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**From:** Abedin, Huma <AbedinH@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 2, 2010 5:08 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Fw: State of Play

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**From:** Rudman, Mara  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J; Abedin, Huma  
**Sent:** Tue Mar 02 16:10:17 2010  
**Subject:** State of Play

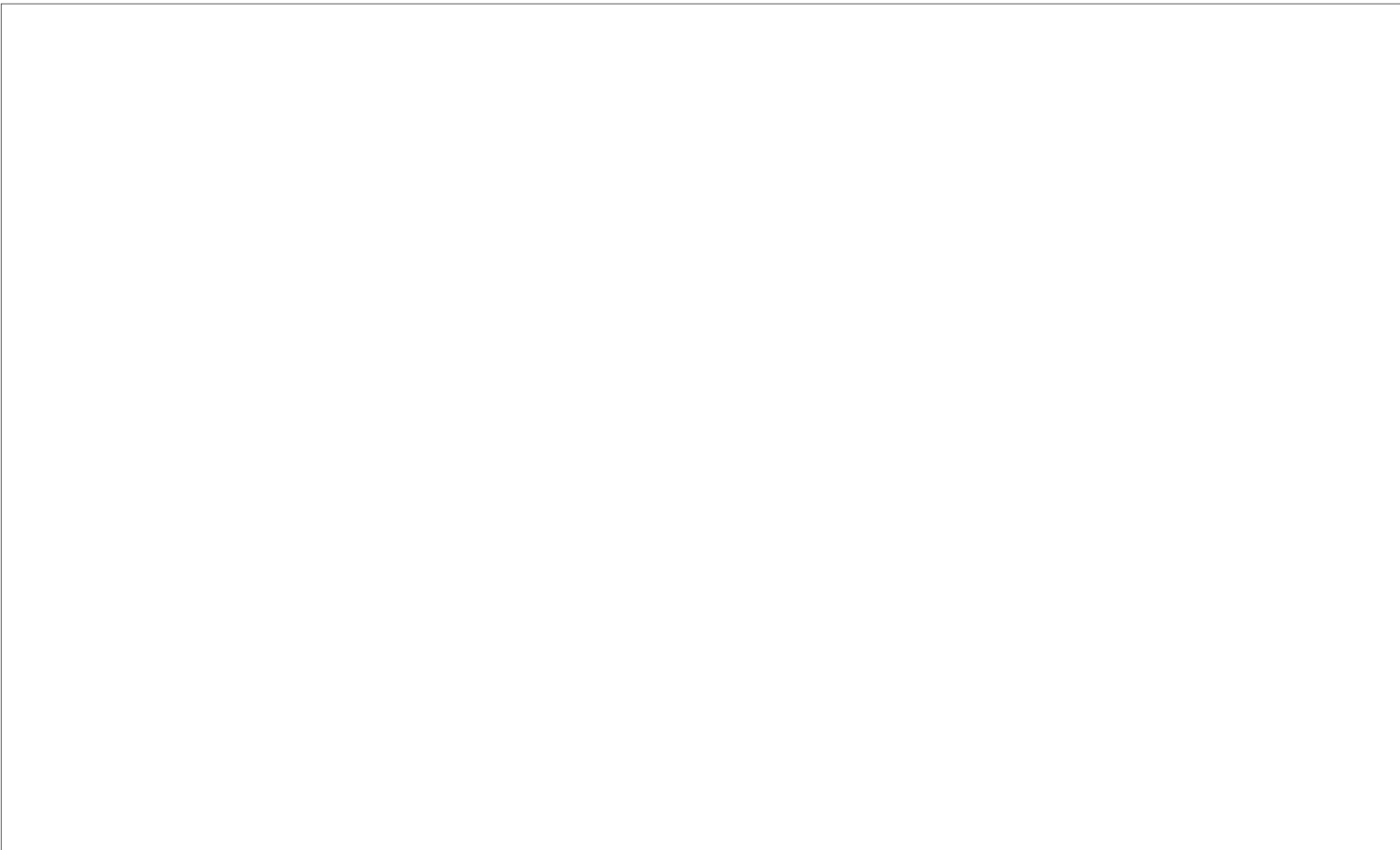
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**From:** Rubinstein, Daniel H  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 02, 2010 4:06 PM  
**To:** 'Mitchell, George'; Hale, David M; Hof, Frederic C; Rudman, Mara; Irwin, Matthew T; NEA-SEMEP-DL; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Schlicher, Ronald L; Connelly, Maura; shapirodanielb [redacted]  
**Cc:** Waters, John R; LoGerfo, Gregory D; Marchese, Gregory M  
**Subject:** RE: Jordan FM on State of Play

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Following is based on readouts from Saeb Erekat and FCC member Azzam al-Ahmed also with the Palestinians in Cairo:



1.4(D)  
B1

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**From:** Mitchell, George [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 02, 2010 10:57 PM  
**To:** Hale, David M; Hof, Frederic C; Rudman, Mara; Irwin, Matthew T; NEA-SEMEP-DL; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Schlicher, Ronald L; Connelly, Maura; shapirodanielb [redacted]  
**Cc:** Rubinstein, Daniel H; Waters, John R; LoGerfo, Gregory D  
**Subject:** Re: Jordan FM on State of Play

