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Good work, Gordon!

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From: Duguid, Gordon K (Special Use Only) [mailto:duguidgk@state.gov]
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The Embassy Consul General and I gave a 45 minute press conference in French to Haitian media yesterday. There were 12 reporters there. Two FM radio stations carried the whole conference live. We got questions on evacuation, rumours, TPS, use of American military and reconstruction efforts.

Ambassador Merten will have a press conference for Haitian media today.
he may be joined by the Minister of Health.

Haitian media is a rather grand term at the moment. Radio is working and some internet sites. We are working them hard. There is no TV and there are no newspapers.

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Thanks Ann. This seems to be mostly focused on outreach to US media.

Based on information we got yesterday and my review of the attached report we need significantly more outreach to radio in Haiti and any other media up and running there. I'd also like a report on our outreach to international media.

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From: Somerset, Ann D
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Judith and Task Force 3 colleagues - wanted to ensure you had seen this helpful update on PA activities today on Haiti.

Note in particular the below events which occurred today:

- * 3:00 p.m. Special Taping with Michelle Bond on CA's actions around the earthquake, specifically dealing with issues associated with adoptions and general support to Americans and other citizens' seeking assistance in Haiti or information on loved ones. This will be produced for state.gov, and will also be distributed to American Embassy Television Network and other global broadcasters via the Verizon international broadcast center downtown.

- * 4:15 FPC Briefing with IO Assistant Secretary Brimmer to update foreign media on how the United States is coordinating its Haiti relief efforts with the government of Haiti, the United Nations and other international partners

- * Conference call with Haitian Diaspora Community Leaders, local government agencies in NYC, Miami and Washington DC with Gordon Duguid.

The report also includes a long list of the media our colleagues in Haiti are doing.

Best,

Ann

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