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SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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PAKISTAN

- The extraordinary efforts to ensure no problems for the arriving Pakistani delegation for the Strategic Dialogues have gone well.
- Jack reported he had spoken to Nita Lowey and others about the hold on Pakistani assistance. Calls went better than expected. (As an aside, [Redacted])

S/P

- Anne-Marie noted that they are hosting policy planning meetings with the Israelis this week.

CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

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- Rich said that there is only a 50/50 chance that the Secretary's testimony on Thursday will proceed as planned, given the focus on health care this week.

[Redacted]

- SFRC would like to hold a Food Security hearing in April – Raj and Jack would testify.
- H staff will meet with Senator Brownback’s folks today on the internet freedom funding issue he has raised.
- Senators Kerry and Lugar will attend a [Redacted]

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- A *Wall Street Journal* article suggests we are about to announce a cyber envoy.
- There is an odd story circulating about alleged State Department support for a Russian bid on the Air Force tanker program. No truth to this.
- [Redacted]

DEPUTIES MEETING – HIGHLIGHTS

R

- Expressed concern about issues involving treatment of foreign visitors from 57 countries coming to Washington for the Entrepreneurial Summit. Also noted that we are looking at ways to amplify the message from the Summit back in their home countries.
- R is beginning discussions with DoD about strategic communications funding.

S/CT

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WHA

- New Chilean FM is in town and WHA hopes to arrange for him to meet with Secretary Vilsack to discuss Chilean grapes. WHA understands that Vilsack is not inclined to give the Chileans a break. Jack stressed that both he and Jim are willing to make calls. L noted that USDA lawyers are saying that there is no legal obstacle to granting the extension the Chileans want.

EUR

- [Redacted] sent up a Congressional Notification to the Hill indicating our plan to return 50 percent of the Baltic Legacy Foundation money to Treasury. [Redacted] Senator Lugar has put a hold on this.
- There are discussions about providing a U.S. contribution to the Auschwitz Foundation.

SRAP

- Karzai signed an anti-corruption decree. There are some indications he may also compromise on the composition of the election commission.

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