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**From:** Hale, David M <HaleDM2@state.gov>  
**To:** Hof, Frederic C <HoffC@state.gov>; Rudman, Mara <RudmanM@state.gov>; Irwin, Matthew T <IrwinMT@state.gov>; NEA-SEMEP-DL <NEA-SEMEP-DL@state.gov>; Feltman, Jeffrey D <FeltmanJD@state.gov>; Schlicher, Ronald L <SchlicherRL@state.gov>; Connelly, Maura <ConnellyM@state.gov>; Mitchell, George; shapirodanielb [redacted]  
**Cc:** Rubinstein, Daniel H <RubinsteinDH@state.gov>; Waters, John R <WatersJR@state.gov>; LoGerfo, Gregory D <LoGerfoGD@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Mar 02 14:20:17 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Jordan FM on State of Play

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Sent from Blackberry

**From:** Hale, David M  
**To:** Hof, Frederic C; Rudman, Mara; Irwin, Matthew T; NEA-SEMEP-DL; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Schlicher, Ronald L; Connelly, Maura; 'george [redacted] 'shapirodanielb [redacted]  
**Cc:** Rubinstein, Daniel H; Waters, John R; LoGerfo, Gregory D  
**Sent:** Tue Mar 02 14:54:11 2010  
**Subject:** Jordan FM on State of Play

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**From:** Hof, Frederic C  
**To:** Rudman, Mara; Hale, David M; Irwin, Matthew T; NEA-SEMEP-DL; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Schlicher, Ronald L; Connelly, Maura  
**Cc:** Rubinstein, Daniel H; Waters, John R; LoGerfo, Gregory D  
**Sent:** Tue Mar 02 14:16:27 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Nabil Abd Rabbo statements prior to the follow-up cty meeting

Same thing Asad told Kerry. Will do my best to reconnect with WM. F

**From:** Rudman, Mara  
**To:** Hale, David M; Irwin, Matthew T; NEA-SEMEP-DL; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Schlicher, Ronald L; Connelly, Maura  
**Cc:** Rubinstein, Daniel H; Waters, John R; LoGerfo, Gregory D  
**Sent:** Tue Mar 02 14:00:10 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Nabil Abd Rabbo statements prior to the follow-up cty meeting

Fred did of course talk to Muallem... who said that they would not stand in the way...

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**From:** Hale, David M  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 02, 2010 1:55 PM  
**To:** Irwin, Matthew T; NEA-SEMEP-DL; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Schlicher, Ronald L; Connelly, Maura  
**Cc:** Rubinstein, Daniel H; Waters, John R; LoGerfo, Gregory D  
**Subject:** Re: Nabil Abd Rabbo statements prior to the follow-up cty meeting

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**From:** Irwin, Matthew T  
**To:** NEA-SEMEP-DL; Feltman, Jeffrey D; Schlicher, Ronald L; Connelly, Maura  
**Cc:** Rubinstein, Daniel H; Waters, John R; LoGerfo, Gregory D  
**Sent:** Tue Mar 02 12:51:41 2010  
**Subject:** Fw: Nabil Abd Rabbo statements prior to the follow-up cty meeting

Update from Rick and Ibrahim...

Sent via Blackberry

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**From:** Waters, John R  
**To:** Rubinstein, Daniel H; Marchese, Gregory M; Irwin, Matthew T; Hale, David M  
**Cc:** Pilz, Amanda C  
**Sent:** Tue Mar 02 19:21:20 2010  
**Subject:** Nabil Abd Rabbo statements prior to the follow-up cty meeting

*A quick summary from Ibrahim; these comments were made prior to the Follow-Up Cty meeting, which is now underway. -rw*

In press statements this evening, NAR stressed that the PA and the PLO are committed to the Arab position which will be developed in the meeting of the Arab Follow Up committee in Cairo. In response to a question at the beginning of the meeting on President Abbas's presentation to the committee, NAR said that the ideas that will be presented are not those of President Abu Mazen but basically are about the US responses to the Palestinian questions in relation to the role of Senator Mitchell in the 'proximity talks.' He will also stress that the Palestinian position will be the same as the Arab position.

He added that these ideas will be presented to the to the Arab Follow Up committee and we shall see what the Arabs will say. And we will adhere to the Arab position completely exactly as we did when we went to Annapolis and to Madrid peace conference. He said the answer will be provided in the meeting. He went on to say that we have received some responses from Washington to questions which President Abbas had raised. In response to a question on whether the US answers constitute an appropriate ground to resume negotiations, NAR said that the US wants to move the peace process forward and want to create a conducive atmosphere to launch direct negotiations in the future. He said that the proposed proximity talks essentially are based on Senator Mitchell continuing his trips between the Palestinians and Israelis. As far as we are concerned, we shall abide by the Arab position. He also said

we will not develop any position with respect to negotiations without Arab consensus whether in terms of accepting or rejecting the US ideas.

With regards to resumption of direct negotiations between the Palestinians and Israelis, NAR said that there are no proposals (ideas) at present time to resume direct negotiations. He said that the Arab and Palestinian position on this issue is clear; there needs to be a clear TOR for negotiations and total cessation of settlement activities. He said that the PA position in principle is not against negotiations. On the contrary its for negotiations that do not waste time since the Palestinian national interest requires a solution as soon as possible to create the independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as capital. NAR went on to say that before talking about resumption of direct negotiations, there is a need to clarify the basis of these negotiations and to know the fate of settlements and to what extent will Israeli abide by freezing settlement activities.

With respect to Israeli provocations which seriously tamper with security and stability, NAR said that Israel does not want a return to negotiations but wants to blame the Palestinians by saying they don't want to enter negotiations. NAR went on to say 'It is imperative to take away this pretext by exposing the real Israeli position to the international community and the US administration. He said we are ready to resume negotiations on clear basis but its the Israeli side that places obstacles to avert meeting its commitments while blaming the Palestinian side (as Israel is accustomed to doing).