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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2011 11:05 PM  
**To:** H  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Subject:** Fw: Suspending embassy ops

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B/I is traffic Pat sent me to confirm the position he, Janet (and he b/lieved Jeff) were taking.

Read from bottom up

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**From:** Kennedy, Patrick F  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Sent:** Tue Feb 22 22:41:47 2011  
**Subject:** Fw: Suspending embassy ops

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**From:** Sanderson, Janet A  
**To:** Kennedy, Patrick F; Austin-Ferguson, Kathleen T  
**Cc:** Schlicher, Ronald L  
**Sent:** Tue Feb 22 22:40:17 2011  
**Subject:** Re: Suspending embassy ops

I have just talked to post (Yael). She and Joan will work to reduce staff and send more out on ferry. Shd get down to 10-12. She fully understands need for limited staff to stay to deal with community. Believes likely remainder will be position to leave in few days. Says situation is "worse than Baghdad in 2004-2005 "

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**From:** Kennedy, Patrick F  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2011 10:37 PM  
**To:** Sanderson, Janet A; Austin-Ferguson, Kathleen T  
**Subject:** Re: Suspending embassy ops

Janet

Have talked to cheryl and tom

They are also unaware

Checking with Secretary

At this moment we are NOT suspending

Fully agree not possible to do tomorrow and also risks libyan blow back

Pat

----- Original Message -----

From: Sanderson, Janet A  
To: Kennedy, Patrick F; Austin-Ferguson, Kathleen T  
Sent: Tue Feb 22 22:18:23 2011  
Subject: Fw: Suspending embassy ops

Folks, no one told us that this decision had been made. Did you know? See my note to Jake. I passed along your requests to Joan. If we are suspending, I think its too late to get it all done by time ferry gets there. Janet

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From: Sanderson, Janet A  
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 10:14 PM  
To: Sullivan, Jacob J  
Subject: Re: Suspending embassy ops

Jake, we weren't told that there was decision to suspend operations now. We are working with post to reduce staffing down to critical levels to allow them to get the amcits on the ferry tomorrow and, over the next days, deal with the remaining community. Jeff, Pat Kennedy and Steve Mull felt that we couldn't just plug the plug at this point but wd be poised to do so shortly if that decision is made. If we need to suspend tomorrow, please let me know we will do our best to move quickly. Janet

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From: Sullivan, Jacob J  
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2011 09:50 PM  
To: Sanderson, Janet A  
Subject: Suspending embassy ops

Where do we stand?

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