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From: Gordon, Philip H <GordonPH@state.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2012 11:07 AM
To: H
Cc: Sullivan, Jacob J
Subject: Fw: Halki visit
Attachments: DSC_1281.JPG

Greeting from Halki -- photo attached. Very well-received visit this afternoon. Heard positive things from Sinirlioglu this morning (gov't preparing two bills to change necessary laws they hope to introduce in new parliamentary session by October). Patriarchate making plans to open in near future just in case. No specific linkage by Turkey to Greece, though I got assurances in Athens they plan to open Mosque in any case. No guarantees here -- and optimism has been deflated before -- but good chance for progress that I insisted would be most welcome and timely.

Best,
Phil

From: Hanish, Patrick N (Istanbul)
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2012 10:47 AM
To: Gordon, Philip H; Price, Gabrielle M (Istanbul); Kilner, Scott F (Istanbul)
Subject: Fw: ruhban okulu

Sir,

Photo attached, in the Halki Seminary library.

From: nikolaos manginas <[redacted]>
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Sent: Mon Jul 30 17:43:24 2012
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