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From: Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 8:12 PM
To: H
Subject: Fw: Security Incident at Israeli Consulate NYC - FYI

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From: *Barks-Ruggles, Erica J
To: Feltman, Jeffrey D; Sullivan, Jacob J; Benjamin, Daniel S; 'Rasmussen, Nicholas J.'
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Cc: 'Spence, Matthew J.'(); Crocker, Bathsheba N
Sent: Fri May 14 20:01:49 2010
Subject: FW: Security Incident at Israeli Consulate NYC - FYI

Jim, Tom, Jake, Jeff, Dan, Dan, Nick -

We are not spreading this too widely while they are investigating, but want to let you know. Jake, please pass to the Secretary. Nick, please let John know.

- Erica

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From: Cousens, Elizabeth (USUN)
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 7:27 PM
To: Rice, Susan E (USUN); Wolff, Alex D (USUN); Barks-Ruggles, Erica J; Kornblau, Mark (USUN)
Cc: McGlynn, Kathleen (USUN); Webster, Meredith A
Subject: Security Incident at Israeli Consulate - FYI

All,

I wanted you to be aware of a security incident at the Israeli consulate today, info forwarded by RSO below. Apparently there was a letter containing white powder (and anti-semitic invective) received in their mail room this afternoon. First indications are that there were no serious contaminants but the powder is still being analyzed, with results expected in 1-2 days. We will get updates as they emerge.

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From: Sears, Tanya S
Sent: Friday, May 14, 2010 6:17 PM
To: Cousens, Elizabeth (USUN); McGlynn, Kathleen (USUN)
Cc: Emers, Seth B (USUN); Garvin-Ferguson, Leslie

Subject: Fw: Israeli Consulate letter - Final Sitrep

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From: [redacted]
To: Bucar, Stephen A.; Licata, Peter F.; Kottis, Kristy A.; Kolko, Richard; Washington, Robert Jr.; Desai, Pritesh J.; [redacted] Goldstein, Craig D.; Castellano, John; Kent, Geoffrey; Farbiarz, Michael (USANYS); [redacted]; Delbago, William J.; Dudziuk, Rita C.; Pitura, Clark S.; McNerney, Patrick J.; OBrien, P J.; Forgas, Robert G.; Mannion, Vincent J.; Santiago, L. Oscar; Paratore, Agostino; Ledford, Stacey L.; Taylor, William J.; Pena, Miguel A.; McGeough, Patrick J.; Kao, David; Lisle, James H.; Gilliam, Jonathan T.; Kuizema, Duane K.
Sent: Fri May 14 17:29:04 2010
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Final Sitrep:

On May 14, 2010, the Israeli Consulate at 800 2nd Ave., NY, NY received a white powder letter, which was subsequently placed in a containment hood. No employees were slated for decontamination. The letter with enclosed threatening communication was packaged and submitted to the NYC Dept. Of Health for further biological testing.

Details:

At approximately 1400 on 5/14/10, a mailroom employee at the Israeli Consulate noticed a suspicious piece of mail with no return address and 4 stamps. While attempting to contact his supervisor, the mailroom employee noticed the letter was leaking a white powder. He contacted his supervisor who in turn put the letter in a glove box as per their mailroom safety protocol. The supervisor opened the letter in the glove box and discovered the white powder.

The letter had no return address and was addressed to: "Consulate, 800 2 Ave, NYC 10017". The enclosed communication stated the following: "ZIONISTS TRERRORISTS ANTI SAMITES NAZIS STOP DIGGING GRAVES IN ASHKILON BY THE BARZELAI HOSPITAL. THE DEAD IN CEMETERY" with two swastikas and two Stars of David circled with lines drawn through them along the bottom.

No employee needed decontamination.

NYPD Emergency Services Unit (ESU) field screened the letter and contents, and deemed it safe for lab submission. NYPD ESU overpacked and transported the letter to NYC Department of Health Laboratory to begin immediate and high-priority testing for select biological agents of concern.

Notifications were made to US Secret Service, Department of State, United Nations, NYC Department of Health, US Postal Inspection Service, WMD Operations Unit at FBIHQ, SDNY and FBI NY Press Office.

A Guardian Incident was opened regarding this matter (Guardian Incident 148380_NY). CT-22 has opened a 279B (279B-NY-304528; Title: Unsub(s); Consulate General of Israel; WMD Threat Mailing) and is assigned to US Postal Inspector Miguel Pena.

An Urgent Report has also been issued regarding this matter.

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