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**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2011 6:00 AM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Fw: (SBU) Israel-Turkey Update: Lieberman Signals Moderation; Deep Concern with Erdogan's Latest Statement

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**From:** Shapiro, Daniel B (Tel Aviv) B6  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2011 05:39 AM  
**To:** 'Ross, Dennis B.' [redacted] Ricciardone, Francis J; Gordon, Philip H; Simon, Steven  
[redacted] McDonough, Denis R. [redacted] Sherwood-Randall, Liz  
[redacted] Godfrey, Anthony [redacted] Kumar, Prem  
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[redacted]; Spence, Matthew J. [redacted]  
**Cc:** Feltman, Jeffrey D; Sullivan, Jacob J; Goldberger, Thomas H  
**Subject:** RE: (SBU) Israel-Turkey Update: Lieberman Signals Moderation; Deep Concern with Erdogan's Latest Statement

While presenting my credentials at the MFA this morning, MFA Director General Rafi Barak indicated his expectation (although not certainty) that the inner cabinet would in the near future approve the pending deal with Turkey, despite the FM's opposition to it. Like Dermer, he thought the lawyers' and the IDF Chief of Staff's view that the soldiers would gain greater legal protection through the deal, while not universally held, would carry the day. This outcome is beginning to coalesce as the consensus expectation, although the political turmoil and distraction of the housing protests remains a wild card.

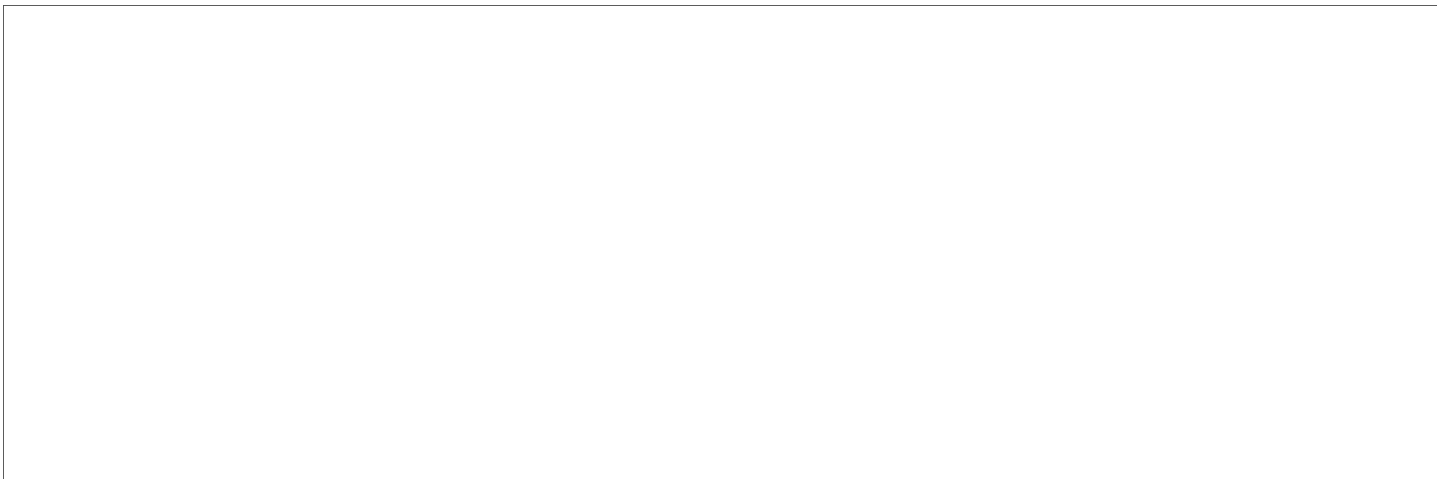
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**From:** Ross, Dennis B. [redacted] B6  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2011 1:32 AM  
**To:** Ricciardone, Francis J; Gordon, Philip H; Simon, Steven; Shapiro, Daniel B (Tel Aviv); McDonough, Denis R.; Sherwood-Randall, Liz; Godfrey, Anthony; Kumar, Prem G.; Donilon, Thomas E.; Anderson, Brooke; Canegallo, Kristie A.; Vinograd, Samantha; Spence, Matthew J.  
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**From:** Ricciardone, Francis J <RicciardoneFJ@state.gov>  
**To:** Ross, Dennis B.; Gordon, Philip H <GordonPH@state.gov>; Simon, Steven; Shapiro, Daniel B (Tel Aviv) <ShapiroDB@state.gov>; McDonough, Denis R.; Sherwood-Randall, Liz; Godfrey, Anthony; Kumar, Prem G.; Donilon, Thomas E.; Anderson, Brooke; Canegallo, Kristie A.; Vinograd, Samantha; Spence, Matthew J.  
**Cc:** Feltman, Jeffrey D <FeltmanJD@state.gov>; Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>; Goldberger, Thomas H <GoldbergerTH@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Sun Jul 24 17:40:57 2011  
**Subject:** RE: (SBU) Israel-Turkey Update: Lieberman Signals Moderation; Deep Concern with Erdogan's Latest Statement



