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SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

Palestinian Authority

- Jim reported he had had a 90 minute meeting with Fayyad who is doing all he can to keep things under control, but needs the money for the Palestinian Authority. Jack said that we need to touch base with Mitchell who was suggesting we hold off on the money until the new year. Jim confirmed that Fayyad said he needed the money now. (Our \$75 million combined with the \$100 million from the UAE would largely meet their short-term needs.) Jack said he would follow up with Mitchell.

Mexico

- Jack noted he would travel to Mexico on Sunday for talks on Merida II. He will return Tuesday. (Jack also noted he will visit Camp Atterbury this week, taking press along with him.)

India

- Bill said he will speak to the Indian Foreign Secretary at 9:15 and will provide a subsequent readout to the Secretary on where things stand leading up to the Singh visit.

Congressional Issues

- SFRC business meeting today. They will report out the Lugar "bridging" legislation on START, and mark-up the Kerry-Lugar Foreign Assistance Bill, though we have assurances it will not go further until we are ready to engage. A number of our nominees should also be reported out.
- We received the QFRs for Tom Shannon and will turn those around quickly.

Legal Issues

- L is still negotiating the language of our message to the court in the *Gilmore* case involving the default judgment against the Palestinian Authority.
- Harold said that L is helping prepare press guidance to respond to the NY Times piece on the son of the President of Equatorial Guinea. The case is not nearly as simple as the Times story suggests.

- The stay on military commissions expires today and prosecutors want to move forward one case on the basis of "material support," notwithstanding our view that this is not supportable.

Public Affairs

- PA anticipates questions on the IAEA report on Iran, the President's trip to China and the Secretary's participation in the inauguration of President Karzai. (PA said there was consensus to make public the fact that the Secretary will attend the Inauguration, but not provide any logistical or other details.)
- PA also noted that there was good news from Afghanistan about the launch of an anti-corruption group and a major crimes task force.

Deputy Secretaries Meeting – Highlights

Israel

- The Israelis have announced plans for a new settlement on the outskirts of Jerusalem, Jeff Feltman reported, ignoring our appeals. In fact, the Israelis have leaked the demarche that Senator Mitchell just made to them on this. Jeff noted that this will be a real blow to Abu Mazen.

SCA

- Iranian FM is in India today. We have no official readout, but press reports suggest the Iranians did not get what they wanted. In particular, Indians apparently turned down Iranian request that India launch an Iranian satellite.

GTMO

- Dan Fried reported that DoD is saying it has no air assets available for repatriations until December, even though we have 3-4 detainees ready to go. Jack offered to weigh-in.

Afghanistan

- S/SRAP said the rollout strategy is still being worked, but will likely take place right after Thanksgiving. There will also likely be an Afghanistan conference in London at the end of January.