G.
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 4:42 PM
To: [REDACTED] CDR; SindleJM@state.gov; [REDACTED] LT; [REDACTED] CDR; Baumert, Kevin A
Subject: RE: NOTMAR on Gaza

Can we release it now? We at NSS thought it would go out per the IPC several weeks ago.

Thanks,

Prem G. Kumar
Director for Israeli and Palestinian Affairs National Security Council
Tel: 202-456-9121
Fax: 202-456-9120
Email: pkumar@nsc.eop.gov

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

From: [REDACTED]@uscg.mil [mailto:[REDACTED]@uscg.mil]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 3:30 PM
To: SindleJM@state.gov; [REDACTED] LT; [REDACTED] CDR; Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: Kumar, Prem G.
Subject: RE: NOTMAR on Gaza

[REDACTED]

Our understanding is that the request from NSS never came.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED] LT; [REDACTED] CDR; Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: [REDACTED] CDR; Kumar, Prem G.
Subject: RE: NOTMAR on Gaza

[REDACTED]

Why wasn't the NOTMAR sent out? I understand that it was supposed to have been sent out in response to a request by the NSS.

Thanks,

Jim Sindle
Pol-Mil Officer
Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs U.S. Department of State
Unclassified: SindleJM@state.gov
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202-647-4386 (office)

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From: [REDACTED]@uscg.mil [mailto:[REDACTED]@uscg.mil]
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 3:24 PM
To: Sindle, James M; [REDACTED] Baumert, Kevin A
Cc: [REDACTED] CDR
Subject: RE: NOTMAR on Gaza

Mr. Sindle,

The latest on this is that it has not been sent out.

Very respectfully,

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Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 11:00 AM
To: [REDACTED] CDR; Baumert, Kevin A; [REDACTED] LT
Subject: NOTMAR on Gaza
Importance: High

Colleagues:

Does anyone know if this NOTMAR has gone out yet? If so, when was it sent out and can I please get a final version?

Thanks,

Jim Sindle
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Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs U.S. Department of State

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Israel/Turkey Freedom Flotilla Dispute at IMO
Date: Tuesday, July 06, 2010 10:40:08 AM
Attachments: [Re IMO Council--Probable Solution for Israel-Turkey Dispute.msg](#)
[Turkey-Intervention-Aganda-9.pdf](#)
[Guidance on Gaza June 3.docx](#)
[Gaza Flotilla res.pdf](#)
[100602 HRC 14 Flotilla EOY - FINAL.DOC](#)
[TC 60-WP.1.pdf](#)
[TC 60-WP.1.pdf](#)
[C 104-WP.2.pdf](#)
[C 104-1-2.pdf](#)

Fyi.

I'm meeting with [REDACTED] tomorrow at 1100 to talk about NAV 56.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 06, 2010 9:29 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Israel/Turkey Freedom Flotilla Dispute at IMO

[REDACTED]
We probably need to have an intervention ready for [REDACTED] on this, but I have no visibility on the issue since this E-mail went around. Any news?

Best regards,

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

From: [REDACTED] LCDR
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 9:06 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Israel/Turkey Freedom Flotilla Dispute at IMO

[REDACTED]
Attached is an e-mail string from DOS [REDACTED] (US HOD for IMO Council) regarding the IMO outcome from the Israel/Turkey Dispute over the Freedom Flotilla. We expect it may be addressed at future IMO sessions particularly NAV (unlikely at FSI but John & EJ have been cc'ed for visibility).

DHSCoastGuard0320

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Here's the story in a few short words

31MAY: Incident occurs

01JUN: Incident is forwarded to the UN Security Council (UNSC)

01-03JUN: Technical Cooperation Committee (TCC): SG mentions the incident in his opening remarks but only expresses sympathy for those that were lost/inured; Turkey and other countries* attempt to convince the committee to condemn the acts; SG won't allow it, supported by US (rational is that the issue is political/IMO is a technical body and the issue is at the UNSC and subordinate bodies should not comment); committee agrees to include the statements made by Turkey/Iran/Greece (but only as statements made by these member states, not a decision by the committee) in the TCC final report (attached para 1.6-1.9 & Annex I-III interventions)

[Redacted]

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14JUN: Turkey, et al, intervenes to include the issue on the Council agenda but did not gain enough support.

16-18JUN: Turkey, et al, intervenes during the TC agenda item since it was a discussion point at TC (Turkey's intervention asking for their statement to be included in the summary of decisions is attached). Israel, EU, Australia, Canada, US express opposition. The Chairman decides the Turkish proposal is not supported. Turkey challenges the decision based on moderate support / vague intervention from Singapore and Russia. After consultation over the next 24 hours with the Chairman and SG, Turkey stands down and SG agrees to issue a press release (http://www.imo.org/newsroom/mainframe.asp?topic_id=1859&doc_id=13248). In addition the C104 summary of decision (attached para 1.1-1.2 and 9.4-9.5) expresses the position of Turkey, et al.

* The issue was lead by Turkey and supported by Iran, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Indonesia, Venezuela, Cuba, Bangladesh, South Africa, and Brazil. In addition there was some moderate support from Philippians, Singapore, and even Greece and Italy before the EU stepped in on the issue.

Hope this helps. Please let me know if you want any additional insight.

v/r,

[Redacted]