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**From:** Ross, Dennis B. [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2011 12:03 AM  
**To:** Gordon, Philip H; Simon, Steven; Shapiro, Daniel B (Tel Aviv); McDonough, Denis R.; Sherwood-Randall, Liz; Godfrey, Anthony; Kumar, Prem G.; Donilon, Thomas E.; Anderson, Brooke; Canegallo, Kristie A.; Vinograd, Samantha; Spence, Matthew J.  
**Cc:** Feltman, Jeffrey D; Sullivan, Jacob J; Goldberger, Thomas H; Ricciardone, Francis J  
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**From:** Gordon, Philip H <GordonPH@state.gov>  
**To:** Simon, Steven; Shapiro, Daniel B (Tel Aviv) <ShapiroDB@state.gov>; McDonough, Denis R.; Sherwood-Randall, Liz; Ross, Dennis B.; Godfrey, Anthony; Kumar, Prem G.; Donilon, Thomas E.; Anderson, Brooke; Canegallo, Kristie A.; Vinograd, Samantha; Spence, Matthew J.  
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**Sent:** Sun Jul 24 16:32:17 2011  
**Subject:** Re: (SBU) Israel-Turkey Update: Lieberman Signals Moderation; Deep Concern with Erdogan's Latest Statement

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**From:** Simon, Steven [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 24, 2011 04:29 PM  
**To:** Shapiro, Daniel B (Tel Aviv); McDonough, Denis R. [Redacted] Gordon, Philip H; Sherwood-Randall, Liz [Redacted] Ross, Dennis B.  
 [Redacted] Godfrey, Anthony [Redacted] Kumar, Prem G.  
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**Cc:** Feltman, Jeffrey D; Sullivan, Jacob J; Goldberger, Thomas H; Ricciardone, Francis J  
**Subject:** RE: (SBU) Israel-Turkey Update: Lieberman Signals Moderation; Deep Concern with Erdogan's Latest Statement

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**From:** Shapiro, Daniel B (Tel Aviv) [mailto:ShapiroDB@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 24, 2011 4:12 PM  
**To:** McDonough, Denis R.; Simon, Steven; Gordon, Philip H; Sherwood-Randall, Liz; Ross, Dennis B.; Godfrey, Anthony; Kumar, Prem G.; Donilon, Thomas E.; Anderson, Brooke; Canegallo, Kristie A.; Vinograd, Samantha; Spence, Matthew J.  
**Cc:** Feltman, Jeffrey D; Sullivan, Jacob J; Goldberger, Thomas H; Ricciardone, Francis J  
**Subject:** (SBU) Israel-Turkey Update: Lieberman Signals Moderation; Deep Concern with Erdogan's Latest Statement

Today's developments from the Israel side:

FM Lieberman gave a press statement Sunday morning on the margins of the regular Sunday morning full Cabinet meeting. He said he was for improving relations with Turkey, that it is in the interests of both countries, but he was opposed to giving an apology. However, 1.4(B) new element - carried in today's tabloid Yediot (and in English YNet) was his statement 1.4(D) do not expect this to lead to a Coalition crisis even if there will be an apology." B1

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The inner cabinet did not meet today, despite Maariv and other press reports that it would. Dermer said it had not been scheduled yet, but he expects it soon. He said the PM and much of the government were consumed today with initiatives to respond to the growing street protests over housing shortages and low wages.

Comment: The PM has what he needs from Lieberman to go forward. In our communications in the next few days, we will stress that Erdogan's latest statement and the housing protests should not provide another excuse to delay. My first opportunity will be when I present my credentials to the MFA tomorrow.

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**From:** Simon, Steven  
**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2011 10:30 AM  
**To:** 'Gordon, Philip H'; Sherwood-Randall, Liz; Ross, Dennis B.; Godfrey, Anthony; Kumar, Prem G.; Donilon, Thomas E.; McDonough, Denis R.; Anderson, Brooke; Canegallo, Kristie A.; Vinograd, Samantha  
**Subject:** FW: Idea on Israel-Turkey

Per Dan Shapiro, [redacted] (Pls see Dan's email below.)

1.4(B)  
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**From:** Shapiro, Daniel B [mailto:ShapiroDB@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2011 9:35 AM  
**To:** Kumar, Prem G.; Goldberger, Thomas H; Silverman, Robert J; Simon, Steven  
**Subject:** Re: Idea on Israel-Turkey

At my post, and already working....

I spoke with Ron Dermer and we have also spoken with Lieberman's chief of staff and Lerman. [redacted]

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- Will keep you updated. Please advise if there are other instructions.