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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2010 7:43 AM
To: H
Subject: FW: urgent: new info on Aristide

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See below - thoughts

From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2010 7:43 AM
To: Valenzuela, Arturo A; Gips, Donald H; Reynoso, Julissa; Kelly, Craig A; Page, Susan D; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Jacobson, Roberta S; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo'; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Curtis, Meghann A; Merten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E; Lambert, Christopher A
Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B; Gonzalez, Juan S; Carson, Johnnie; Verma, Richard R
Subject: RE: urgent: new info on Aristide

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From: Valenzuela, Arturo A
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2010 7:18 AM
To: Gips, Donald H; Mills, Cheryl D; Reynoso, Julissa; Kelly, Craig A; Page, Susan D; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Jacobson, Roberta S; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo'; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Curtis, Meghann A; Merten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E; Lambert, Christopher A
Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B; Gonzalez, Juan S; Carson, Johnnie; Verma, Richard R
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Arturo

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To: Mills, Cheryl D; Reynoso, Julissa; Kelly, Craig A; Page, Susan D; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Jacobson, Roberta S; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo'; Carraway, Cassandra B;

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Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B; Gonzalez, Juan S; Carson, Johnnie; Verma, Richard R

Sent: Tue Jan 19 05:09:48 2010

Subject: Re: urgent: new info on Aristide

A friend of the Aristides talked to Mrs Aristide yesterday and [redacted]

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From: Mills, Cheryl D

To: Gips, Donald H; Reynoso, Julissa; Kelly, Craig A; Page, Susan D; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Jacobson, Roberta S; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo [redacted]'; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Curtis, Meghann A; Merten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E; Lambert, Christopher A

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Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B; Gonzalez, Juan S; Carson, Johnnie; Verma, Richard R

Sent: Tue Jan 19 10:12:58 2010

Subject: Re: urgent: new info on Aristide
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From: Gips, Donald H

To: Reynoso, Julissa; Kelly, Craig A; Page, Susan D; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Jacobson, Roberta S; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo [redacted]'; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Curtis, Meghann A; Merten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E; Mills, Cheryl D; Lambert, Christopher A

Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B; Gonzalez, Juan S; Carson, Johnnie

Sent: Tue Jan 19 03:07:33 2010

Subject: Re: urgent: new info on Aristide

I would recommend that [redacted]

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From: Reynoso, Julissa

To: Kelly, Craig A; Page, Susan D; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Jacobson, Roberta S; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo [redacted]'; Gips, Donald H; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Curtis, Meghann A; Merten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E; Mills, Cheryl D; Lambert, Christopher A

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Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B; Gonzalez, Juan S

Sent: Tue Jan 19 04:25:31 2010

Subject: RE: urgent: new info on Aristide

Re Roberta's email that [redacted] is seeing A for lunch now-which she says is a bit unusual but difficult to know what to read into that. She has [redacted] if someone wants to reach." Our understanding is that there has been very little sign of A since 1/15 which is a cause of concern. Can Pretoria confirm [redacted]

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[redacted] Thanks, Julissa

From: Kelly, Craig A

Sent: Monday, January 18, 2010 9:28 AM

To: Page, Susan D; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Jacobson, Roberta S; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo [redacted]'; Gips, Donald H; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa; Curtis, Meghann A; Merten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E; Mills, Cheryl D; Lambert, Christopher A

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Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B; Gonzalez, Juan S

Subject: Re: urgent: new info on Aristide

That would be logical follow-up to Arturo's efforts with Fernandez and Preval today in Santo Domingo.