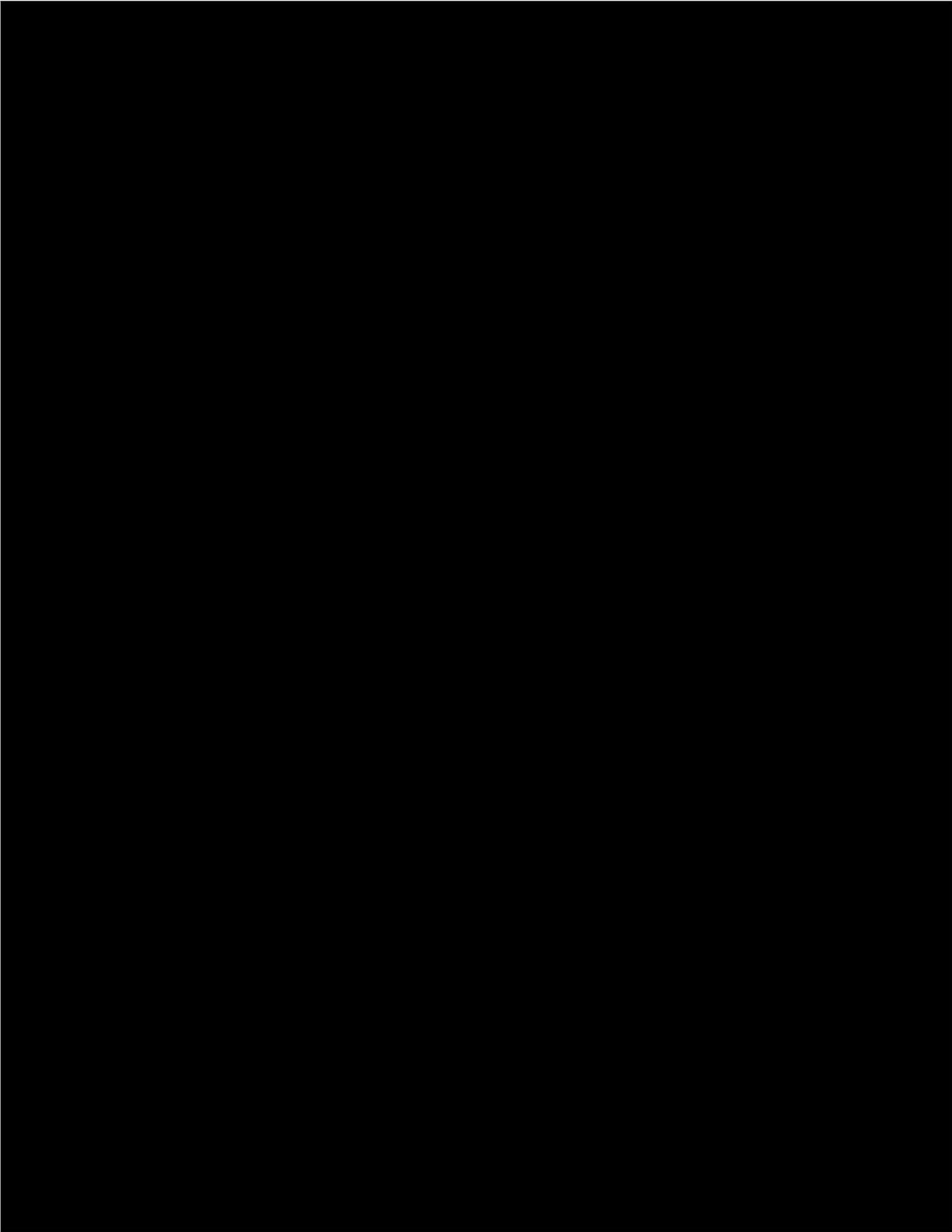
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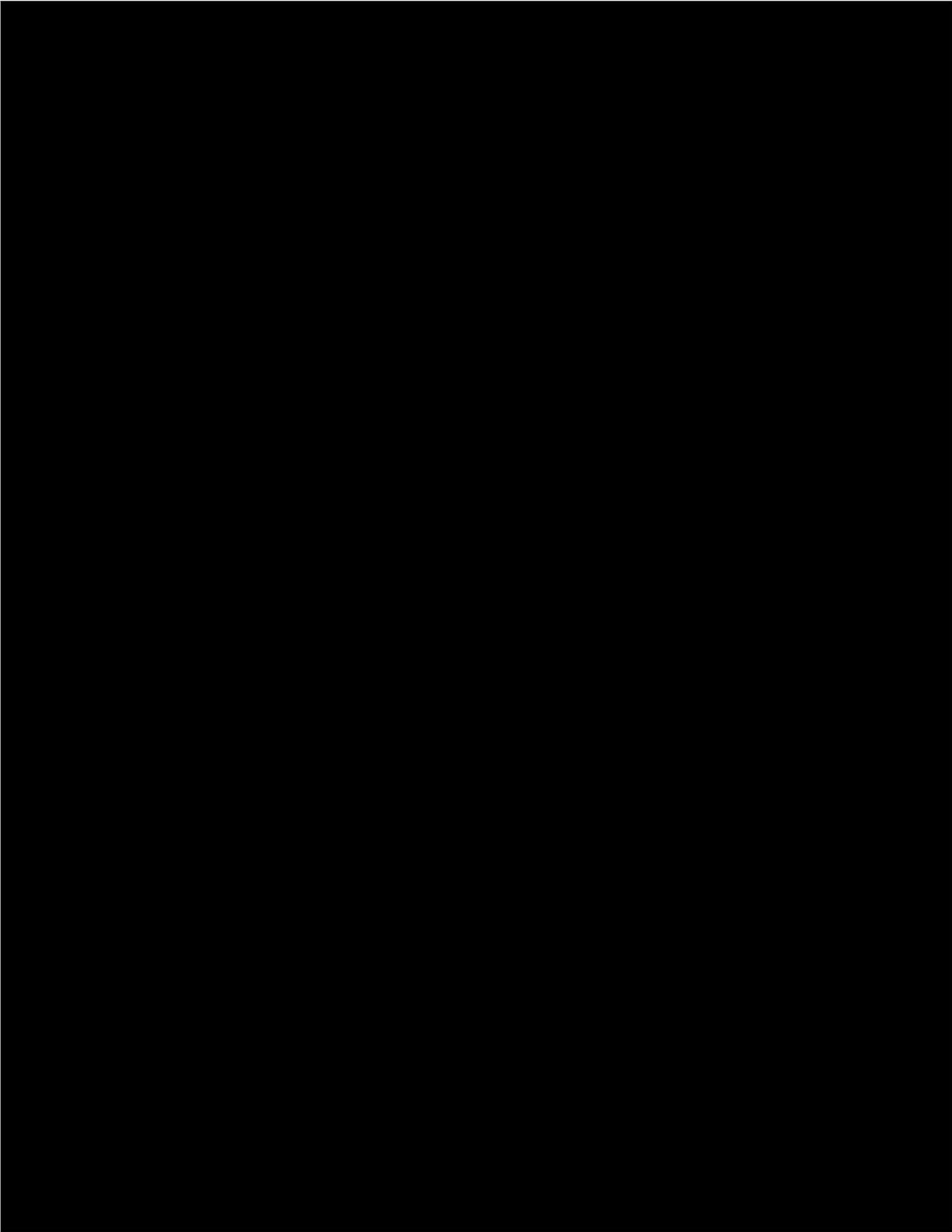
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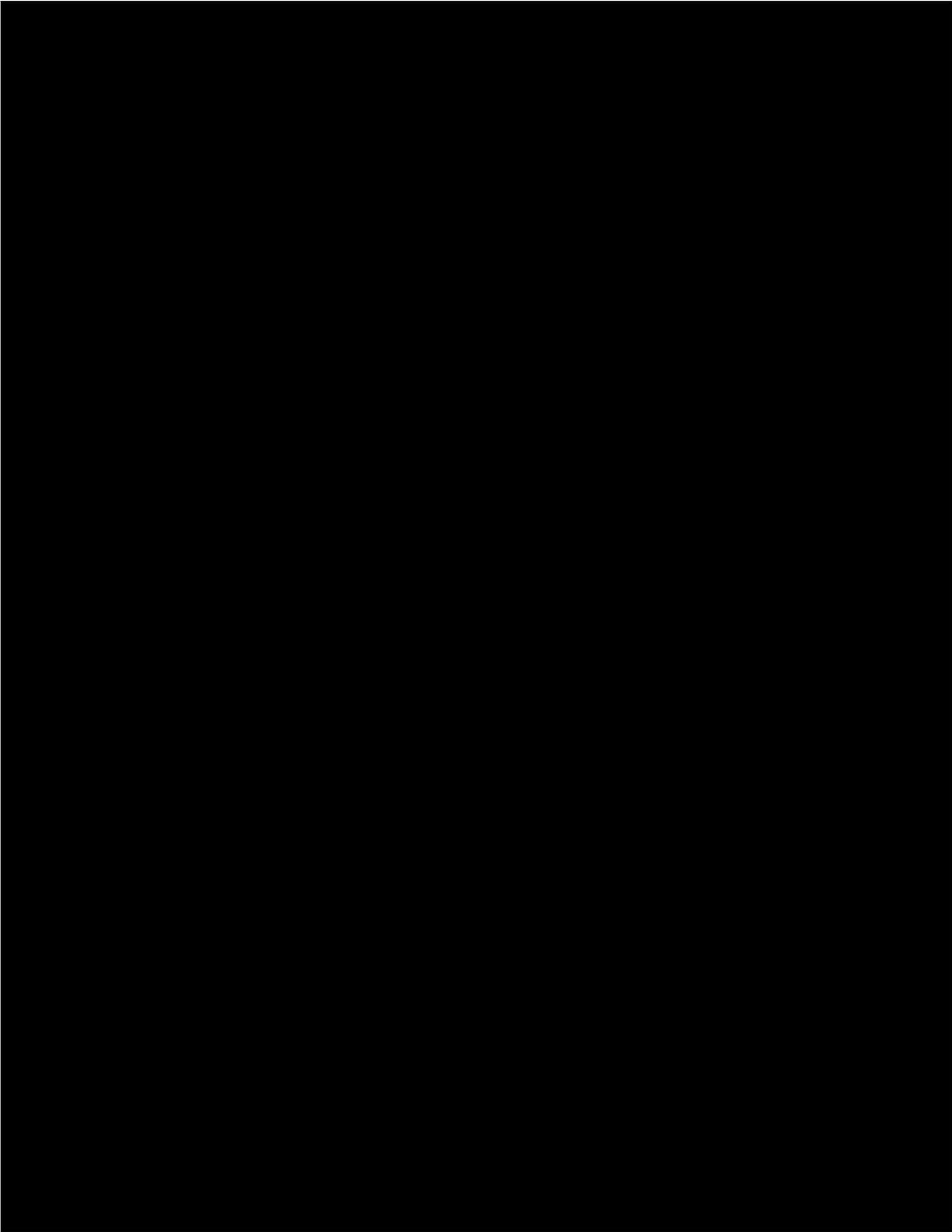
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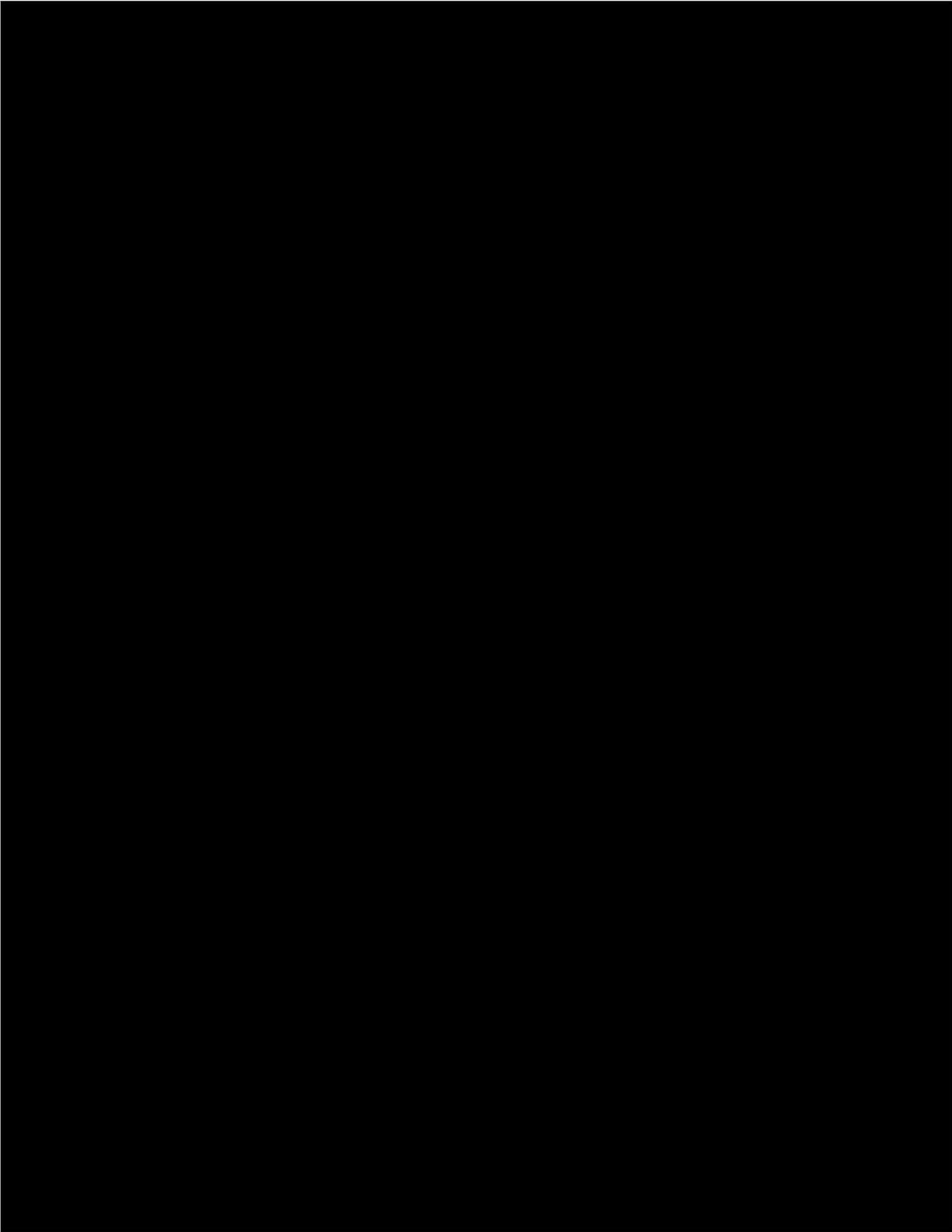
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June 3, 2010

Israel/Palestinians: HRC Resolution on Flotilla Incident

Q: What is our reaction to the Human Rights Council Resolution on the flotilla incident? Why did the United States vote no?

- The United States voted no on this resolution.
- The resolution passed judgment on a set of facts that are still being established.
- It also creates an international investigative mechanism before giving the responsible government an opportunity to investigate this incident itself and thereby risks further politicizing a sensitive and volatile situation.
- While we understand the impetus to respond quickly to a troubling set of events, we must first determine facts and make considered judgments on how to best address what is a complex and difficult situation.
- We deeply regret the tragic loss of life and injuries suffered among those involved in the incident aboard the Gaza-bound ships.
- We remain deeply concerned by the situation in Gaza, including the humanitarian situation. The situation in Gaza is unsustainable and unacceptable.
- We will continue to engage the Israelis on a daily basis to expand the scope and type of goods allowed into Gaza to address the full range of the population's humanitarian and recovery needs.
- Hamas' interference with international assistance shipments and the work of nongovernmental organizations complicates efforts in Gaza. Its continued arms smuggling and commitment to terrorism undermines security and prosperity for Palestinians and Israelis alike.
- This recent incident involving the Free Gaza flotilla underscores the need to move ahead quickly with negotiations that can lead to a comprehensive peace in the region and ultimately address issues such as the Gaza blockade .

Q: What is the U.S. reaction to the HRC's establishment of an international investigative mechanism?

- We expect the Israeli government to conduct a prompt, impartial, credible and transparent investigation conforming to international standards. We are open to different ways of assuring a credible investigation, including international participation. We will continue to discuss these ideas with the Israelis and our international partners in the days ahead.

IF PRESSED:

Does the United State support the HRC investigation?

- No. The United States voted against the resolution that authorized it.
- As the Secretary made clear yesterday, we support the Security Council's call for a prompt, impartial, credible, and transparent investigation. We support an Israeli investigation that meets those criteria. We are open to different ways of assuring a credible investigation, including international participation, and we will continue to discuss these ideas with the Israelis and our international partners in the days ahead.

Q: Isn't this reaction by the Council further proof that U.S. engagement with the HRC is failing?

- Given its diverse membership and global character, the discussion and action at the HRC reflect the vociferous debate and strong reactions across the globe.
- Since joining the Council in 2009 we have sought to work with others to build up the Council's ability to take on serious human rights issues in a credible way.
- It is our hope that, over time, the HRC will be able to unite around balanced and appropriate responses to urgent situations that deserve our attention.

Background:

On Wednesday (June 2), the Human Rights Council (HRC) passed a resolution condemning Israeli actions on the flotilla of ships over the weekend. The resolution passed 32 in favor 3 opposed (US, Italy, Netherlands) 9 abstentions (Belgium, Burkina Faso, France, Hungary, Japan, Korea, Slovakia, Ukraine, UK) and 3 absent (Cameroon, Madagascar, Zambia). The resolution also decided to dispatch an international fact finding mission to investigate violations of international law and to report to the HRC at its September session.

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USUN/NY: M Kornblau info
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 4:30 pm Gaza flotilla conference call
Date: Friday, June 04, 2010 1:16:53 PM

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Please just let me know if you'd like to discuss this in further detail, or if I wasn't fully responsive above.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 1:04 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 4:30 pm Gaza flotilla conference call

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has asked me about the authority to conduct the two bullets below and each were discussed before I joined yesterday's call. For the first bullet, are we referring to 18 U.S.C sections 2339A and 2339 B? I am not sure where to look for blockade running. Can you point me in the right direction?

Thanks,

DHSCoastGuard0455

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Cell: [REDACTED]

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From: prvs=763f9b62e-[REDACTED]@nss.eop.gov [mailto:prvs=763f9b62e-[REDACTED]@nss.eop.gov] On Behalf Of [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:47 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: 4:30 pm Gaza flotilla conference call

Adding [REDACTED] from DHS.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:47 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: 4:30 pm Gaza flotilla conference call

Thanks for participating in the call. Here is a brief summary. Please let me know if you have any comments.

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* There are several potential theories under which action could be taken related to a US flagged vessel.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:38 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: 4:30 pm Gaza flotilla conference call

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

[Redacted]
Deputy Legal Adviser

National Security Staff

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: PC on Gaza Flotilla Thursday evening
Date: Friday, June 04, 2010 12:55:02 PM

And I might be wrong sir. Is the Rachael Corrie US flagged?

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

202 456 1009 (office)

SIPR: [REDACTED]
JWICS: [REDACTED]

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 12:47 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: PC on Gaza Flotilla Thursday evening

Sir,

Never heard on the PC. Any update on USCG view on options as open source reporting indicated US flag vsIs is approaching Gaza area?

