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Sent: Friday, May 20, 2011 2:11 PM
To: H
Subject: FW: Crisis in Abyei, Sudan

See Princeton's note below: "We are facing a threat of major war breaking out in Abyei, threatening the entire CPA negotiations."

From: Lyman, Princeton N
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2011 11:00 AM
To: S_SpecialAssistants
Cc: Mills, Cheryl D; Carson, Johnnie; 'Yates, Mary C.'; Sullivan, Jacob J
Subject: Crisis in Abyei, Sudan

Dear Madame Secretary:

A major crisis has erupted in Abyei in the past 24 hours. A SPLA (south Sudan army) force attacked an UNMIS convoy carrying north Sudan (SAF) soldiers, wounding several SAF soldiers and an UNMIS member. This is the second unwarranted SPLA attack on SAF members in May, the last attack having killed eleven SAF. The SAF has responded to this latest attack by moving more troops into Abyei and reportedly bombing two villages. We are facing a threat of major war breaking out in Abyei, threatening the entire CPA negotiations.

If it is at all possible, we would like you to make some of these calls today. We are working with you staff to see if your schedule permits and to provide you with the necessary background and talking points. I will keep you informed of developments throughout the day.

Thank you.

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