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From: Wells, Alice G
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To: Mills, Cheryl D
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Cheryl – NEA is working on a response for you, but a little update in advance. We received a cable from Baghdad yesterday detailing the MEK decision to let Ashrafis move forward with individual applications. Most of the ‘modest numbers’ accepted by European countries, which T cites below, are likely the remaining European passport holders, although NEA believes that Italy is accepting 6-12 ill residents (who have no passport connection to Italy). Once the individual applications are filed, the camp residents move from “people of concern” to “protected,” which has international meaning and buys time for comprehensive plan to resettle the residents. Finally, by all accounts, Lindwall has been a breath of fresh air.

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Thoughts on my response?

From: rgtnj1 [redacted]mailto:[redacted]
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Cheryl

Just to let u know that David has made a tremendous impression on the people of Camp Ashraf. Although the situation remains dangerous and there's fear of another Iraqi raid, there's also real progress.

Carolyn Ennis of UNHCR has started to register residents as "People of Concern" and each of the residents is completing an individual application. Residents have started to be relocated, in modest numbers, to Italy, Australia, Switzerland and the Netherlands. There's a significant chance that Canada may accept additional people, including their own passport holders, in the near future. The hope is that this will create a pipeline to allow a larger exodus if the US FTO is lifted.

Both the EU and the UNHCR have used this progress to argue that closing Ashraf by January 1 is "unrealistic" and the relocation/registration progress are addressing Malaki's concerns. The immediate problem is to get the UNHCR the logistical help that they need and get some personnel in the Camp to make another attack difficult.

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I've continued my consultation with Mr Desrocher at State and I hope to see him again next week. I know that this is enormously complex but everybody has been cooperative and I believe that we're making progress.

Welcome back! Hope that u had a good vacation.

Bob Torricelli