Thanks

[REDACTED]
Director, Maritime Security Policy
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National Security Staff

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:51 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: PC on Gaza Flotilla Thursday evening

Roger, will do. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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DHSCoastGuard0459

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From: prvs=762ab5b8d=[REDACTED]

On Behalf Of [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:50 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: PC on Gaza Flotilla Thursday evening

Sir;

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

v r

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Director, Maritime Security Policy
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The White House
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[REDACTED]

SIPR: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:41 PM

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: PC on Gaza Flotilla Thursday evening

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:13 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: PC on Flotilla Thursday evening

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

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:41 PM

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: PC on Flotilla Thursday evening

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

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

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

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From: [REDACTED]
On Behalf Of: [REDACTED]
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To: [REDACTED]
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[Redacted]

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Director, Maritime Security Policy
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The White House
National Security Staff

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:41 PM

To: [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Subject: FW: PC on Gaza Flotilla Thursday evening

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:13 PM

To: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: PC on Flotilla Thursday evening

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

From: [Redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:41 PM

To: [Redacted]

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: PC on Flotilla Thursday evening

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

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

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

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation
Date: Friday, June 04, 2010 12:33:09 PM

[REDACTED]

Anything is in the realm of the possible if we continue to have concerns for the safety of our personnel, so if that is the impediment I can assist by working that issue via the interagency (including the potential availability of CG LE personnel presently deployed on DOD assets). I believe we can solve that problem. We manage to solve the force protection problem throughout the ACTEUR AOR on a daily basis and did so back when I was a plankowner there as well, so I'm sure we can address these concerns now. With that being said, I honestly do not believe there is any substitute for the effectiveness of having someone on the ground to put these pieces together. As for the second point, I could certainly lay out a draft roadmap of what is expected of them should we be on scene, but I would not want to infringe on LANT's operational prerogative. I trust that will be part of your meeting this afternoon. If we anticipate a need for a CG-requested MOTR, I will need to lay the foundation for that earlier rather than later today. Accordingly, please advise as soon as the intended COA becomes clearer.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 11:27 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

[REDACTED]

Still pondering how best to attack this I talked with ACTEUR and they expressed same concerns you and I discussed e.g. force protection and what is expected from them should be go on scene. I am really tending toward intel vice on scene only because of the uncertainty and the need for perhaps LE folks vice Prevention types. [REDACTED] is working up some COAs and I am going to try to put together a meeting this afternoon with folks from our 3R shop, 5 and Intel folks to help out.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 11:06 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

Thanks [REDACTED] and I also very much appreciate the phone call earlier. I think we are synched up pretty well on the (albeit imperfect) facts and potential options for you to consider. I made a call to State to prep the Post that a rapid-tumaround country clearance might be needed (it's late on a Friday in Nicosia now), depending on how you ultimately decide to proceed. State is also very grateful for the additional factual information that [REDACTED] has been providing and we have been passing on to them.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 10:54 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

Thanks [REDACTED] great talking with you. I understand what you saying. Contacting the Owner is going to be difficult at best and that is not really a COA just my pondering. Thanks for your help!

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 9:35 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

Thanks [REDACTED]. If I boil down the below accurately, it appears that the LANT proposed COA is to send a letter to the known address in Delaware for the owners (which actually seems to be a proxy address for a yacht registration company) along the lines of what you describe. Is that correct? If I am over-simplifying, or mis-reading, the LANT proposed COA then please feel free to clarify as needed.

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Best Regards,

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 6:54 AM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:54 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:45 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] made a good point about the timing of the registration being linked to the politics of the operation.

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[REDACTED], CAPT, USCG
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Phone: (757) 398-6741
[REDACTED]
Command Center: (757) 398-6700
E-mail: [REDACTED]

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

From: [REDACTED] LCDR
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:29 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

[REDACTED]

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It may be worth giving Chief [REDACTED] at the Delaware Enforcement Division a call at (302) 739-9913 to find out if that is a possibility.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Challenger I, II and III Particulars
Date: Friday, June 04, 2010 12:21:49 PM
Attachments: [Challenger I, II and III Particulars.doc](#)

FYI. Some nice work here, accomplished through the initiative of a CG staff member at our Atlantic Area Command. No warranties come with this, but it is good material. This provides far more clarity than what I was deriving from most of the intel products and "products."

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From: [REDACTED] LCDR
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 12:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] A [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Challenger I, II and III Particulars

Did I miss anyone? If so, please forward. Attached are the particulars as best as I can determine for the Delaware registration information. The comments on the right are open source. VR LCDR BHP

MV CHALLENGER I (aka SAMOUD)

Current Owner

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

This is the address for Delaware Registry Incorporated. They specialize in forming LLC's in Delaware and act as registered agents and services.

<http://www.delreg.com/index.cfm>

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*)

The signature at the end of the application is Renee Bowyer's and lists her phone number as + 44 208 9531108 and her passport number as M9454464.

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

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 Renee Sarah Bowyer on behalf of WMT. Ms. Bowyer 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-list-dignity-has-left-cyprus>

Previous Owner

George Mpaltsavias of Marinos
22 Akti Moutsopoulou
Piraeus, Greece

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

MV CHALLENGER II (possible aka AMAL)

Current Owner

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

This is the address for Delaware Registry Incorporated. They specialize in forming LLC's in Delaware and act as registered agents and services.

Current Registration

State of Delaware effective April 1, 2010
Pleasure Vessel
Registration number DL8172AC (*sequential registration number to CHALLENGER I*)
State of Principal Use - Delaware
No USCG Certificate of Documentation (*pending NVDC confirmation*)

<http://www.delreg.com/index.cfm>

The signature at the end of the application is Renee Bowyer's and lists her phone number as + 44 208 9531108 and her passport number as M9454464.

Previous Name and Registration Details

NITTA II
Honduras
October 14, 2002 – March 18, 2010
Registration Number RHL-04392
Pleasure Vessel

The vessel was sold to Western Mediterranean Trips Plus LLC on March 4, 2010 for 120,000 (euro) free of liens. It was accepted for transfer by Renee Sarah Bowyer on behalf of WMT. Ms. Bowyer 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.

Previous Owner

Anmar Shipping Company S. DE R.L.
C/O 10, Dimaki Street
Athens, Greece

<http://www.freegaza.org/en/home/56-news/606-passengers-list-dignity-has-left-cyprus>

Hull Number

DLZ12705D710 (*sequential hull number to CHALLENGER I*)

Dimensions

Length Overall: 69 ft
Breadth: 19 ft
Depth: 10 ft
Gross Tons: 128
Net Tons: 95

Construction

Cantieri Di Livorno, Italy 1977
Wood Hull
Inboard 2400 hp (2 X 1200 MDE)

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

This is the address for Delaware Registry Incorporated. They specialize in forming LLC's in Delaware and act as registered agents and services.

Current Registration

State of Delaware effective April 1, 2010
Pleasure Vessel
Registration number DL8175AC
No USCG Certificate of Documentation (*pending NVDC confirmation*)

<http://www.delreg.com/index.cfm>

The signature at the end of the application is Mr. Fathi Jaouadi (British) and lists his phone number as + 44 7540112294 (UK) and his passport number as 540556081.

Previous Name and Registration Details

DIMITRIS K
Cyprus June 16, 2009 – December 15, 2009
Spetses (Greece) 1978-2009
Registration Number SV 4925
Pleasure Yacht

The vessel was sold to Western Mediterranean Trips LLC during March 2010 for 100,000 (euro) free of liens. It was accepted for transfer by Mr. Fathi Jaouadi on behalf of WMT. Mr. Jaouadi is Tunisian, on the WMT board of directors and a documentary film maker. Free Gaza Movement web site states that she will remain in Gaza to report upon the flotilla.

Previous Owner

Blue Hive Company Limited
122 Athalassis, 1st Floor
Strovolos P. C. 2024
Nicosia, Cyprus

<http://gaza-journey.blogspot.com/2008/08/fathi-jaouadi.html>

<http://www.freegaza.org/en/boat-trips/passenger-lists/67-eighth-trip-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

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 4:30 pm Gaza flotilla conference call
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 6:18:26 PM

[REDACTED]

I think [REDACTED] got it about right in the third bullet "notify the host state prior to taking action." We would not necessarily seek consent for all actions (although we might for some). However, we would notify them in any event. Does that sit alright with you?

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 6:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 4:30 pm Gaza flotilla conference call

[REDACTED]

Do you think we need to point out [REDACTED] or add to his summary that all actions Cypress will require consent of the host nation?

V/r

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Assistant General Counsel for Operations
Office: 202-447-3544

[REDACTED]
e-mail: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 6:11 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: 4:30 pm Gaza flotilla conference call

[REDACTED]

Please see below. Sorry, but I commented on the version prior to you getting looped in.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 6:10 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: 4:30 pm Gaza flotilla conference call

[REDACTED]

Thank you for a very productive call earlier. Our only comment is that the second bullet should include the square-bracketed clause inserted below. This is the most immediate of the available options that could presently be executed:

* If the US-flagged vessel were in port in Cyprus, the USCG could make a request to Cyprus to inspect the vessel for potential SOLAS violations [or request them to detain the vessel on behalf of the USG]. (USCG has a manifest from Greece that suggests potential SOLAS concerns, given the number of passengers aboard the US-flagged vessel.) The USCG has been in touch with its Cypriot counterparts, and a demarche to Cyprus is currently in the works on this issue.

Best Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Brian J.
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:47 PM
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 4:30 pm Gaza flotilla conference call

Thanks for participating in the call. Here is a brief summary. Please let me know if you have any comments.

* There are several potential theories under which action could

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:38 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 4:30 pm Gaza flotilla conference call

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

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and if there are other lawyers from your organizations who we should invite to participate in this call. Thanks, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy Legal Adviser

National Security Staff

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Cc: [REDACTED]
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Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 6:09:49 PM

[REDACTED]

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Cc: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
Deputy Legal Adviser
National Security Staff

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:54:29 PM

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From: [REDACTED] CAPT
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:45 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:29 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - My Recommendation

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: M/V Challenger I and II - Delaware Registration Information
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:46:02 PM

[REDACTED]

Thank you very much. We just got off an interagency conference call convened by the White House (NSS Legal Counsel) and this may come up at tonight's Principals Committee meeting on Gaza. If it does, the CG may very well get some specific tasking so we may need to be flexible and prepared to take action quickly, if that occurs. This additional information may prove very helpful, as there is a great deal of confusion amongst the interagency (it's not just us) on some of the key facts. This kind of clarity will be very welcome.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

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SIPR: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:16 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: M/V Challenger I and II - Delaware Registration Information

BLUF: The CHALLENGER I (DL8171AC) and CHALLENGER II (DL8172AC) are currently registered with Delaware. Variations of Western Mediterranean Trips LLC owns the two Challengers plus a third vessel, the CHALLENGER III (DL8175AC), also registered in Delaware. I do not know if any of the three vessels were recently re-flagged outside of United States jurisdiction.

Attached are four documents. One is the summary provided by MIFC. The other three contain the three Challengers Delaware registration applications, vessel particulars, bills of sale, former registry and deletion certificates. Below is a very brief abstract of information contained in those documents.

M/V CHALLENGER I (ex GOLDEN FLAME)
Owner: Western Mediterranean Trips LLC Challenger I; 3511 Silverside Road, Suite 105, Wilmington, DE 19810
Former Registry: Greece 2 June 98 - 23 March 2010 as a Passenger Vessel Current Registry: Delaware 1 April 2010 (no Federal documentation) as a Pleasure Vessel

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M/V CHALLENGER II (ex NITTA II)

Owner: Western Mediterranean Trips Plus LLC; 3511 Silverside Road, Suite 105, Wilmington, DE 19810 Former Registry: Honduras 2 October 2002 - 18 March 2010 as a Pleasure Vessel Current Registry: Delaware 1 April 2010 (no Federal documentation) as a Pleasure Vessel

M/V CHALLENGER III (ex DIMITRIS K)

Owner: Western Mediterranean Trips Gold Plus LLC; 3511 Silverside Road, Suite 105, Wilmington, DE 19810 Former Registry: Cyprus 16 June 2009 - 15 December 2009 as a Pleasure Yacht Current Registry: Delaware 1 April 2010 (no Federal documentation) as a Pleasure Vessel

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: SBU - HEADS UP Navy reports Challenger II has departed Limassol Cyprus
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 3:28:05 PM

[REDACTED]

I was just sending an e-mail with the same "info" (attributed to a Captain [REDACTED] (sp?), USN, at State).

