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Subject: Fw: NOTICE: [REDACTED] ARIAS Statement 10 July 2009, 1600 local
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Oscar, pls print note for hrc.

From: Shannon, Thomas A
To: Abedin, Huma
Sent: Fri Jul 10 18:54:21 2009
Subject: FW: NOTICE: [REDACTED] ARIAS Statement 10 July 2009, 1600 local

Huma:

Here is a synopsis of a statement just read by Arias at a press conference. Please let the Secretary know that the talks are still alive. Arias will announce shortly the date for follow-on talks. This is a positive development. Chavez had declared the talks "dead" earlier today, which was the diplomatic equivalent of putting a defibulator on the talks. All parties had to go out and say the talks were moving ahead. Thank God for Chavez.

Our Hugo (the Ambassador) meets with the "de factos" tomorrow to deliver our message. I will send you a short note about the outcome. Zelaya might come to D.C. tomorrow. If so, [REDACTED] I will see him and encourage him to return to Costa Rica.

Tom

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Sent: Friday, July 10, 2009 6:47 PM
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Cc: Jacobson, Roberta S; 'Peter Brennan'; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: NOTICE: [REDACTED] ARIAS Statement 10 July 2009, 1600 local

Too add onto Peter's email, here is a brief unofficial summary in English of above document from my FSN:

Notes from 10 July 1600 local President Arias speech on the results of the meeting between the two delegations:

- The first decisive step is always the first step, and the Parties have already taken the first step.
- During the meeting, there were two versions or interpretations of the events before and after June 28.
- The discussions took place in a peaceful environment.
- Talks will resume as soon as possible.

- Costa Rica will continue to be a mediator as long as both Parties request it.
- The results, agreements and the achievement of peace will be the arguments to respond to those who have a pessimistic view.
- Arias said that he fights for the principles of peace, understanding and goodwill to achieve agreements.
- There will be an announcement of a second meeting soon.
- Arias had a petition: "Let Central Americans solve our own problems, as we did 22 years ago."
- Arias also addressed Hondurans by saying, "please do not destroy with violence what we are building here. There is always a second chance."
- Arias told both Parties that they are always welcome.

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Here's Arias' statement. P-

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Arias is giving a press conference right now (on CNN Espanol) in which he indicates that talks will continue (new dates to be announced in the next few days) and he responds to Chavez by saying in effect "I won't get into personalized arguments/discussions, I defend principles" and calling on others to "allow Central Americans to resolve the problems of Central America." I turned it on late, but did not see mention of a joint declaration. We'll try to get the full readout/text asap. P-

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Can and Br gave odd statements supporting greater OAS involvement in the process. They want a SYG led commission to work alongside the Arias effort. SYG asking for permission to talk to golpistas.

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Arias and Stagno called to report that they've just spoken to Insulza. Arias believes that the mediation is on track and is [redacted] As a result of their conversation, Arias believes that Insulza will be supportive of Arias and the process. Arias commented that Chavez was criticizing him as being responsive to S. Arias countered that he is mediating because both sides asked him to. Lastly Arias knows that Insulza is seeking the limelight as his re-election campaign gets started. Arias negated rumors that he is sidelining Insulza, because Arias wants the OAS SG for himself. He assured me he has no interest in the job. I told them we would provide them a read-out after the meeting.

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Great idea. And the CR Amb to the OAS

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I'm waiting to get a call back/update from Rodrigo Arias, who sounded a bit more positive in his comments to the media earlier today. Should I encourage him to call Insulza and reassure him that things are moving along? P-

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Subject: RE: NOTICE: [redacted]

Perfect. I just off the phone with Ramdin [redacted] Ramdin (off the record) confessed that this meeting had come as a surprise to him; he said the SYG is clearly "not happy." Ramdin said he and Victor Rico would stress to the SYG the need to give the process time.

I have serious doubts about what the SYG is going to say.

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Got hold of the CR Amb who said he would stress to the SYG that it is much too early to characterize the talks. CR Amb said he would stress to Insulza that the meeting should be "puramente informativo."

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Hector told Insulza not to do this, but he's doing it anyhow. He is going to be making a report to a closed PC at 4pm today on the talks in Honduras. He, undoubtedly, will be highly negative and report that the talks are not working.

I would like instructions to be able to counter this by saying we must give the process time; people are clearly staking out their positions; it is the start of the process and we should not do anything that undermines what is the best hope for solving the Honduran crisis without bloodshed.

I will call the Costa Ricans and Guatemalans and see what their take is on this meeting.

From: Diggs, Deborah T
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