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001. email	Thodore Osius to Kenneth Pollack, Leon Fuerth, Michael Orofino, and Bruce Riedel. Subject: RE: Ricciardone Read-out on Iraqi Opposition. (2 pages)	07/06/2000	P1/b(1)
002. email	Donald Gentile to Deana Sutliff. Subject: Berger-Ivanov Call. (5 pages)	07/07/2000	P1/b(1)
003. email	Deana Sutliff to Andrew Weiss. Subject: Notes from Berger-Ivanov Call 7 July 2000. (19 pages)	07/07/2000	P1/b(1)
004. email	Laurel Miller to Mark Brzezinski, Thomas Greenwood, Michael C. Hurley et al. Subject: FW: Background / Talking Points for Del Ponte Meeting. (8 pages)	09/25/2000	P1/b(1)
005. email	Dorothy Shea to Caroline Krass and Eric Schwartz. Subject: Background/Talking Points for Sandy Berger's Meeting. (6 pages)	09/25/2000	P1/b(1)

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DATE-TIME 07/15/2000 10:32:44 AM
FROM Medish, Mark C. (RUE)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: Package 4089 Response to Senator Helms and Rep. Gilman regarding Belarus
[UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Fishel, Eugene (Gene) M. (RUE)
CARBON_COPY Strickland, Christopher J. (RUE/INTERN)
TEXT_BODY bring her another rock

-----Original Message-----

From: Wasserman,
Elaine P. (EXSEC)
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2000 10:06 PM
To: Fishel,
Eugene (Gene) M. (RUE); Strickland, Christopher J. (RUE/INTERN)
Cc: @RUSSIA
- Russia/Ukraine; @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
Subject: Package
4089 Response to Senator Helms and Rep. Gilman regarding Belarus
[UNCLASSIFIED]

Mara is sending this package with the following
note: Please go back at response for Sam Geydenson's Belarus letter.
I thought it was a little stronger.

Package and diskette will
be returned in first a.m. mail run Monday.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 08/31/2000 1:01:30 PM
FROM Feldman, Daniel F. (MULTI)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Child Soldier Update [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

Eric -- Draft note to Sandy. This may be wordier than what you sought, but I wanted to give as full a background as possible. Depending on whether you share this with NSC/Legis, you'll probably also want to adjust the tone accordingly. I've been waiting to send this to you to get confirmation on some of the points from David Killion at State/H, but to no avail. If I ever hear from him, I'll update further. As usual, Mark has provided no information on where we currently are in this process.

Sandy --

As you recall, the President signed two UN Optional Protocols at the beginning of July, one on child soldiers and the other on the sale of children and child prostitution. As he promised in his remarks upon signature, both Protocols were forwarded to the Senate for its advice and consent by the end of July. Though the treaties were not originally scheduled to be open for signature until the Millennium Summit, the U.S. delegation successfully pushed for early UN adoption of the Protocols (on May 25) and expedited signature by the President for the sole purpose of getting the ratification package to the Hill as early as possible, and well before the post-Labor Day session. The President has repeatedly stated that he hopes to achieve ratification of both Protocols by the end of his Administration. If this transpired, he would leave a legacy of a trio of protections for children's rights, since the Convention on the Worst Forms of Child Labor was signed and ratified last year.

We have worked assiduously with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and particularly with Sen. Helms' staffer, Marshall Billingsley, since the child soldiers protocol was finalized in January of this year. Originally, Billingsley was upset with the Administration for not informing the SFRC of the status of the child soldiers negotiations, which we kept close-hold due to their sensitive nature. He has warmed

to us considerably since that time, however, due to State, DOD and NSC spending considerable time since January briefing the SFRC and providing them with all requested data and information, so as to allay any fears that the child soldiers protocol would in any way adversely impact our military readiness.

A critical meeting

was held in late spring between Billingsley and State/H DAS Susan Jacobs, at which point she determined, after consultations with NSC Legis and DOD Legis, that there was a chance for Senate advice and consent this year, if we expedited the receipt by the Hill of the ratification package, and if we made all possible assurances to the SFRC that ratification of these protocols would not create any obligations for the U.S. to the underlying Convention on the Rights of the Child. To enable the President to sign the Protocols when he did, State, DOD and DOJ all fast-tracked their Article-by-Article review of the Protocols, and each of the Services completed their review of implementation guidelines for the child soldiers protocol (since it requires parties to take "all feasible measures" to ensure that persons under 18 do not take "a direct part in hostilities"). In both the President's remarks upon signing, as well as in the publicly released fact sheets and in the ratification message sent to the Hill, we assured the Senate that ratification would not create any obligations for the U.S. to any international agreement to which we are not a party. In essence, we met all of Billingsley's pre-conditions, and he was supposedly pleased with our response.