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

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 3:26 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: SBU - HEADS UP Navy reports Challenger II has departed Limassol Cyprus

[REDACTED]

Once again, a very fluid set of facts. If this is true, we may no longer have the opportunity to work via the Cypriots.

[REDACTED]
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To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

(OES); PM-Counter-Piracy-DL; Kirshner, Amy Coletta; 'Owen.Doherty@dot.gov'
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Cell: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 1:54 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: HEADS UP Navy reports Challenger II has departed Limassol Cyprus

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Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:58 AM

To: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

L/OES

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:33 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Challenger II and Gaza

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Thanks

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- With respect to possible violations of U.S. law:

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 12:12 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: U.S. flagged vessels in the second wave of the GAZA Flotilla

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From: [Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
Subject: SBU - HEADS UP Navy reports Challenger II has departed Limassol Cyprus
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 3:26:19 PM

[Redacted]

Once again, a very fluid set of facts. If this is true, we may no longer have the opportunity to work via the Cypriots.

[Redacted]

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

I will be available to participate.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent with Good (www.good.com)

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

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

[REDACTED]

Deputy Legal Adviser

National Security Staff

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

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

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

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

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 1:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: CHALLENGER II CONFERENCE CALL @ 1330
Importance: High

Captains, Sins,

Please call the following number at 1330 (East Coast) to discuss way forward on this matter: 866-453-7172, then input 4521249 followed by # key.

All participants can use this number.

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

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From: [REDACTED] CAPT
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:56 PM
To: [REDACTED] CAPT
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

Yes....i have a 1400 with respect to DWget [REDACTED] on a call to work out lanes....we are pulsing to I'd other US vsls os Eastern Med for CAA vis. s/rick

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Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:42 AM Eastern Standard Time

To: [REDACTED] CAPT

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

[REDACTED]

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

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

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To: [REDACTED] CAPT

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

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

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Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 7:07 AM

To: [REDACTED] CAPT; [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

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[REDACTED]
Commanding Officer, Activities Europe

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

From: [REDACTED] LCDR

Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:59 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

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

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

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

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

v/r LCDR [REDACTED]

Senior Investigating Officer
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Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:55 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

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

Jack

CAPT [REDACTED]
Commanding Officer, Activities Europe

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

[REDACTED]
Congrats on your new command.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 04:54 PM Eastern Standard Time

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

[REDACTED]

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

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]
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(202) 372-1221
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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: Challenger II briefing document
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 1:59:28 PM

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

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Subject: RE: Challenger II briefing document

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

[REDACTED]
Chief, Office of Maritime and International Law
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To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: CHALLENGER II CONFERENCE CALL @ 1330
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 1:06:48 PM
Importance: High

Captains, Sirs,

Please call the following number at 1330 (East Coast) to discuss way forward on this matter: 866-453-7172, then input 4521249 followed by # key.

All participants can use this number.

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

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Phone: 202-372-3791
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Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 12:59:33 PM

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

v/r,

[REDACTED], CAPT, USCG
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Cc: [REDACTED]
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Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:20:21 AM

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

thanks

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

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

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

Thanks, [REDACTED] this is helpful.

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From: [REDACTED]
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Challenger II briefing document
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:48:13 AM
Attachments: [Challenger II Briefing.doc](#)
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[REDACTED]

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

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

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

v/r,

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

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:45:45 AM

I am available at any time. bd

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

[REDACTED]

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
CG-543

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

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[REDACTED]
Commanding Officer, Activities Europe

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

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Commanding Officer, Activities Europe

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

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Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

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Congrats on your new command.

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

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

Best Regards,

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United States Coast Guard
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From: ██████████ CAPT
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:15 PM
To: ██████████
Cc: ██████████
Subject: FW: CHALLENGER II potentially in Cyprus

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Vessel may be participating in a forthcoming attempt to run the Gaza blockade. Based on the present information.

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vessel is a Delaware-registered recreational vessel operating in the Western Mediterranean. Vessel may be currently docked in Limassol, Cyprus. There is some question about the nature of the passengers being carried onboard (are any for hire?). It may become necessary for ACTEUR to verify vessel is operating as recreational vessel (and not a UPV or SPV). Vessel is not documented for commercial service. Operators license may also be an issue if we find out it is operating commercially. Vessel reportedly measures under 100grt (approximately 66' in length). We do plan to engage PSC authorities with Cyprus and see if they can get eyes on it.

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

[REDACTED]
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
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From: [REDACTED]
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To: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
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ATTN: Office of Vessel Activities
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[REDACTED]

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

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

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

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

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

[REDACTED]

Vessel may be participating in a forthcoming attempt to run the Gaza blockade. Based on the present information, vessel is a Delaware-registered recreational vessel operating in the Western Mediterranean. Vessel may be currently docked in Limassol, Cyprus. There is some question about the nature of the passengers being carried onboard (are any for hire?). It may become necessary for ACTEUR to verify vessel is operating as recreational vessel (and not a UPV or SPV). Vessel is not documented for commercial service. Operators license may also be an issue if we find out it is operating commercially. Vessel reportedly measures under 100grt (approximately 66' in length). We do plan to engage PSC authorities with Cyprus and see if they can get eyes on it.

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

DHSCoastGuard0548

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

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

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

Captain,

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

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

[REDACTED],

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

[REDACTED]

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

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

[REDACTED]

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:

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

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.

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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.

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

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vessel's operations.

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

Best Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: CHALLENGER II - Gaza Flotilla
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 11:11:19 AM

[REDACTED]

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

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

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

OK, greybeards, I'm checking on whether the IMO has ever condemned a country for actions that resulted in loss of life similar to Israel's actions last weekend with respect to the Gaza flotilla. I can't recall anything like this ever happening but wanted to check with you to see if you have a different recollection.

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Many thanks. v/r [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] v on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: GAZA AID FLOTILLA AT THE IMO
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:58:27 AM

Thanks [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:55 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: GAZA AID FLOTILLA AT THE IMO

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

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

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

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Sipr: k [REDACTED]

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

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

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

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:00 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Demarche to Emb Nicosia

Captain [REDACTED]

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I utilized the following number: (302) 739-9916; I spoke with [REDACTED] " and her supervisor is [REDACTED] (who was momentarily aware from her desk).

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

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

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Sipr [REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

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

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

[REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks,

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From: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Demarche to Emb Nicosia
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:00:42 AM

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Domestic Compliance Division (CG-5431)
202.372.1221

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

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Demarche to Emb Nicosia
Date: Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:19:07 AM
Importance: High

[REDACTED]

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

[redacted]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[REDACTED]
Congrats on your new command.

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

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

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

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

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

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

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

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

[REDACTED]

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Process

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

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

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

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

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Captain,

[REDACTED]

Commandant (CG-543)

ATTN: Office of Vessel Activities

U.S. Coast Guard

2100 Second St., S.W. Stop 7581

Washington, D.C. 20593-7581

(202) 372-1221

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ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΛΙΜΕΝΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ
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ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΗ ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ
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ΠΙΡΑΕΟΥΣ PORT AUTHORITY
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ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΟΣ
PASSENGERS AND CREW LIST

ΟΝΟΜΑ ΣΚΗΝΩΣΗΣ
YACHT

ΣΗΜΑΙΑ ΤΟΥΣΚΟ
FLAG

ΝΗΟΔ.
PORT OF REGISTRY

ΑΔ. ΝΗΟΔ.
REG. No

Κ.Ο.Χ.
K.O.C.

ΚΑΤΑ ΤΟΝ ΑΡΧΙΤΑΥΟ ΑΠΟ
DURING THE VOYAGE FROM

ΚΑΤ/ΕΛ/Γ (25Α) ΠΑ
TO

Ρο Δο

Κ.Κ.Χ.
K.K.C.

ΤΥΠΟΣ ΙΚΑΘΟΥΣ - Type of Boat

ΜΕΤΡΑ - Meters

300H

ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW

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12			ITALIA
13			ITALIA
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15			LEBANON
16			BELGIUM
17			GERMANY
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ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΗ ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ
ΛΙΜΕΝ. ΦΥΛΑΚΙΟ

PIRAEUS PORT AUTHORITY
PORT POLICE
COAST GUARD

ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΑΝΩΡΜΑΤΩΝ
PASSENGERS AND CREW LIST

Ο/Υ ΣΦΕΝΔΩΛΗ ΣΗΜΑΙΑ ΤΟΡΙΚΟ ΝΗΟΛ ΛΟΜΕ Αρ. Νηολ. 6851865 Χ.Ο.Χ. 196
YACHT FLAG PORT OF REGISTRY REG. No
ΚΑΤΑ ΤΟΝ ΑΠΟΠΛΟΥ ΑΠΟ ΚΑΝ/Ε'Α/Υ ΖΣΑ ΜΙΑ ΠΟΑΟ Κ.Ο.Χ. 80
DURING THE VOYAGE FROM TO
ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ - Type of Boat ΜΕΤΡΑ - Meters 30,26

ΠΑΝΩΡΜΑ - CREW

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

Αρ. ΣΙΝ	ΟΝΟΜΑΤΕΠΩΝΥΜΟ	ΕΠΙΧΡΗΣΙΜΟ	Αρ. ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗ	ΧΡΩΣΙΑ
SIN	NAME	STATUS	PASSPORT No	COLOR
1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	CZECH
2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	CZECH
3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	CZECH
4	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	NETHERLANDS
5	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	IRELAND
6	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	IRELAND
7	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	BULGARIA
8	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	BULGARIA
9	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
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12	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
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15	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
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29	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
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ΑΝΤΙΤΥΠΟ 1 (ΣΤΕΛΦΟΝ)

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ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΚΙΝΗΣΗΣ (1), (B)
TRANSIT LOG

HULL NO: DLZ 12703 DFLD

Όνομα Πλοίου: SHIP NAME: CHALLENGER II	Χώρα/Εθνικότητα: COUNTRY/FLAG: USA	
Λίμνη και Αριθμός Μητρώου: PORT OF REGISTRY AND REGISTRATION NUMBER: DL 8172 AC		
ΔΑΣ/CALL SIGN: [REDACTED]	K.O.X: 128 41	GI: NET 9493
Τύπος Πλοίου: TYPE OF SHIP: Μ/Υ ΕΤΟΣ ΚΑΤΑΣΚΕΥΗΣ 1976 Μήκος 20,36 μ.		
Αριθμός, Τύπος και Ισχύς Μηχανών: ENGINES, TYPE AND NUMBER, H.P.: 2 DTU x 900 BHP.		

Παρονομασία Ουρανοπλοίου: OWNER'S NAME: WESTERLAND TRAVEL TRIPS PLUS INC		
Διεύθυνση Κατοικίας: HOME ADDRESS: 3511 SILVERSIDE RD WILMINGTON 19810 DE		
Τηλέφωνο: TELEPHONE NUMBER:	Φαξ: FAX:	E-mail: E-MAIL:
ΑΦΜ:	ΔΟΥ:	ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

Παρονομασία Κυβερνήτη: CAPTAIN: [REDACTED]		
Διεύθυνση Κατοικίας: HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]		
Τηλέφωνο: TELEPHONE NUMBER:	Φαξ: FAX:	E-mail: E-MAIL:
ΑΦΜ:	ΔΟΥ:	ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

Χρήστης - Χρηστής: OWNER - USER: [REDACTED]		
Διεύθυνση Κατοικίας: HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]		
Τηλέφωνο: TELEPHONE NUMBER:	Φαξ: FAX:	E-mail: E-MAIL:
ΑΦΜ:	ΔΟΥ:	ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

Κυριό Ονομα Παρονομασία: OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE: [REDACTED]		
Διεύθυνση Κατοικίας: HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]		
Τηλέφωνο: TELEPHONE NUMBER:	Φαξ: FAX:	E-mail: E-MAIL:
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ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΗ ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ
ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΟ ΔΥΤΑΚΙΟ

ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΟΣ
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YACHT FLAG PORT OF REGISTRY ΑΡ. ΠΛΩΜΑΤΟΣ REG. No ΚΟΧ
ΚΑΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΑΠΟΒΕΥΣΗ ΑΠΟ ΑΦΙΟ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟ ΚΥΠΡΟ ΚΚΧ
DURING THE VOYAGE FROM TO
ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ ΜΕΤΡΑ
TYPE OF BOAT METERS

ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW

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

ΕΠΙΒΑΤΕΣ - PASSENGERS

Α/Α S/N	ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ADDRESS	ΑΡ. ΠΛΩΜΑΤΟΣ PASSPORT No	ΕΘΝΙΚΟΤΗΤΑ NATIONALITY
1	Holland		Dutch
2	Belgium		BELGIUM
3	NORWAY		Norway
4	NORWAY		Norway
5	NORWAY		Norway
6	ENGLAND		United Kingdom
7	Ireland		Ireland
8	Australia		Australia
9	England		United Kingdom
10	England		United Kingdom
	Malaysia		Malaysia
	Belgium		Belgium
	IRELAND		IRISH
	Ευρωπαϊκή Ενωση		Ευρωπαϊκή Ενωση
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	Ανδρικό		25/05/2010

Μητρώο Πλοίαρχου ΗΤΑ 25/05/2010
Επώνυμο / Πρώτο Όνομα Ημερομηνία / Ονομασία

ΘΕΩΡΗΘΗΚΕ

Ο ΠΛΟΙΑΡΧΟΣ
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ΔΥ/Α ΤΣΑΚΗ

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ
HELLENIC REPUBLIC
ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΩΝ
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
ΓΕΝΙΚΗ Δ/ΝΣΗ ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΩΝ & ΕΦΚ
GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE
ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΑΚΗ ΑΡΧΗ Α.Τ.Ε.Π.Α.
CUSTOMS AUTHORITY

ANTITYΠΟ 1 (ΣΤΕΛΕΧΟΣ) 1/5

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

ΕΞΟΥΣΙΑ / VALIDITY (2)
ΟΡΙΣΜΕΝΗ/LIMITED
ΑΠΟ / FROM: 26-04-10 ΜΕΧΡΙ / UNTIL: 25-05-10

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ΟΡΙΣΜΕΝΗ/LIMITED

ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΚΙΝΗΣΗΣ^{(1),(6)}
TRANSIT LOG

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

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

ΔΑΣ/CALL SIGN: _____ Κ.Ο.Χ.: _____ ΟΤ: 7357

ΤΥΠΟΣ ΠΛΟΙΟΥ / TYPE OF SHIP: 114 ΓΟΥ ΚΑΤΑΜΕΤΕΩΡΕ 1977 11402 66foot 02 inches

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

ΠΛΟΙΟΚΤΗΤΗΣ / OWNER'S NAME: USS GENERAL WARRAN TRIPS

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ / HOME ADDRESS: 8511 SILVERSIDE RD SUITE 105 WILMINGTON

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ / TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: DE 19810

ΑΦΜ: _____ ΔΟΥ: _____ ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: _____

ΠΛΟΙΟΑΡΧΟΣ / ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ / CAPTAIN: [REDACTED]

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ / HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ / TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] FAX: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

ΑΦΜ: [REDACTED] ΔΟΥ: [REDACTED] ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: [REDACTED]

ΚΑΤΟΧΟΣ - ΧΡΗΣΤΗΣ / HOLDER USER: [REDACTED]

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ / HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ / TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] FAX: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

ΑΦΜ: [REDACTED] ΔΟΥ: [REDACTED] ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: [REDACTED]

ΕΚΠΡΟΣΩΠΟΣ ΠΛΟΙΟΚΤΗΤΗΣ / OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE: [REDACTED]

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ / HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ / TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] FAX: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

ΑΦΜ: [REDACTED] ΔΟΥ: [REDACTED] ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: [REDACTED]

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ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ
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ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΗ ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ
ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΟ ΘΥΛΑΚΙΟ

ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΟΣ
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ο/τ Challenger 1 ΣΗΜΑΙΑ USA ΠΟΡΤ ΟΥ ΕΓΓΡΑΦΗΣ AP NHQA Κ.Ο.Χ. Κ.Ο.Χ.
YACHT FLAG PORT OF REGISTRY REG No
ΚΑΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΑΠΟΠΛΟΥ ΑΠΟ ΑΣΤΟ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΥ ΓΙΑ ΚΥΡΟ Κ.Κ.Χ.
DURING THE VOYAGE FROM TO
ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ ΜΕΤΡΑ 20
TYPE OF BOAT METERS

ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW

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

ΕΠΙΒΑΤΕΣ - PASSENGERS

Α/Α No	ΟΝΟΜΑΤΕΠΩΝΥΜΟ FULL NAME	ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ADDRESS	ΑΡ. ΔΙΑΔΑΤ. PASSPORT No	ΧΡΩΣΤΟΧΡΟΜΙΟ NATIONALITY
1	[Redacted]	Germany	[Redacted]	German
2	[Redacted]	Germany	[Redacted]	German
3	[Redacted]	Germany	[Redacted]	German
4	[Redacted]	Germany	[Redacted]	German
5	[Redacted]	Germany	[Redacted]	German
6	[Redacted]	USA	[Redacted]	American
7	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	American
8	[Redacted]	USA	[Redacted]	Serbia
9	[Redacted]	USA	[Redacted]	American
10	[Redacted]	USA	[Redacted]	American
11	[Redacted]	Canada	[Redacted]	Canada
12	[Redacted]	USA	[Redacted]	Brazil
13	[Redacted]	ENGLAND	[Redacted]	BRITISH
14	[Redacted]	USA	[Redacted]	USA
15	[Redacted]	USA	[Redacted]	USA
16	[Redacted]	USA	[Redacted]	USA
17	[Redacted]	USA	[Redacted]	USA
18	[Redacted]	USA	[Redacted]	USA
19	[Redacted]	USA	[Redacted]	USA
20	[Redacted]	USA	[Redacted]	USA
21	[Redacted]	USA	[Redacted]	USA
22	[Redacted]	USA	[Redacted]	USA
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ΠΡΟΣΤΑΥΣΗ 25/05/2010
ΟΣΕΡΦΙΟΝΚΕ... ΛΟΓΙΑΡΧΟΣ
THE MASTER

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

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

Sent with Good (www.good.com)

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

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

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

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

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

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

Best Regards,

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

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

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

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[REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

Captain,

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

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

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To:+3 0107245313

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CEPI NO TC/ITC/139-38512/134

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ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΗ ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ
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ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΟΣ
PASSENGERS AND CREW LIST

ΟΝΟΜΑ ΣΚΗΝΩΣΗΣ
YACHT

ΣΗΜΑΙΑ ΤΟΥΣΤΟ
FLAG

ΝΗΟΔ.
PORT OF REGISTRY

ΑΔ. ΝΗΟΔ.
REG. No

Κ.Ο.Χ.
K.O.C.

ΚΑΤΑ ΤΟΝ ΑΡΧΙΤΑΥΟ ΑΠΟ
DURING THE VOYAGE FROM

ΚΑΤ/ΕΛ/Γ (25Α)
TO

ΡΟΔΟ

Κ.Κ.Υ.
K.K.Y.

ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ - Type of Boat

ΜΕΤΡΑ - Meters

300H

ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW

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8			ITALIA
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10			ITALIA
11			ITALIA
12			ITALIA
13			ITALIA
14			UK
15			LEBANON
16			BELGIUM
17			GERMANY
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ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΗ ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ
ΛΙΜΕΝ. ΦΥΛΑΚΙΟ

PIRAEUS PORT AUTHORITY
PORT POLICE
COAST GUARD

ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΑΝΩΡΜΑΤΩΝ
PASSENGERS AND CREW LIST

Ο/Υ ΣΦΕΝΔΩΜΗ ΣΗΜΑΙΑ ΤΟΡΙΚΟ ΝΗΟΛ ΛΟΜΕ Αρ. Νηολ. 6851865 Χ.Ο.Χ. 196
YACHT FLAG PORT OF REGISTRY REG. No
ΚΑΤΑ ΤΟΝ ΑΠΟΠΛΟΥ ΑΠΟ ΚΑΝ/Ε'ΑΥΤ ΖΣΑ ΠΙΑ ΡΟΑΟ Κ.Ο.Χ. 80
DURING THE VOYAGE FROM TO
ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ - Type of Boat ΜΕΤΡΑ - Meters 30.26

ΠΑΝΩΡΜΑ - CREW

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

ΕΠΙΒΑΤΕΣ - PASSENGERS

Αρ. ΣΙΝ	ΟΝΟΜΑΤΕΠΩΝΥΜΟ FULL NAME	ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ADDRESS	Αρ. ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗ PASSPORT No	ΧΩΡΗ ΠΡΟΕΛΘΕΝΤΟΣ CITY OF ORIGIN
1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	CZECH
2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	CZECH
3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	CZECH
4	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	NETHERLANDS
5	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	IRELAND
6	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	IRELAND
7	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	BULGARIA
8	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	BULGARIA
9	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
10	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
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ΔΕ/Α ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΑΣ

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ΑΝΤΙΤΥΠΟ 1 (ΣΤΕΛΦΟΝ)

 ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ HELLENIC REPUBLIC ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΩΝ MINISTRY OF FINANCE ΓΕΝΙΚΗ Δ/ΝΣΗ ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΩΝ & ΕΦΚ GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΑΚΗ ΑΡΧΗ CUSTOMS AUTHORITY	ΗΜ/ΝΙΑ: 23-04-10 DATE: 23-04-10	Αριθ. Δελτίου: 08 Document Number: 08
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	ΙΣΧΥΣ / VALIDITY ΑΟΡΙΣΤΗ / UNLIMITED	

ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΚΙΝΗΣΗΣ (1), (B)
TRANSIT LOG

HULL NO: DLZ 12703 DFLD

Όνομα Πλοίου: SHIP NAME: CHALLENGER II	Χώρα Πλοίου: FLAG: USA
Λίμνη και Αριθμός Μητρώου: PORT OF REGISTRY AND REGISTRATION NUMBER: DL 8172 AC	
ΔΔΣ/Call Sign: [REDACTED]	K.O.X: 128 41
Τύπος Πλοίου: TYPE OF SHIP: Μ/Υ ΕΓΓΟΣ ΚΑΤΑΒΕΥΓΗΣ 1976	Μήκος: 20,36 μ
Αριθμός, Τύπος και Ιπποδύναμη Μηχανών: ENGINES, TYPE AND NUMBER, H.P.: 2 DTU x 900 BHP	

Παρονομασία: OWNER'S NAME: WESTERLAND TRAVEL TRIPS PLUS INC	Διεύθυνση Κατοικίας: HOME ADDRESS: 3511 SILVERSIDE RD WILMINGTON 19810 DE	
Τηλέφωνο: TELEPHONE NUMBER:	FAX:	E-MAIL:
ΑΦΜ:	ΔΟΥ:	ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

Παρονομασία Κυβερνήτη: CAPTAIN: [REDACTED]	Διεύθυνση Κατοικίας: HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]	
Τηλέφωνο: TELEPHONE NUMBER:	FAX:	E-MAIL:
ΑΦΜ:	ΔΟΥ:	ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

Κάτοχος - Χρηστής: OWNER - USER: [REDACTED]	Διεύθυνση Κατοικίας: HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]	
Τηλέφωνο: TELEPHONE NUMBER:	FAX:	E-MAIL:
ΑΦΜ:	ΔΟΥ:	ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

Κυριόσκιος Παρονομασία: OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE: [REDACTED]	Διεύθυνση Κατοικίας: HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]	
Τηλέφωνο: TELEPHONE NUMBER:	FAX:	E-MAIL:
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ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΗ ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ
ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΟ ΔΥΤΑΚΙΟ

ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΟΣ
PASSENGER AND CREW LIST

DEMOCRACY OF GREECE
PIREAEUS PORT AUTHORITY
PORT POLICE
COAST GUARD

Ο/Σ ΧΑΛΚΙΝΩΤΕΡ ΤΙΣΙΜΑΤΑ USA ΛΙΜΕΝΑΡΧΕΙΟ REG. No KOX
YACHT FLAG PORT OF REGISTRY
ΚΑΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΑΠΟΒΕΛΤΗ ΑΠΟ ΑΦΙΘ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟ ΚΥΠΡΟ ΚΚΧ
DURING THE VOYAGE FROM TO
ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ ΜΕΤΡΑ
TYPE OF BOAT METERS

ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW

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

ΕΠΙΒΑΤΕΣ - PASSENGERS

Α/Α SN	ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ADDRESS	ΑΡ. ΔΙΑΒΑΤ. PASSPORT No	ΕΘΝΙΚΟΤΗΤΑ NATIONALITY
1	Holland		Dutch
2	Belgium		BELGIUM
3	NORWAY		Norway
4	NORWAY		Norway
5	NORWAY		Norway
6	ENGLAND		United Kingdom
7	Ireland		Ireland
8	Australia		Australia
9	England		United Kingdom
10	England		United Kingdom
	Malaysia		Malaysia
	Belgium		Belgium
	IRELAND		IRISH
	Ευρωπαϊκή ms Ανδρικός		Ευρωπαϊκή 25/05/2010

