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Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2009 10:08 AM
To: 'abedinh@state.gov'
Subject: Re: 12/23 Senior Staff Meeting

Are you in DC? Also, no Suzanne delivery waiting at house--is it here and Oscar needs to pick up?

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

From: Abedin, Huma <AbedinH@state.gov>
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Subject: Fw: 12/23 Senior Staff Meeting

From: Smith, Daniel B
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SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

SOMALIA

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[redacted] Jack reported that he had told the Somalia team that what they had produced in terms of creative solutions to get food into Somalia was totally inadequate, and he had asked them to try again. He wanted them to look at options such as extraordinary means of food delivery, moving people to the north, or relying more heavily on Kenya. He wants to review the material again well in advance of the next meeting.

BUDGET

There will be a meeting with OMB and the NSC at 11:30 this morning on the FY 2011 budget. Jack voiced concern that 1) OMB is looking at "offsets" that might not be real; and 2) that on the war side of the budget, [redacted]

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PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

Cheryl indicated that Judith McHale has a proposal for a new structure for public diplomacy in the Department and wanted to be sure Pat had reviewed it. Pat said he had seen it, as has Jack, and both like the approach, though Pat noted some in the Department (especially the regional bureaus) may be less enthusiastic.

"HARD LANDING" IN JAMAICA

The American Airlines plane that made a "hard landing" in Jamaica carried 73 Americans, a number of whom were injured, although there were no fatalities. The flight originated in Washington and carried official and private Americans. Embassy Kingston employees are on the scene and at the hospital to provide assistance.

GOLDMAN CASE

Goldman's Brazilian attorney and the attorney for the Brazilian family are discussing a possible "voluntary" handover of the boy to Mr. Goldman this morning. If that does not happen, Goldman will request an involuntary return. An NBC jet is standing by to return Mr. Goldman and his son back to the U.S.

Rich said that the letter from the Secretary to Senator Lautenberg had not been delivered because Lautenberg's staff had indicated it might not be sufficient to persuade him to lift his hold, but the letter now appears to be overtaken by events in any event.

NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

Derek indicated that the Department will receive a draft of the National Security Strategy report early next month, and we will have to set up a process to review it quickly. Jack stressed the need to ensure it was consistent with the QDDR.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

The Senate will likely approve the Iran sanctions legislation today or tomorrow. We will need to focus on the conference to obtain the changes we want.

Rose will make a number of calls to key Senators to update them on the START negotiations. Rich noted that there is anxiety over the "bridging" period before a new agreement takes effect.

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We expect all our nominees, except (UN Management) to move tomorrow.

On Codels to Islamabad, Rich noted the request from post for help in controlling the numbers and said he has some ideas. Among other things, he told post that they should combine meetings for Codels McCain and McConnell which are arriving in Islamabad the same day.