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Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2011 8:52 AM
To: Feltman, Jeffrey D; Sullivan, Jacob J; Scobey, Margaret; Steinberg, James B; H
Cc: Abedin, Huma
Subject: RE: Aboul-Gheit call

Frank is willing. He agrees entirely with approach, and looks forward to discussing in more detail.

He emphasized the concern we discussed on earlier conf call, that we must NOT threaten to mess with assistance at this stage. It will do no good, and only spark angst in the wider region and within the Egyptian Armed Forces -- the one national institution likely to survive all the current uncertainty.

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From: Feltman, Jeffrey D
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To: Sullivan, Jacob J; Burns, William J; Scobey, Margaret; Steinberg, James B; 'HDR22@clintonemail.com'
Cc: Abedin, Huma
Subject: Aboul-Gheit call

Aboul-Gheit is available starting at 9 am EST. As Margaret previewed, he should be reached via his Chief of Staff, Amb Hossam Zaki, whose number is

Hossam sounded almost relieved at the proposal of a conversation between A-G and S.

I also told Hossam that D(S) would seek A-G out on the ground.

Hossam and I also compared notes. As Margaret said earlier, he definitely understands more is needed. (Too bad he's not a decision maker.). But he also is concerned our public comments are being interpreted as throwing M under the bus.

Jeffrey Feltman

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