25/05/2010
Επίσημο Έμφαδο Ημερομηνία / Date

ΘΕΩΡΗΘΗΚΕ

Ο ΠΛΟΙΑΡΧΟΣ
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ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ
 HELLENIC REPUBLIC
 ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΩΝ
 MINISTRY OF FINANCE
 ΓΕΝΙΚΗ Δ/ΝΣΗ ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΩΝ & ΕΦΚ
 GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF
 CUSTOMS AND EXCISE
 ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΑΚΗ ΑΡΧΗ Α.Τ.Ε.Α.
 CUSTOMS AUTHORITY

ANTITYΠΟ 1 (ΣΤΕΛΕΧΟΣ) 1/5

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

ΕΞΟΥΣΙΑ / VALIDITY (2)
 ΟΡΙΣΜΕΝΗ/LIMITED
 ΑΠΟ / FROM: 26-04-10 ΜΕΧΡΙ / UNTIL: 25-05-10

ΠΑΡΑΤΑΣΗ ΙΣΧΥΟΣ
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 3. ΑΠΟ/FROM _____ ΜΕΧΡΙ/UNTIL _____

ΕΞΟΥΣΙΑ / VALIDITY (2)
 ΑΠΕΡΙΟΡΙΣΤΗ/UNLIMITED

ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΚΙΝΗΣΗΣ^{(1),(6)}
 TRANSIT LOG

1. ΟΝΟΜΑ ΠΛΟΙΟΥ / SHIP'S NAME: CHALLENGER I
 ΠΛΗΡΗ ΚΑΙ ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ ΝΗΟΛΟΓΙΟΥ / PORT OF REGISTRY AND REGISTRATION NUMBER: DL 8171 AC
 ΔΑΣ/CALL SIGN: K.O.X. QT: 7357
 ΤΥΠΟΣ ΠΛΟΙΟΥ / TYPE OF SHIP: 114 ΓΟΛ ΚΑΤΑΜΕΤΕΩΡΕ 1977 114ton 66foot 02 inches
 ΑΡΙΘΜΟΣ, ΤΥΠΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΙΠΠΟΔΥΝΑΜΗ ΜΗΧΑΝΩΝ / ENGINES, TYPE AND NUMBER, H.P.: 2 x 650 BHP

ΠΛΟΙΟΚΤΗΤΗΣ / OWNER'S NAME: USS GENERAL WARRAN TRIPS
 ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ / HOME ADDRESS: 8511 SILVERSIDE RD SUITE 105 WILMINGTON
 ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ / TELEPHONE NUMBER: FAX: E-MAIL: DE 19810
 ΑΦΜ: ΔΟΥ: ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

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

ΚΑΤΟΧΟΣ - ΧΡΗΣΤΗΣ / HOLDER USER: [REDACTED]
 ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ / HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
 ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ / TELEPHONE NUMBER: FAX: E-MAIL:
 ΑΦΜ: ΔΟΥ: ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

ΕΚΠΡΟΣΩΠΟΣ ΠΛΟΙΟΚΤΗΤΗΣ / OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE: [REDACTED]
 ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ / HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
 ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ / TELEPHONE NUMBER: FAX: E-MAIL:
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ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΗ ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ
ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΟ ΘΥΛΑΚΙΟ

ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΟΣ
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ο/y Challenger 1 ΣΗΜΑΙΑ USA ΠΗΛΟΣ USA ΑΡ. ΠΗΛΟΣ Κ.Ο.Κ.
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THE MASTER

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

Sir:

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

v r

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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

202 456 1009 (office)

[Redacted]

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

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:41 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: PC on Gaza Flotilla Thursday evening

[Redacted]

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

Phone: (202) 372-3785

[Redacted]

Sipr: k [Redacted]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Captain [REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

Mr [REDACTED]

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

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

[REDACTED]

****For Official Use Only****

Results for Vessel: *No Data*

Hull ID Number: **DLZ12705D710**

Registration Number: **DL8172AC**

Registration Authority: **DE - DELAWARE**

Registration Type: **State Registered**

Owner Information

Primary Owner Name: Western Mediterranean Trips

Date of Birth: *No Data*

SSN: *No Data*

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

Tax Identification Number (TIN): *No Data*

State ID Number: *No Data*

Drivers License Number: *No Data*

Party Type: Business/Organization

Owner Address: Silverside Rd Challenger II3511

City: Wilmington

State: DE

County: New Castle

Zip Code: 19810 - 4822

Secondary Owners

Second Party Owner Name: PLUS LLC

Third Party Owner Name: *No Data*

Secondary Address Information

Address: *No Data*

City: *No Data*

State: *No Data*

Zip Code: *No Data - XXXX*

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Vessel Information

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

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

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

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

Phone: (202) 372-3785
[REDACTED]

Sipr: [REDACTED]

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

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

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

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

Thank you again.
[REDACTED]

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

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

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

From: [REDACTED]

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

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Alcon,

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

v/r

CDR [REDACTED]

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

From: [REDACTED]

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

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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

US-flagged vessels equipped with LRIT;

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

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

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
United States Coast Guard

Deputy Chief

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

Phone: 202-372-3791

Fax: 202-372-3972

SIPR: [REDACTED]

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

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

[REDACTED]

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

V/R,

LCDR [REDACTED]
CG-7611
LRIT
2-2522

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

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

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

[REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Many thanks.

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

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

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

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Thanks,

[Redacted]

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

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

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

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

Thanks!

[Redacted]

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

Correction from Israel Navy -

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

V/R,

LCDR [Redacted]
Assistant Naval Attaché
US Defense Attaché Office
US Embassy, Tel Aviv

DHSCoastGuard0598

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Tel: 972 3 519 7486

Email: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 5:51 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

The Israel Navy is inquiring about two vessels -Challenger I and Challenger II that they believe have departed Cyprus as a part of the Flotilla and reportedly are now flying American Flags. They have asked if there is any way to confirm this. I will reach out to our POCs in Cyprus, but appreciate any insight folks may have on this topic. I have trouble believing they would be legitimately sailing under an American Flag, but if so for some reason, potentially complicates the situation more. Thanks.

R/

LCDR [REDACTED]

Assistant Naval Attaché

US Defense Attaché Office

US Embassy, Tel Aviv

Tel: 972 3 519 7486

Email: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 5:06 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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

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

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prevent arrival in Gaza will be taken."

██████████, Ph.D.
Desk Officer - NEA/IPA
Office of Israel & Palestinian Affairs
Phone (202) 647-2647
Fax (202) 736-4461

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

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

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

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

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

Looping in Embassy Athens.

[REDACTED]

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

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 3:58 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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

R/
LCDR [REDACTED]
Assistant Naval Attache
USDAO Tel Aviv
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Office: 972-03-519-7486
Cell: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

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█ - 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?

█

From: █
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 10:36 AM
To: █
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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

█

From: █
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 3:41 PM
To: █
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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

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

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ve Process

Thanks,

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

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

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

[REDACTED]

Subject: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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

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TO

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PIRAEUS PORT AUTHORITY
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ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΩΣ
PASSENGERS AND CREW LIST

Ο/Υ ΣΦΕΝΔΩΛΗ ΣΗΜΑΙΑ ΤΟΡΙΚΟ ΝΗΟΛ ΛΟΜΕ Αρ. Νηολ. 6851865 Χ.Ο.Χ. 196
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DURING THE VOYAGE FROM TO
ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ - Type of Boat ΜΕΤΡΑ - Meters 30.26

ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW

1) ΚΙΤΟΣ Master	6) Ναύτης Sailor
2)	7)
3) ΠΑΙΣ CHILD	8)
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ΕΠΙΒΑΤΕΣ - PASSENGERS

Αρ. ΣΙΝ	ΟΝΟΜΑΤΕΠΩΝΥΜΟ	ΕΠΙΧΡΕΣΤΗΡΙΟ	Αρ. ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗ	ΧΩΡΗ
NO.	NAME	STATUS	PASSPORT NO.	COUNTRY
1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	CZECH
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3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	CZECH
4	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	NETHERLANDS
5	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	IRELAND
6	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	IRELAND
7	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	BULGARIA
8	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	BULGARIA
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10	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
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ΑΝΤΙΤΥΠΟ 1 (ΣΤΕΛΦΟΝ)

 ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ HELLENIC REPUBLIC ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΩΝ MINISTRY OF FINANCE ΓΕΝΙΚΗ Δ/ΝΣΗ ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΩΝ & ΕΦΚ GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΑΚΗ ΑΡΧΗ ΑΘΗΝΑΣ CUSTOMS AUTHORITY	ΗΜ/ΝΙΑ: 23-04-10 DATE: 23-04-10	Αριθ. Δελτίου: 08 Document Number: 08
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ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΚΙΝΗΣΗΣ (1), (B)
TRANSIT LOG

HULL NO: DLZ 12703 DFLD

Όνομα Πλοίου SHIP NAME: CHALLENGER II	Χώρα COUNTRY: ΓΡΗΜΑΤΙΑ	Πατρίδα FLAG: USA
Λίμνη και Αριθμός Μητρώου PORT OF REGISTRY AND REGISTRATION NUMBER: DL 8172 AC		
ΔΑΣ/CALL SIGN:	K.O.X: 128 41	GI: NET 9493
Τύπος Πλοίου TYPE OF SHIP: ΜΥ ΕΤΟΣ ΚΑΤΑΧΕΥΨΗΣ 1976	Μήκος 20,36 μ.	
Αριθμός, Τύπος και Ιπποδύναμη Μηχανών ENGINES, TYPE AND NUMBER, H.P.: 2 DTU x 900 BHP.		

Παρονομασία OWNER'S NAME: WESTERLAND TRAVEL TRIPS PLUS INC	Διεύθυνση Κατοικίας HOME ADDRESS: 3511 SILVERSIDE RD WILMINGTON 19810 DE	
Τηλέφωνο TELEPHONE NUMBER:	FAX:	E-MAIL:
ΑΦΜ:	ΔΟΥ:	ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

Παρονομασία Κυβερνήτη CAPTAIN:	Διεύθυνση Κατοικίας HOME ADDRESS:	
Τηλέφωνο TELEPHONE NUMBER:	FAX:	E-MAIL:
ΑΦΜ:	ΔΟΥ:	ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

Κατοχός - Χρηστής OWNER - USER:	Διεύθυνση Κατοικίας HOME ADDRESS:	
Τηλέφωνο TELEPHONE NUMBER:	FAX:	E-MAIL:
ΑΦΜ:	ΔΟΥ:	ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

Κυριόσωμο Παρονομασία OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE:	Διεύθυνση Κατοικίας HOME ADDRESS:	
Τηλέφωνο TELEPHONE NUMBER:	FAX:	E-MAIL:
ΑΦΜ:	ΔΟΥ:	ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ:

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ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΟ ΔΥΤΑΚΙΟ

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Ο/Σ ΧΑΛΚΕΝΩΕΡ ΤΙΣΙΜΑΤΑ USA ΛΙΜΕΝΑΡΧΕΙΟ ΠΕΙΡΑΙΩΣ ΚΟΧ
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TYPE OF BOAT MFTERS

ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW

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

ΕΠΙΒΑΤΕΣ - PASSENGERS

Α/Α S/N	ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ADDRESS	ΑΡ. ΔΙΑΒΑΤ. PASSPORT No	ΕΘΝΙΚΟΤΗΤΑ NATIONALITY
1	Holland		Dutch
2	Belgium		BELGIUM
3	NORWAY		Norway
4	NORWAY		Norway
5	NORWAY		Norway
6	ENGLAND		United Kingdom
7	Ireland		Ireland
8	Australia		Australia
9	England		United Kingdom
10	England		United Kingdom
	Malaysia		Malaysia
	Belgium		Belgium
	IRELAND		IRISH
	Ευρωπαϊκή MS Ανδρικό		Ευρωπαϊκή 25/05/2010