From: Page, Susan D

To: La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Jacobson, Roberta S; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo [redacted]; Gips, Donald H; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa; Curtis, Meghann A; Merten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E

Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B; Gonzalez, Juan S

Sent: Mon Jan 18 09:24:45 2010

Subject: Re: urgent: new info on Aristide

Former President Clinton is supposed to meet with Haitian President Preval today. [redacted]

-Susan Page

From: La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria)

To: Jacobson, Roberta S; Page, Susan D; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo [redacted]; Gips, Donald H; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa; Curtis, Meghann A; Merten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E

Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B; Gonzalez, Juan S

Sent: Mon Jan 18 09:08:45 2010

Subject: Re: urgent: new info on Aristide

Just to clarify, it was not my sense from talking to the French that a departure by Aristide was imminent. The SAG position remains that if he decides to go, they would not prevent him from leaving. Ambassador Gips will return to Pretoria in an hour and can reach out to the Dep Foreign Minister to see where things stand. Helen

From: Jacobson, Roberta S

To: Page, Susan D; Walke, Susan F; [redacted]; Gips, Donald H; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa; Curtis, Meghann A; Merten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E

Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B; Gonzalez, Juan S

Sent: Mon Jan 18 14:03:14 2010

Subject: Re: urgent: new info on Aristide

All: just got call from Helen La Lime, DCN Pretoria. Article in newspaper there says A being assisted by SAG to leave;

[redacted] Article has vague quote at end about SAG saying people must believe A has no interest in politics, only development.

She has also learned [redacted] is seeing A for lunch now-which she says is a bit unusual but difficult to know what to read into that. She has [redacted] if someone wants to reach.

Arturo: [redacted]
Thanks.

From: Page, Susan D

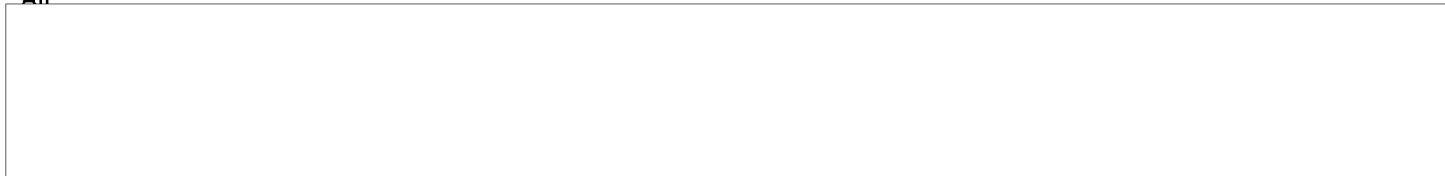
To: Jacobson, Roberta S; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo [redacted]; Gips, Donald H; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa

Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B

Sent: Sun Jan 17 15:27:23 2010

Subject: Re: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

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-Susan Page

From: Jacobson, Roberta S
To: Page, Susan D; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo [redacted] Gips, Donald H; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa
Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B
Sent: Sun Jan 17 08:44:58 2010
Subject: Re: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

Amb Gips: there is consideration [redacted] Can u please let us know your view of the [redacted] Man thanks. Roberta.

From: Page, Susan D
To: Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo [redacted]; Gips, Donald H; Jacobson, Roberta S; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa
Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B
Sent: Sat Jan 16 22:52:28 2010
Subject: Re: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

Thanks to all for your work on this issue. I'm reachable by phone/e-mail so let me know if there's anything I can do to assist over the long weekend.

Regards,
AF DAS Susan Page

From: Walke, Susan F
To: 'Restrepo, Daniel A.' <Daniel_A._Restrepo [redacted]; Gips, Donald H; Jacobson, Roberta S; Page, Susan D; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa
Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B
Sent: Sat Jan 16 22:39:43 2010
Subject: RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

Dear all,

I am looping in my office director and others in the AF/S office following this issue. Please copy them in future messages.

Thank you,

Susan Walke
Desk Officer for South Africa

From: Restrepo, Daniel A. [mailto:Daniel_A._Restrepo [redacted]]
Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2010 12:44 PM
To: Gips, Donald H; Jacobson, Roberta S; Page, Susan D; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa

Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria)

Subject: RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

Mr. Ambassador –

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Thanks.

