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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2011 6:28 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw:

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From: Hammer, Michael A
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2011 11:16 PM
To: Sullivan, Jacob J; Reines, Philippe I
Cc: Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: Re:

We went with short statement below from Gutman to ABC tonight; Brussels will release same at their OOB. Press-wise this is playing on Drudge and apparently Gingrich tweeted that the President should fire him. We'll be tracking tomorrow but also see at bottom Simon Wiesenthal Center calls on Sec of State Clinton to Rebuke US Ambassador.

From Ambassador Howard Gutman:

"I strongly condemn anti-Semitism in all its forms. I deeply regret if my comments were taken the wrong way. My own personal history and that of my family is testimony to the salience of this issue and my continued commitment to combatting anti-Semitism."

Following release passed from NSS:

From: Bernstein, Jarrod
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2011 10:31 PM
To: Pelton, Erin; Carson, Jon; Anderson, Brooke; Rhodes, Benjamin J.; Vietor, Tommy; Richardson, Karen E.
Subject: Fw: Fwd: Fyi for immediate release Jarrod Neal Bernstein
 Director of Jewish Outreach Office of Public Engagement | The White House [redacted] w | [redacted]
 mJarrod_N_Bernstein [redacted] From: Abraham Cooper [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2011 10:26 PM
To: Rabbi Abraham Cooper [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Fyi for immediate release December 3, 2011 Simon Wiesenthal Center calls on Sec of State Clinton to Rebuke US Ambassador blaming Muslim hatred of Jews on Israel The Simon Wiesenthal Center urged Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to "immediately and unequivocally disassociate herself from comments made by US Amb Howard Gutman who told a Jewish group that "a distinction should be made between traditional anti-semitism which should be condemned and Muslim hatred of Jews which stems from the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians".

"The Simon Wiesenthal Center calls on Secy of State Clinton to immediately rebuke Gutman for excusing Muslim hatred of Jews" said Rabbis Marvin Hier, Dean and Founder and Abraham Cooper, associate Dean in a statement on behalf of its 400,000 constituent families of the leading Jewish Human Rights NGO.

"America has always taken the lead in condemning hate in all its manifestations, not providing a moral free pass to extremists whose hate of Jews besmirches the Muslim religion and has spawned violent hatred against Jews across the Middle East and beyond."

"Following Gutman's twisted logic, Christian anti-semites who insist that their hatred of Jews is based on the fact that the Jewish people failed to acknowledge Jesus as Messiah should also be excused until such time as the underlying reason for that hate-- the Jewish people's refusal to accept Jesus as messiah is reversed."

"As Ambassador to Belgium, a country where Jews have been attacked by Muslim extremists, Ambassador Gutman's statement is beyond shocking; it will only serve to further embolden hate from Islamist extremists in Europe and

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beyond. It is critical for Secretary of State to immediately clarify if Gutman's statement reflects or violates US policy vis a vis anti-semitism", the Wiesenthal Center officials concluded

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From: Sullivan, Jacob J
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2011 09:22 PM
To: Hammer, Michael A; Reines, Philippe I
Cc: Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: Re:

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From: Hammer, Michael A
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2011 09:06 PM
To: Sullivan, Jacob J; Reines, Philippe I
Cc: Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: Re:

Here's what we're proposing, working with Phil to have Gutman release from Emb Brussels.

-- Strongly condemn anti-Semitism in all its forms.

-- Deeply regret if my comments were taken the wrong way.

-- My own personal history and that of my family is testimony to the salience of this issue and my continued commitment to combatting anti-Semitism.

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From: Sullivan, Jacob J
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2011 07:08 PM
To: Hammer, Michael A; Reines, Philippe I
Cc: Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: RE:

No, just that Phil said he was working on it.

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From: Hammer, Michael A
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2011 6:54 PM
To: Sullivan, Jacob J; Reines, Philippe I
Subject: Re:

Thx, have you also seen what how he intends to clarify?

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From: Sullivan, Jacob J
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2011 06:51 PM
To: Hammer, Michael A; Reines, Philippe I
Subject: FW:

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From: Gordon, Philip H
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2011 3:15 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Cc: Sullivan, Jacob J; Kaidanow, Tina S
Subject: FW:

You should be aware of this.

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From: Chomiak-Salvi, Tania B
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2011 2:03 PM
To: Gordon, Philip H; Kaidanow, Tina S; Doherty, Kathleen A; Zimmerman, Jane B
Cc: Gutman, Howard W; Faucher, Robert J
Subject:

Phil, Tina, Kathleen, Jane:

Here is the text of Ambassador Gutman's speech on anti-Semitism in Europe, delivered Weds to a conference of European Jewish lawyers in Brussels (European Jewish Union). As you know, a few special-interest blogs have criticized the speech. The text was fully cleared by senior Embassy staff.

Tania

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