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But as discussed, here is the answer to McCain's question about funneling more \$ through the SOC

- The SOC is a very new organization -- midwifed by Ambassador Ford only a few short months ago. We've been working closely with it to develop its capacity to help direct humanitarian assistance.
- We're also coming to terms with it on direct assistance for the organization -- supporting staff salaries and overhead, for instance. And we're trying to coordinate with its assistance arm -- the Assistance Support Unit -- on an assistance shipment to Aleppo, in addition to other aid.
- It's a work in progress, but we are in fact making much progress in a short time. The larger problem is that the needs are just overwhelming.