

RELEASE IN
PART B5,B6

From: H <hrod17@clintonemail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2011 7:16 AM
To: 'millsd@state.gov'
Subject: Re: per our discussion / Gutman

I sent you email last night. Is that not sufficient? Can you talk?

From: Mills, Cheryl D [mailto:MillsCD@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2011 06:01 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: per our discussion / Gutman

[Redacted]

From: Anderson, Brooke [mailto:[Redacted]]
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2011 05:53 AM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: Fw: per our discussion / Gutman

From: Anderson, Brooke
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2011 11:55 AM
To: Donilon, Thomas E.
Subject: FW: per our discussion / Gutman

From: Anderson, Brooke
Sent: Sunday, December 04, 2011 9:12 AM
To: Donilon, Thomas E.
Cc: McDonough, Denis R.; Canegallo, Kristie A.; Chollet, Derek; Vinograd, Samantha
Subject: per our discussion / Gutman

Tom,

[Redacted]

Gutman's speech is attached.

B5

B6

B5

+ + + + +

Below are the statements from Wiesenthal Center and news articles:

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 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.

White House distances itself from U.S. ambassador to Belgium following shocking comments

By Adam Kredo · December 4, 2011

The White House has distanced itself from the American ambassador to Belgium, following his declaration that Israel's treatment of the Palestinians has stoked global anti-Semitism.

"We condemn anti-semitism in all its forms, and that there is never any justification for prejudice against the Jewish people or Israel," the White House said in a statement that was sent tonight to Jewish leaders and others. A copy of that statement was forwarded to the Washington Jewish Week.

While the White House appears to be making it clear that it will not tolerate Ambassador Howard Gutman's comments, at least one source close to the Obama campaign implied that the administration must take concrete action.

"Anti-Semitism is anti-Semitism," said the source. But "if the Obama administration's rebuke of its Belgium ambassador is to be taken seriously, we expect greater action than a statement."

Jewish groups demand Obama action over Belgium envoy's anti-Semitism remarks

U.S. Ambassador to Belgium Howard Gutman said Muslim anti-Semitism stems from Israel-Palestine conflict; White House condemned the statement.

By Danna Harman Tags: [anti-Semitism](#) [Jewish World](#) [Barack Obama](#)

Some Jewish groups and others were demanding Sunday that United States President Barak Obama take action against his ambassador to Belgium, following comments the envoy made to the effect that Israel's political positions serve as some sort of explanation for anti-Semitism amongst Muslims.

Ambassador Howard Gutman, who is Jewish, made the controversial remarks at a conference on anti-Semitism organized by the European Jewish Union in Brussels last week.

"A distinction should be made between traditional anti-Semitism, which should be condemned, and Muslim hatred for Jews, which stems from the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians," Gutman reportedly told those gathered, going on to argue that "... an Israeli-Palestinian peace treaty will significantly diminish Muslim anti-Semitism."

In reaction to the comments, and the subsequent uproar they caused, the White House released a statement distancing itself from Gutman's words: "We condemn anti-Semitism in all its forms, and that there is never any justification for prejudice against the Jewish people or Israel," read the statement, which was sent out over the weekend to Jewish leaders.

But Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich joined those arguing that a verbal rebuke was not enough. "Pres Obama should fire his ambassador to Brussels for being so wrong about anti-Semitism," Gingrich tweeted on his account.

Republican Jewish Coalition Executive Director Matthew Brooks echoed these sentiments, adding that: "The linkage in the ambassador's remarks, blaming Israel for anti-Semitism, is a short step from the linkage that President Obama has expressed several times himself, that Israel is to blame for the unrest and instability in the Middle East. Both forms of linkage are fundamentally wrong."

Gutman, a lawyer by profession, was appointed ambassador to Belgium after raising major funds for Obama's 2008 elections campaign.

'Jew-hate stems from conflict'

US ambassador in Belgium provides controversial explanation for Muslim anti-Semitism

Menachem Gantz

BRUSSELS – Growing global anti-Semitism is linked to Israel's policy towards the Palestinians, the American ambassador to Belgium told stunned Jewish conference attendants in Brussels earlier this week.

Speaking Wednesday at a Jewish conference on anti-Semitism organized by the European Jewish Union (EJU,) Howard Gutman told participants he was apologizing in advance if his words are not to their liking. He then proceeded to make controversial statements about his views on Muslim anti-Semitism, Yedioth Ahronoth reported Friday.

A distinction should be made between traditional anti-Semitism, which should be condemned and Muslim hatred for Jews, which stems from the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, Gutman said. He also argued that an Israeli-Palestinian peace treaty will significantly diminish Muslim anti-Semitism.

The American envoy, a lawyer by training, is Jewish and played a major role in fundraising for the Democratic Party. He was appointed to the post by President Barack Obama.

'The so-called Israel critic'

The conference was attended by Jewish lawyers from across Europe. The legal experts at the event were visibly stunned by Gutman's words, and the next speaker offered a scathing rebuttal to the envoy's remarks.

"The modern Anti-Semite formally condemns Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust and expresses upmost sympathy with the Jewish people. He simply has created a new species, the "Anti-Zionist" or – even more sophisticated – the so-called 'Israel critic,'" Germany attorney Nathan Gelbart said.

"The 'Israel critic' will never state 'Jews go home' but is questioning the legality of the incorporation of the State of Israel and therefore the right for the Jewish people to settle in their homeland. He will not say the Jews are the evil of the world but claim that the State of Israel is a major cause for instability and war in the region," he said. "There is no other country, no other people on this planet the 'Israel critic' would dedicate so much time and devotion as to the case of Israel."

"For no other country he would criticize or ask to boycott its goods or academics. And this for one simple reason: Because Israel is the state of the Jewish people, not more and not less," Gelbart said.

'Muslims appreciate Obama'

Conference attendants received Gelbart's remarks with loud applause, while the American envoy apologized for having to leave the site as result of prior obligations and departed.

Earlier, Gutman also presented participants with a short video clip showing him received with warm applause at a Muslim school in Brussels. While he did not mention what prompted the warm reception, his message was that this is the kind of welcome given to a Jew who supports President Obama's policy of openness to Islam.

Approached by Yedioth Ahronoth, the US envoy was asked whether Obama's policy did not cause America to lose its influence in the region.

Gutman responded by saying that the Arab world appreciates Obama following his speech in Cairo, referring to an address delivered by the president in 2009.

###