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Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2009 9:39 AM
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Subject: Fw: (SBU) Yettaw to be Deported on 8/16

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Sent: Sat Aug 15 09:14:47 2009
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In brief:

- Pursuant to his meeting with Senator James Webb, Burmese Senior General Than Shwe authorized deportation of Amcit John Yettaw.
- Yettaw is scheduled to depart on 8/16 at 1:30pm local (3:00 am EDT) with Sen. Webb aboard a milair flight.
- Codel Webb, with Yettaw, will fly to Bangkok, where ACS Bangkok will assist with onward flight arrangements for Yettaw.
- CONS/Rangoon has spoken with [redacted] to alert her to developments in the case. [redacted] stated she has no intention of speaking with the press.

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From: Furst, Colin P
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2009 8:22 AM
To: Bernier-Toth, Michelle; Gotoh, Yoshiaki; Lund, Lora O; Scheibe, Laura K; Rosenberger, Laura M; Park, Pamela P; Palmer, Matthew A; Emery, John B; Blake, Stephen J (EAP/MLS); SES-O; Robinson, Ronald S; Raugust, Mark
Cc: Harhigh, Jennifer A; Shoemaker, Marlene S; Alto, Hayward M; Vajda, Thomas L; Fitch, Susan M; Wheeler, Chelsia; Dinger, Larry M; Porter, Marc R; Mei, Richard; Mellott, William I
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All,

Per my discussions with CDA Dinger and Michelle Bernier-Toth, I just called [redacted] and relayed the news that [redacted] deportation is in the works. I couched it with plenty of caveats, but told her I hoped we could call her on Sunday with good news. She understands [redacted] she doesn't want to jeopardize the deportation.

Regards,

Colin Furst
Consul

From: Bernier-Toth, Michelle
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2009 4:59 PM
To: Furst, Colin P; Gotoh, Yoshiaki; Lund, Lora O; Scheibe, Laura K; Rosenberger, Laura M; Park, Pamela P; Palmer, Matthew A; Emery, John B; Blake, Stephen J (EAP/MLS); SES-O; Robinson, Ronald S; Raugust, Mark
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Colin - we have draft press guidance lined up for when he's wheels up and [redacted] has been notified - we want her to hear the news from us, not cnn. Can we count on webb's office to respect that?
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One final point: The Senator did not meet with Yettaw today and will not see him until we are all at the airport on Sunday afternoon.

From: Furst, Colin P
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2009 3:59 PM
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All,

Burmese authorities have informed us that John Yettaw will be deported and allowed to fly out on Senator Jim Webb's military flight on Sunday afternoon, 8/16 at 1:30 p.m. I have been asked to attend a reading of Yettaw's deportation order at Insein Prison earlier that morning at 9:00 a.m. I will then accompany Yettaw on the Senator's flight to Bangkok.
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I've been in touch with Lora Lund in Bangkok about this and about logistics once we land there. She will meet us at the airport. We plan on bringing Yettaw back to ACS/Bangkok as soon as we leave the airport so that he can call his wife and for us to discuss options for his return to the U.S.

[redacted]
[redacted] Lora will make guest house reservations just in case.

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Per discussion with my Charge d'Affaires (who is traveling with the Senator), we have not notified [redacted] of this plan. As of now, the plan is for our Vice Consul, Hayward Alto, to call her as soon as the plane takes off for Bangkok.

Regards,

Colin Furst
Consul
U.S. Embassy Rangoon

From: Furst, Colin P
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2009 5:11 PM
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Cc: Harhigh, Jennifer A; Shoemaker, Marlene S; Alto, Hayward M; Vajda, Thomas L; Fitch, Susan M; Wheeler, Chelsia; Dinger, Larry M; Porter, Marc R; Mei, Richard; Mellott, William I
Subject: (SBU) John Yettaw Sentenced to 7 Years
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All,

John Yettaw was sentenced today to 7 years in prison (3 years for his immigration violation; 3 years for violating Burma's State Protection Law; and 1 year for violating a municipal swimming ordinance).

I was granted a 40-minute prison visit with Yettaw two hours after the verdict was read. He was in surprisingly good spirits and looked healthier than he had in a couple weeks. [redacted]

[redacted] He said he plans to appeal the verdict.

Vice Consul Hayward Alto spoke with [redacted] with news of the sentence.

Please see high side cable on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's sentence and low side cable (attached) for more details on Yettaw's sentence and health.

Regards,

Colin Furst
Consul
U.S. Embassy Rangoon, Burma