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SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

Somalia

- [Redacted]
- On the issue of allowing more USG civilians into Somalia, [Redacted]

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Interagency Meetings

- Jack said that two new DCs had been added this week – [Redacted]
- Jim added that there will be another PC [Redacted]

Congressional Issues

- The SFRC will mark up the Kerry/Lugar Foreign Assistance Bill next Tuesday. We have provided informal comments.
- Jack’s meeting with Senator Lugar, when it takes place, will focus on agriculture. S/SRAP is drafting a letter from Jack to Lugar that would help address his concerns in this regard. One of the things we have had to face is a myth circulating on the Hill that the 60 agricultural experts sent to Afghanistan by USDA had been new hires and that USAID could just as easily have gone out and hired the people. Simply not true. They were on USDA’s rolls already. It is true, though, that we could have simply detailed them from USDA to USAID, but Jack noted we had taken the “whole of government” approach seriously and had instead sent them directly.
- Senator Feinstein will go with Senators Kyle and Sessions to Geneva for the START talks next week.

Public Affairs

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Legal Issues

- Harold noted that the Supreme Court had granted a writ of certiorari in a case involving an official of the former government in Sudan now resident in Virginia who was allegedly involved in torture. [Redacted]

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