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From: Gips, Donald H [mailto:GipsDH@state.gov]

Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2010 12:43 PM

To: Restrepo, Daniel A.; Jacobson, Roberta S; Page, Susan D; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa

Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria)

Subject: Re: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

I am close to [Redacted] here and can call him [Redacted]

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From: Restrepo, Daniel A.

To: Jacobson, Roberta S; Gips, Donald H; Page, Susan D; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa

Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria)

Sent: Sat Jan 16 19:31:51 2010

Subject: RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

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From: Jacobson, Roberta S [mailto:JacobsonRS@state.gov]

Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2010 12:26 PM

To: Gips, Donald H; Page, Susan D; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa

Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Restrepo, Daniel A.

Subject: Re: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

See below from Amb Gips. I expect to hear from Alex shortly; she was in a press conf w/PM.

From: Gips, Donald H

To: Jacobson, Roberta S; Page, Susan D; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A

Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria)

Sent: Sat Jan 16 12:18:08 2010

Subject: Re: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

I have just spoken with the SAG Deputy Foreign Minister. [Redacted]

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From: Jacobson, Roberta S

To: Gips, Donald H; Page, Susan D; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A

Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria)

Sent: Sat Jan 16 16:40:23 2010

Subject: Re: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

Very grateful ambassador. thanks. [Redacted]

[Redacted] Urge that [Redacted]

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Arturo, Craig: we may want to think- [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Thanks. Roberta.

From: Gips, Donald H

To: Page, Susan D; Carraway, Cassandra B; Jacobson, Roberta S; Yamamoto, Donald Y

Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria)

Sent: Sat Jan 16 04:05:33 2010

Subject: Re: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

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From: Page, Susan D

To: Carraway, Cassandra B; Jacobson, Roberta S; Yamamoto, Donald Y

Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Gips, Donald H

Sent: Fri Jan 15 18:46:34 2010

Subject: RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

Cassandra et al,

Thanks very much for this latest information. I've just spoken to DAS Jacobson and [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Keep us posted as you learn more.

Many thanks!

Susan D. Page
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of African Affairs
U.S. Department of State
Room 6234
Tel. (202) 647-4493

From: Carraway, Cassandra B

Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 11:40 AM

To: Jacobson, Roberta S

Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; Page, Susan D; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen -

(Pretoria); Gips, Donald H

Subject: RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

While we don't have definitive answers, [redacted]

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We are standing by.

Cassandra
Political officer
Embassy Pretoria

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From: Jacobson, Roberta S

Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 6:07 PM

To: Carraway, Cassandra B; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Gips, Donald H

Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; Page, Susan D; De Pirro, Velia M

Subject: RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

Importance: High

Thank you. Before doing anything [redacted] what we're hoping to get from you all is a good sense of current state of play: how much [redacted]

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[redacted] information along the lines of the above would be most helpful.

Note to Amb. Gips and DCM La Lime: I was going to call one of you with the above questions, [redacted]

[redacted] but had wanted to be able to give a heads up to AF/FO first, but have been unable to reach Susan Page. Many thanks for anything you can help us with on this. Roberta

*Roberta S. Jacobson
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs
Department of State
(202)-647-8387*

SBU

This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Carraway, Cassandra B
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 10:43 AM
To: Jacobson, Roberta S
Cc: La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Gips, Donald H; Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F
Subject: RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

Roberta,

I've spoken with the Haiti desk officer Karen Rodriguez, offering to help if we can. One suggestion is to

We will not do anything until we have a go-ahead from Washington.

Cassandra
Political officer
Embassy Pretoria

From: Pflaumer, Walter N
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 5:18 PM
To: Jacobson, Roberta S
Cc: Carraway, Cassandra B; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Gips, Donald H
Subject: RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

Yes, Amb. Gips is here. My colleague Cassandra Carraway met Aristide during a call by Rep. Donald Payne (who accompanied the Secretary in August).

