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ACTION MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: SSRAP – Dan Feldman

SUBJECT: Letter to Prime Minister Gilani on Diplomatic Immunity

Recommendation

That you approve the attached letter to Pakistani Prime Minister Gilani regarding diplomatic immunity.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Background

You called Prime Minister Gilani (acting Foreign Minister) on February 20 to reinforce our request that he not go on record before parliament on Monday, February 21, with a statement that Raymond Davis has only “partial diplomatic immunity.” During the call, Gilani claimed he was under tremendous pressure from religious extremists, and he did not confirm whether he would make a statement before parliament.

Following up on your call, this letter further explains diplomatic immunity, including Raymond Davis’s entitlement to full criminal immunity, and emphasizes that failure to act on this issue could sidetrack progress we have made in our bilateral relationship. This letter is intended to reach Prime Minister Gilani prior to his tentatively scheduled appearance before Pakistan’s parliament on February 21.

Attachment:

Letter to Prime Minister Gilani

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