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**From:** Verma, Richard R <VermaRR@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2009 4:55 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** FW: Arlen Specter called S office

FYI – Bill did talk to Senator Specter. It went fine. Specter was glad to hear we had approached the Syrians re: the hikers.

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**From:** Burns, William J  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2009 4:38 PM  
**To:** Verma, Richard R  
**Cc:** Jacobs, Janice L; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Macmanus, Joseph E; Fogarty, Daniel J  
**Subject:** RE: Arlen Specter called S office

I talked to Sen Specter, and confirmed that we have approached Syrians (along with others) to ask their help on hikers. He was appreciative.

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**From:** Verma, Richard R  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2009 4:29 PM  
**To:** Burns, William J  
**Cc:** Jacobs, Janice L; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Macmanus, Joseph E; Fogarty, Daniel J  
**Subject:** FW: Arlen Specter called S office

Bill – the Secretary asked if you would be willing to call Specter back on her behalf....sorry to drag you into this. Jim Steinberg tells me we have also just sent (or will send) a dip note to Syria and others in the region on this same subject.

Rich

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**From:** Fogarty, Daniel J  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2009 10:27 AM  
**To:** Verma, Richard R; Schlicher, Ronald L; Jacobs, Janice L; Mills, Cheryl D  
**Cc:** Rooney, Matthew M; Macmanus, Joseph E; S\_SpecialAssistants; CA-Staffers Mailbox  
**Subject:** RE: Arlen Specter called S office

All:

For your review, I've attached Sen. Specter's letter to S about this issue. We just received this fax.

Thanks,

Dan

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**From:** Fogarty, Daniel J  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2009 9:28 AM  
**To:** Verma, Richard R  
**Cc:** Rooney, Matthew M; Macmanus, Joseph E; S\_SpecialAssistants  
**Subject:** Arlen Specter called S office

Sir,

Senator Specter just called for the Secretary to discuss the three Amcits hikers detained in Iran – Josh Fattal is a constituent from Elkins Park, PA. Since S is on travel, he passed his message to me.

Specter wants to know what/if anything the Department has done to enlist the assistance of Syria in obtaining the release of the Amcits detained in Iran. Specter said he recently spoke with the Syrian Ambassador to the U.S. Imad Moustapha, who mentioned that Syria helped the UK when five Brits were detained in Iran.

Specter has our information in the office and has made it clear that he would like an answer later this morning. He can be reached at 202-224-4254.

Sincerely,

Dan