Regards, Terry Pflaumer

Walter N.S. Pflaumer
Political Counselor, Embassy, Pretoria
PflaumerWN@state.gov

From: Jacobson, Roberta S
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 5:03 PM
To: Pflaumer, Walter N
Subject: RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

Walter: Many thanks for your help so far. As you might imagine, there is already great concern, both here at State on 7th floor, about statement and possibility that he might try to return. WHA/CAR is in touch with AF, but we are being asked to reach out to you all as well. Is your ambassador in country? Many thanks, Roberta

Roberta S. Jacobson
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs
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(202)-647-8387

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This email is UNCLASSIFIED.

From: Pflaumer, Walter N
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 9:23 AM
To: Luoma-Overstreet, Charles E
Cc: WHA-Press; Jacobson, Roberta S; Walke, Susan F; Diop, Margaret B; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Namde, Joyce W; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Hudson-Dean, Sharon; Trudeau, Elizabeth K; (U) Pretoria_POL-DL
Subject: FW: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

Note the highlighted statement from a South African Official, Saul Molobi, DIRCO's chief director for public diplomacy, who says the SAG knows of no plans by Aristide to return.

Regards, Terry Pflaumer

Walter N.S. Pflaumer
Political Counselor
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Haiti's exiled former president vows to return

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Jean-Bertrand Aristide says he is ready to help rebuild Haiti in wake of earthquake

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A tearful Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the exiled former president of [Haiti](#), announced his intention today to return to his quake-devastated homeland.

Aristide, who has been based in [South Africa](#) since he was ousted in a 2004 rebellion, said he wanted to help rebuild his country in the wake of Tuesday's disaster, thought to have killed tens of thousands.

"We feel deeply and profoundly that we should be there, in Haiti, with them, trying our best to prevent death," Aristide told a press conference at an airport hotel in Johannesburg, standing alongside his wife, Mildred. He said friends were ready to give him a plane to return with emergency supplies.

Tears streaming down his face, Aristide continued: "We cannot wait to be with our sisters and brothers in Haiti. We share the anguish of all Haitians in the diaspora who are desperate to reach family and loved ones.

"As far as we are concerned we are ready to leave today, tomorrow, at any time to join the people of Haiti, to share in their suffering, help rebuild the country, moving from misery to poverty with dignity."

Aristide's wife stood with her eyes downcast, twisting a handkerchief. Both dabbed their eyes as they left after the brief statement.

A South African foreign affairs ministry official, Saul Kgomotso Molobi, said Aristide would not take questions because "the situation is difficult and unbearable for the family". **He added that South Africa knew of no plans for Aristide to return to Haiti.**

Aristide was a priest in the Haitian slum of La Saline before becoming the country's first elected president in 1990. He was ousted in a military coup the following year, then restored to power by US troops in 1994.

After stepping down, he was re-elected in 2000 but ousted again in a bloody 2004 rebellion.

He has rarely spoken in public since he was flown to South Africa on a US plane, though he released a statement earlier this week expressing solidarity with Haitians.

"It is a tragedy that defies expression, a tragedy that compels all people to the highest levels of human compassion and solidarity," he said.

Haitian protesters have periodically called for Aristide's return over the years. In speeches relayed to supporters in Haiti from South Africa, he has hinted at going back, but said he merely wants to be a teacher.

Aristide and his wife live with their two daughters in a government villa in Pretoria. The couple have embraced an academic life, with Aristide writing on the linguistics of Zulu and Haitian Creole, as well as on the theology of love.

From: Shepperson, Michael S
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 3:54 PM
To: Pflaumer, Walter N
Subject: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

Hi Terry

This all that's out

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jan/15/haiti-exiled-former-president-aristide>

http://www.news24.com/Content/World/News/1073/e6a493e627794e6bb2fff19e77982b9a/15-01-2010-10-38/Haitis_Aristide_wishes_to_return

This is the DIRCO contact who was at the briefing
Enquiries: Mr Saul K. Molobi, Chief Director: Public Diplomacy: 082-940-1647

Thanks
Mike