Μετρητής: [Redacted] 25/05/2010
Επίσημο: [Redacted] Ημερία / Date

ΘΕΩΡΗΘΗΚΕ

Ο ΠΛΟΙΑΡΧΟΣ
THE MASTER



Παρελ. Σελ. 1 από 2
 ΔΥ/Α ΤΣΑΚΗ

ΑΝΤΙΤΥΠΟ 1 (ΣΤΕΛΕΧΟΣ) 1/5



ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ
 HELLENIC REPUBLIC
 ΥΠΟΥΡΓΕΙΟ ΟΙΚΟΝΟΜΙΚΩΝ
 MINISTRY OF FINANCE
 ΓΕΝΙΚΗ Δ/ΝΣΗ ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΩΝ & ΕΦΚ
 GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF
 CUSTOMS AND EXCISE
 ΤΕΛΩΝΕΙΑΚΗ ΑΡΧΗ Α.Τ.Ε.Π.Α.
 CUSTOMS AUTHORITY

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

ΕΞΟΧΗ VALIDITY (2)

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

ΠΑΡΑΤΑΣΗ ΙΣΧΥΟΣ
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 2. ΑΠΟ/FROM _____ ΜΕΧΡΙ/UNTIL _____
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ΕΞΟΧΗ VALIDITY (2)

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ΔΕΛΤΙΟ ΚΙΝΗΣΗΣ^{(1),(6)}
TRANSIT LOG

1. ΟΝΟΜΑ ΠΛΟΙΟΥ / SHIP'S NAME: **CHALLENGER I** ΠΛΗΡΑΙΑ / FLAG: **USA**

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

ΔΑΣ/CALL SIGN: _____ Κ.Ο.Χ.: _____ ΟΤ: **7357**

ΤΥΠΟΣ ΠΛΟΙΟΥ / TYPE OF SHIP: **ULY 604 κατασκευαστή 1977 114000 66foot 02 inches**

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

ΠΛΟΙΟΚΤΗΤΗΣ / OWNER'S NAME: **USS GENERAL WARRAN WARRIPS**

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ / HOME ADDRESS: **3511 SILVERSIDE RD SUITE 105 WILMINGTON**

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ / TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: **DE 19810**

ΑΦΜ: _____ ΔΟΥ: _____ ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: _____

ΠΛΟΙΑΡΧΟΣ / ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΤΗΣ / CAPTAIN: [REDACTED]

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ / HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ / TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] FAX: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: [REDACTED]

ΚΑΤΟΧΟΣ - ΧΡΗΣΤΗΣ / HOLDER USER: [REDACTED]

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ / HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ / TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] FAX: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: [REDACTED]

ΕΚΠΡΟΣΩΠΟΣ ΠΛΟΙΟΚΤΗΤΗΣ / OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE: [REDACTED]

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ΚΑΤΟΙΚΙΑΣ / HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

ΤΗΛΕΦΩΝΟ / TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] FAX: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

ΑΔΤ ή ΔΙΑΒΑΤΗΡΙΟ: [REDACTED]

[Redacted]

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΔΗΜΟΚΡΑΤΙΑ
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ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΗ ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΑ
ΛΙΜΕΝΙΚΟ ΘΥΛΑΚΙΟ

**ΚΑΤΑΣΤΑΣΗ ΕΠΙΒΑΤΩΝ & ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑΤΟΣ
PASSENGER AND CREW LIST**

DEPARTMENT OF GREECE
PIREAS PORT AUTHORITY
PORT POLICE
COAST GUARD

YACHT Challenger 1 ΣΗΜΑΙΑ USA ΠΟΡΤ ΟΥ ΕΓΓΡΑΦΗΣ AP ΝΗΟΛ Κ.Ο.Χ. Κ.Ο.Χ.
 DURING THE VOYAGE FROM ΑΓΙΟ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΥ ΓΙΑ ΚΥΡΟ ΤΟ Κ.Ο.Χ.
 ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ Κ.Ο.Χ. ΜΕΤΡΑ 20
 ΤΥΠΟΣ ΡΟΛΙ Κ.Ο.Χ. ΜΕΤΡΑ Κ.Ο.Χ.

ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW

1) Κ. της Master	[Redacted]	6) Ναύτης Sailor	[Redacted]
2) [Redacted]	[Redacted]	7) [Redacted]	[Redacted]
3) Μηχανικός Engineer	[Redacted]	8) [Redacted]	[Redacted]
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ΕΠΙΒΑΤΕΣ - PASSENGERS

Α/Α No	ΕΠΩΝΥΜΟ FULL NAME	ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ADDRESS	ΑΡ. ΔΙΑΔΩΤ. PASSPORT No	ΧΡΩΣΤΟΧΡΟΜΙΑ NATIONALITY
1	[Redacted]	Germany	[Redacted]	German
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6	[Redacted]	USA	[Redacted]	American
7	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	American
8	[Redacted]	USA	[Redacted]	Serbia
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11	[Redacted]	Canada	[Redacted]	Canada
12	[Redacted]	USA	[Redacted]	Brazil
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Πλοίο: Challenger 1 Ημερομηνία: 25/05/2010

ΟΣΤΡΕΛΙΩΝΙΚΟ ΛΙΜΕΝΑΡΧΕΙΟ ΠΑΡΑΙΩΣ
THE MASTER

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

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

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

Phone: (202) 372-3785
[REDACTED]

Sipr: [REDACTED] 1

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

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

Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

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

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

Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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

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

Thank you again.
[REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

Alcon,

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

v/r

CDR [REDACTED]

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

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

Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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

US-flagged vessels equipped with LRIT:

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

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

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
United States Coast Guard
Deputy Chief
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Date: Friday, May 28, 2010 8:21:21 AM
Attachments: [RE Israel Navy on Free Gaza.msg](#)

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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] y on behalf of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [LCDR](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza
Date: Thursday, May 27, 2010 4:36:57 PM

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

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Thank you again.
[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED],

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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Attorney-Adviser
U.S. Department of State
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[REDACTED]

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

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

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Very Respectfully,

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Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza
Date: Thursday, May 27, 2010 1:53:17 PM
Importance: High

Sir,

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza
Date: Thursday, May 27, 2010 11:32:05 AM

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

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

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Maritime & International Law (CG 0941)
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Washington, D.C. 20593
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RECOMMEND PARTIAL
RELEASE 1.4(B),B1,B5,1.4(D),B6

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

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

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

From: Johnson, Thomas A
To: O'Brien, Gregory J (OES); Baumert, Kevin A; Morrison, Andrew L; Anderson, Gerald C; Cook, Nerissa J; Frelch, Karlene H; Huskey, James L; Connor, Julie G; Jacobson, Linda; Dolan, JoAnn
Cc: 'Jason.E.Smith2@uscg.mil' <Jason.E.Smith2@uscg.mil>; Whittlesey, John K; Graves, Jackie M
Sent: Thu Jun 10 12:51:32 2010
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USDEL believes that issues mentioned below have been resolved, if the current deal holds. It is reflected in the text below for an insert in the Record of Decisions (there is no Council report per se).

[Redacted]

1.4(B)
1.4(D)
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Insert in Record of Decisions:

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Classified by DAS, A/GIS, DoS ~ Class CONFIDENTIAL Reason: 1.4(B) 1.4(D); B1
Declassify on: 06/11/2020

Press Release:

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Cc: [redacted]@uscg.mil
Subject: RE: IMO Council--Draft Press release on Israel-Turkey Incident

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To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]@uscg.mil
Subject: RE: IMO Council--Draft Press release on Israel-Turkey Incident

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

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Thanks,

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[Redacted]

L/OES

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

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Tom, [Redacted]

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[Redacted]

v/r [Redacted]

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

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Thanks, Tom. Aside from this issues you point out, this seems like a fine outcome.

[Redacted]

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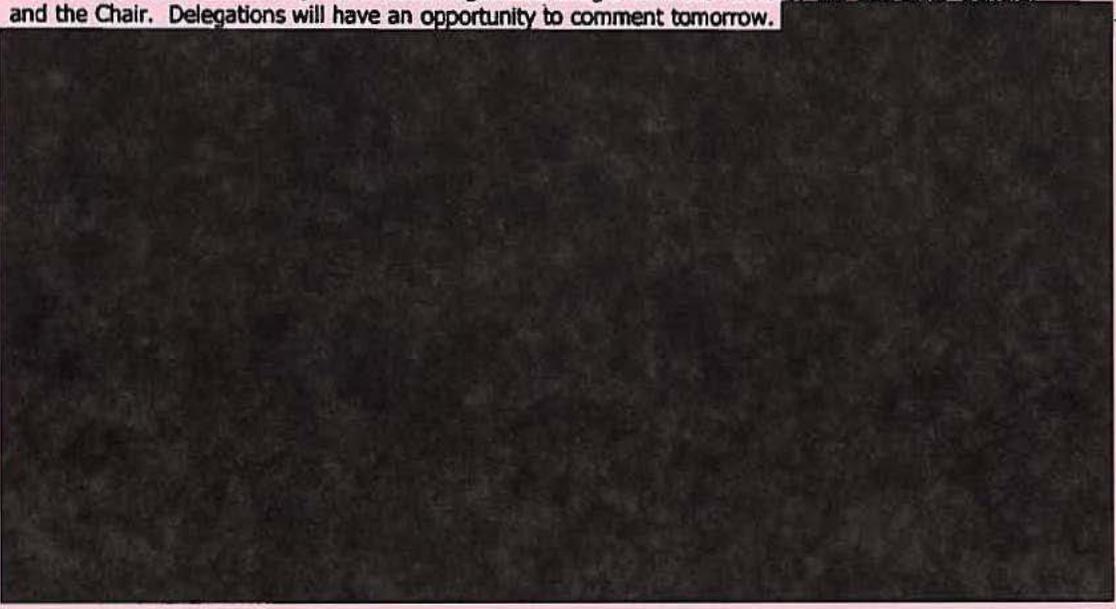
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Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 8:23 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]@uscg.mil
Subject: IMO Council--Draft Press release on Israel-Turkey Incident

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

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USDEL requests guidance as soon as possible. Thanks.

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

[REDACTED],

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

V/R,

[REDACTED]

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 1:37 PM
[REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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

Many thanks.

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 12:45 PM
[REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

[REDACTED]

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

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

Very Respectfully,

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

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

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

US-flagged vessels equipped with LRIT;

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

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

Best Regards,

█

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

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

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

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

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

V/R,

LCDR [REDACTED]
CG-7611
LRIT
2-2522

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

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

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

[REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[REDACTED]

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

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

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

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

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

Many thanks.

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

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

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

[REDACTED]

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

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

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

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

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Thanks,

[Redacted]

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

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

[Redacted]

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

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

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

[Redacted]

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Thanks,

[Redacted]

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

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

R/

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

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

Subject: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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

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

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

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Vessel Name:	Denny Tide	Vessel Status:
IMO #:	7121140	Most Frequent Reporting Interval:
MMSI #:	367124340	Last Position DTG:
Flag:	United States	Expected Next Position DTG:
Latitude:	37° 09' 17" N	Consecutive Failures:
Longitude:	15° 43' 36" E	

Vessel Name:	Honey Bee	Vessel Status:
IMO #:	9536222	Most Frequent Reporting Interval:
MMSI #:	367416070	Last Position DTG:
Flag:	United States	Expected Next Position DTG:
Latitude:	27° 45' 58" N	Consecutive Failures:
Longitude:	35° 15' 48" E	

Vessel Name:	Liberty Eagle	Vessel Status:
IMO #:	9278753	Most Frequent Reporting Interval:
MMSI #:	369344000	Last Position DTG:
Flag:	United States	Expected Next Position DTG:
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Longitude:	32° 18' 29" E	

Vessel Name:	Maersk Carolina	Vessel Status:
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MMSI #:	369233000	Last Position DTG:
Flag:	United States	Expected Next Position DTG:
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Longitude:	32° 24' 17" E	

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MMSI #:	367775000	Last Position DTG:
Flag:	United States	Expected Next Position DTG:
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Longitude:	34° 58' 22" E	

Vessel Name:	Worker Bee	Vessel Status:
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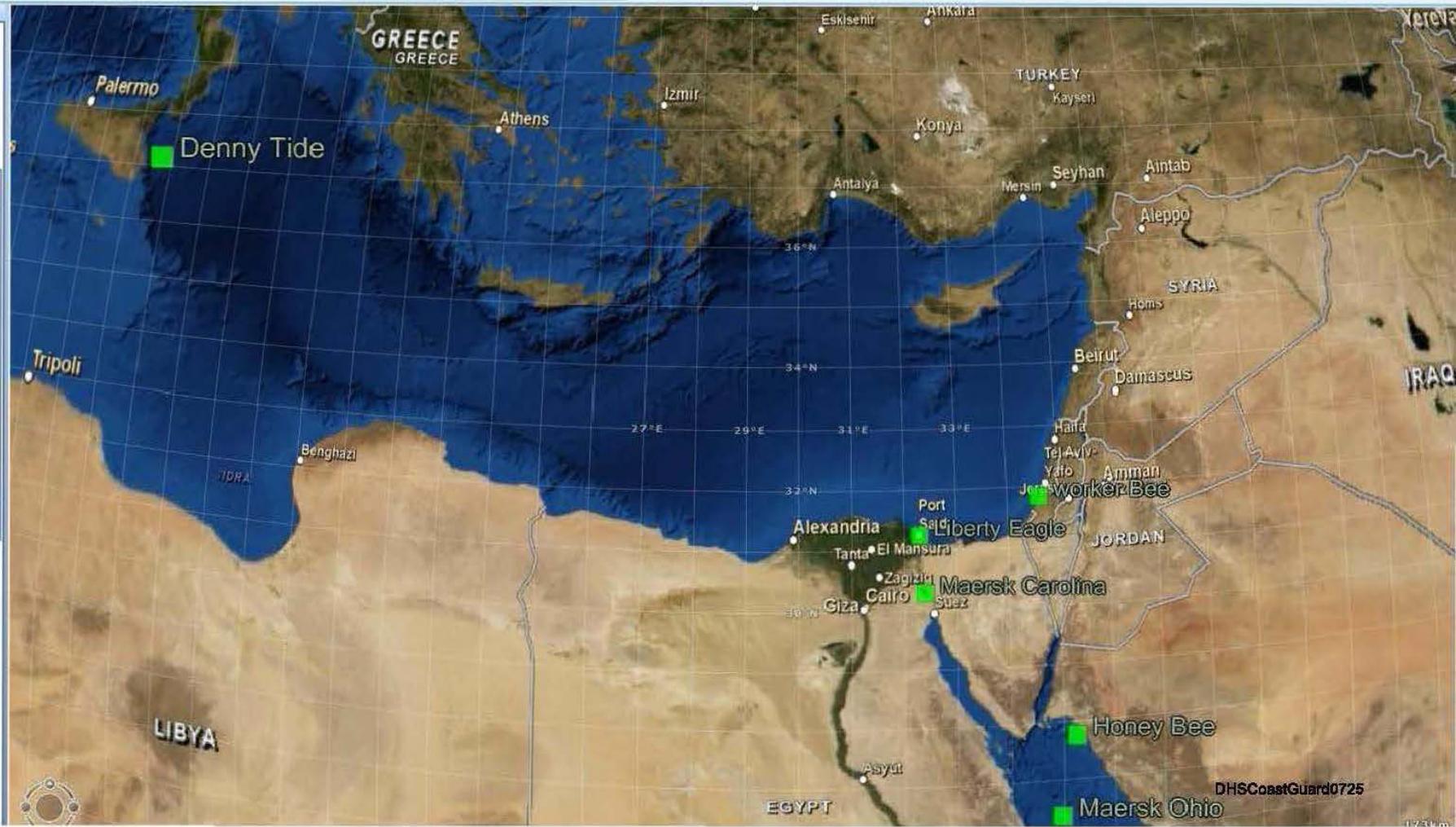
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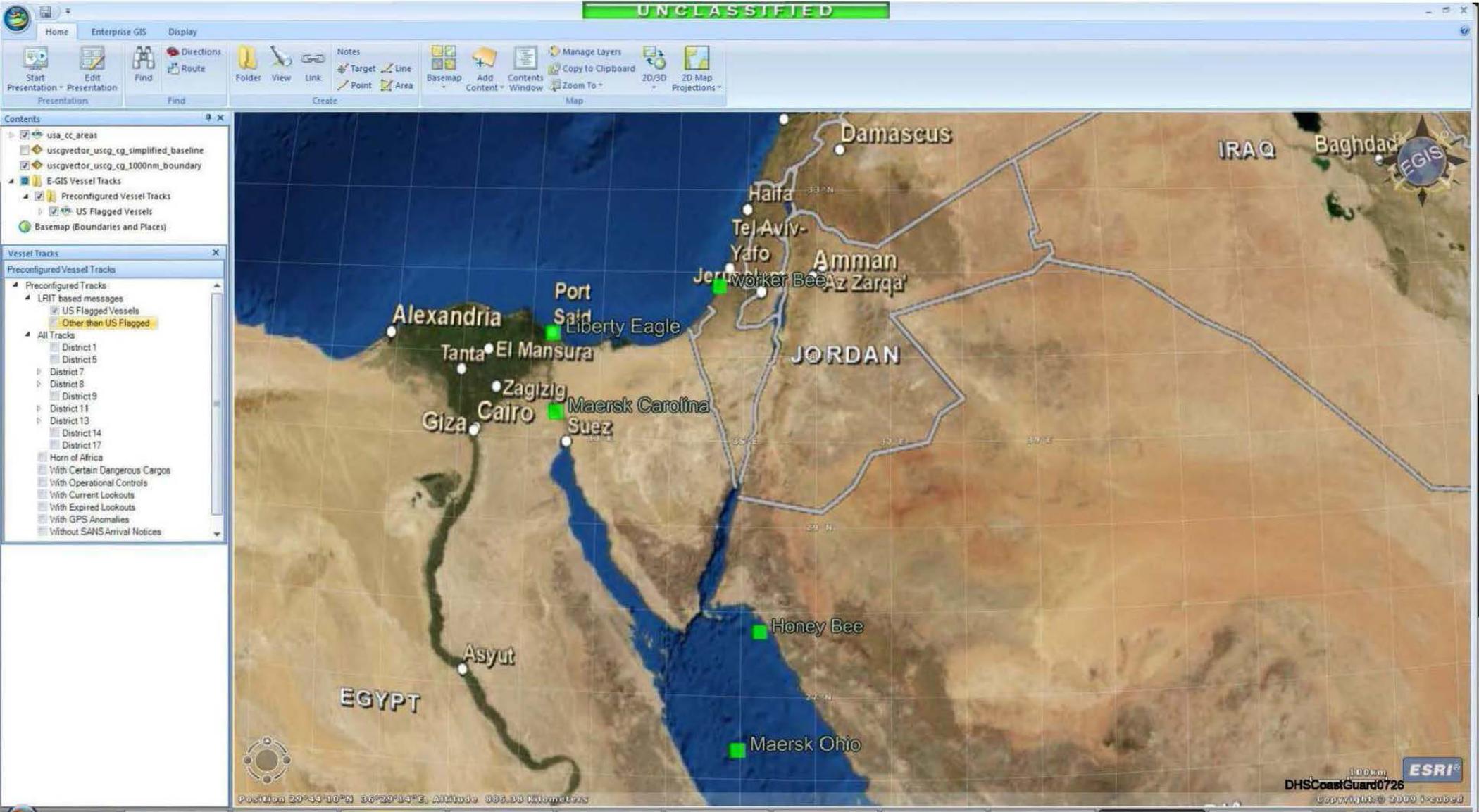
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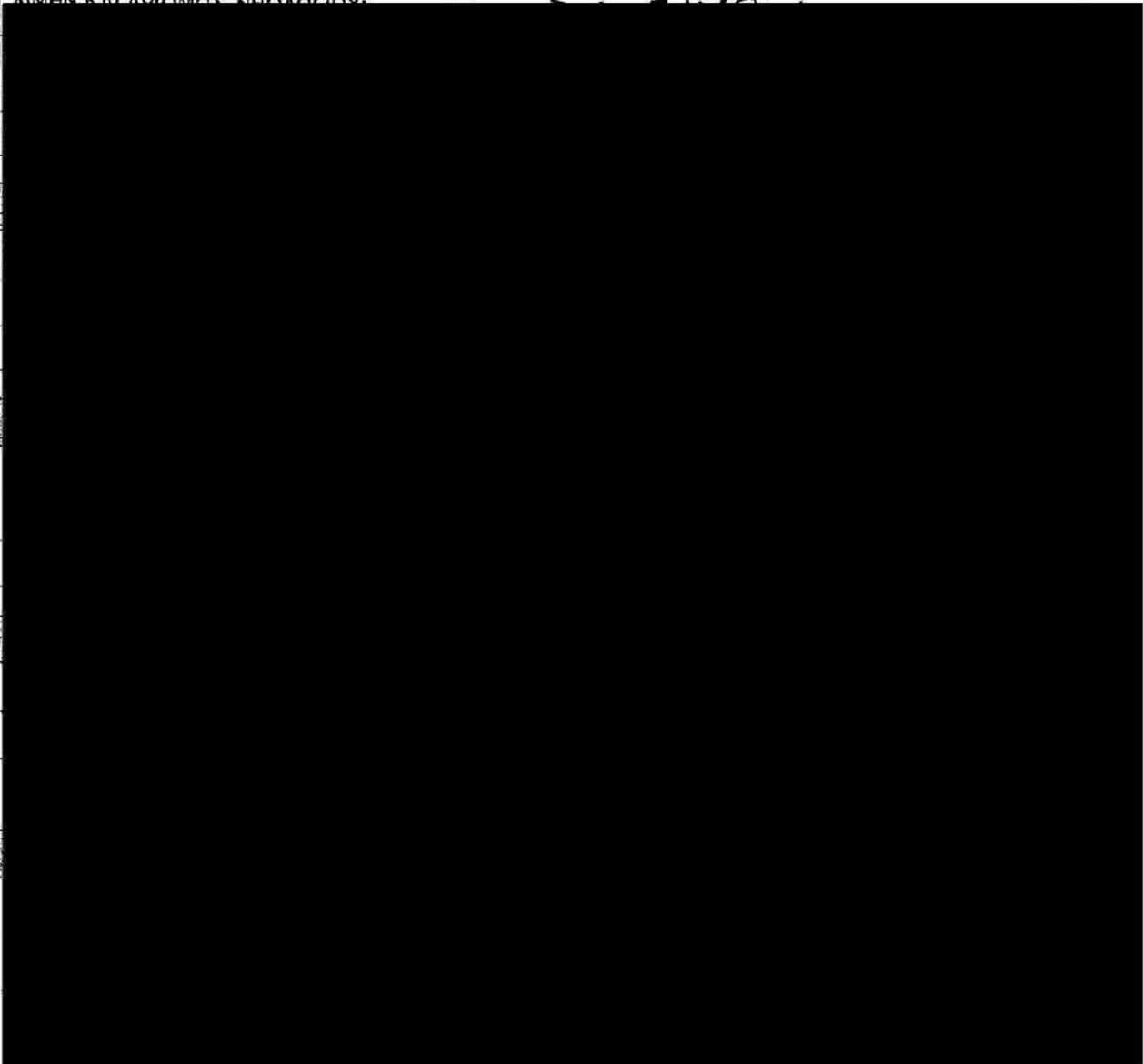
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ΚΑΤΑ ΤΗΝ ΑΠΟΠΛΟΥ ΑΠΟ ΑΓΙΟ ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟ ΓΙΑ ΚΥΘΟ Κ.Κ.Χ. Κ.Κ.Χ.
DURING THE VOYAGE FROM ΤΥΠΟΣ ΣΚΑΦΟΥΣ 20
TYPE OF BOAT METERS

ΠΛΗΡΩΜΑ - CREW



ΕΠΙΒΑΤΕΣ - PASSENGERS

Α/Α S/N	ΟΝΟΜΑΤΕΠΩΝΥΜΟ SURNAME	ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗ ADDRESS	ΑΡ ΔΙΑΒΛ. PASSPORT No	ΧΡΩΜΑΤΟΓΡΑΦΙΑ NATIONALITY
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				Canada
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ΑΠΛΕ 25/05/2010
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Israel Navy on Free Gaza
Date: Friday, May 28, 2010 7:33:24 AM
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Attached are crew/passenger manifests for three additional vessels we received (via Cons sections' persistent calls) from the Port of Piraeus.

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

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

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

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

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

Looping in Embassy Athens.

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

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

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

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

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

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

[REDACTED] - Does the Israeli Navy have any more info beyond the ship's names? [REDACTED] b(5)
[REDACTED] Deliberative
[REDACTED] Process

[REDACTED] b(6)

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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

[Redacted] b(5) Deliberative Process

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

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

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

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

[Redacted] b(5) Deliberative Process

Thanks,

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

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

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

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Process

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

Thanks!

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

Correction from Israel Navy -

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

V/R,

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

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

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

R/

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To: [REDACTED]

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PII

Subject: Israel Navy on Free Gaza

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

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

[REDACTED]
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