Yet, after getting the ratification package to the Senate over a month ago, there has been no movement by the SFRC to schedule a mark-up or any hearings on the Protocols for this fall. In fact, Billingsley relayed a message to DOD yesterday that there was "zero chance" that advice and consent would be given on these treaties this year. This is despite the fact that both the Senate (on June 7th) and the House (on July 11th) expressed their support for the child soldiers protocol, and there seems to be bipartisan support (including Sen. Brownback) for the sale of children protocol. There is significant NGO and popular support for both protocols, and no practical opposition to either of them.

In late July, Frank

Loy held a meeting with State and DOD representatives to discuss our legislative strategy for the fall. Suggestions at that time included calls from SecState to Helms and other SFRC members, calls from SecDef, and meetings with friendly Hill members and staffers to educate and inform them on the protocols. State/H asked that nothing be done until Jacobs had another conversation with Billingsley, since it was their personal relationship which was credited with the increased traction on the Hill last spring. State/H specifically asked that Albright not make calls yet because Billingsley had not briefed Helms on the legislation. State/H also asked that there

be no contact with other members or staffers, because that would be interpreted by Helms' staff as undue pressure. When asked how long we were to wait before re-evaluating this strategy, which essentially allows Billingsley to single-handedly bottleneck the entire advice and consent process, State/H asked for a week to 10 days.

However, in the month since that meeting, our legislative strategy has been adrift. Neither Albright nor Cohen have been asked to make any Hill calls yet, and there is no reason to believe that Billingsley has even briefed Helms on this subject. Both Amb. Loy and Harold Koh are keenly interested in moving this legislation forward this year, as are senior DOD officials, but all have been stymied by State/H's firm request that nothing be done until they orchestrate it. [Jacobs has recently been named an Ambassador, and has spent much of the last month out of the office preparing for her posting.] Both Loy and Koh think that an Albright-Helms call would help break the current logjam, in part because they credit the success of last year's ratification of the Child Labor Convention to Sec. Herman's personal engagement with Helms.

To have any hope of the treaties receiving advice and consent this year, we have to make it clear that this is an Administration priority. As such, at a minimum, SecState and SecDef should be deployed to make appropriate Hill calls, and briefings must take place with other key staffers beyond Helms' staff. Without strong White House and Administration leadership, these Protocols will be held hostage by Billingsley for at least the remainder of the year. If, however, we do receive advice and consent, we could immediately ratify the documents, because the DOD guidelines for each of the Services are already complete and ready to be implemented.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 09/20/2000 2:06:27 PM
FROM Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT more grist for telcons on child soldiers [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
CARBON_COPY
TEXT_BODY Eric: Sanitized version that Andrew could use in calling Business Roundtable (I hadn't meant earlier version to be shared in hard copy...) DCS

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT grist for business angle.doc
An inter-agency meeting yesterday on the UN Protocols on Child Soldiers and Sale of Children, Child Prostitution, and Child Pornography gives grounds for cautious optimism that it may be possible for these two Protocols to be ratified by the end of this Session.

The President signed the two Protocols on July 5; they were transmitted to the Senate for advice and consent on July 25. Although State, DOD, and NSC made a considerable effort to brief SFRC staff to allay fears that the Child Soldiers Protocol would adversely impact our military readiness, we have not yet been successful in persuading the SFRC to schedule mark-ups or hearings. We anticipate that Secretary Albright will speak by phone with Senator Helms today, and that she will press him on this and other issues.

We think it would be helpful for you to call the Business Roundtable, which may not be aware of the current state of play. Time is short and the circumstances are ripe for interventions in support of ratification of these Protocols.

Indeed, lobbying efforts are already underway: a coalition of conservative NGOs wrote to Helms last week urging ratification of the Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution, and Child Pornography. Senator Wellstone has also made a personal appeal to Helms and has been in touch with Helms' staff.

Talking Points:

-- ILO 182, which was ratified in November 1999, characterizes forced labor, child prostitution, sexual exploitation, and child pornography as the "worst forms of child labor." It calls on states to take immediate action to eliminate these offenses. Under ILO 182, for first time, "child" is defined as anyone under age of 18.

-- But 182 only recommends that states criminalize acts associated with these offenses. The Protocol on Child Soldiers and The Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution, and Child Pornography go the extra step and require that acts like forced child labor, child pornography and compulsory recruitment of children for use in armed conflict be criminalized.

-- Countries such as Germany, the UK, and New Zealand are already moving to change their domestic laws to be in conformity with the Sale of Children protocol. This demonstrates the potential positive influence of these Protocols.

-- Need to make a final push if we are to see the Protocols on Child Soldiers and Child Pornography ratified by the end of this Session.

-- Understand that several conservative NGOs that want to see the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution, and Child Pornography Protocol ratified have written to Helms urging speedy ratification of the that Protocol.

-- The two Protocols were submitted for advice and consent as a package, so reasonable to expect that they will be considered together.

-- Understand, too, that Wellstone has made a personal appeal to Helms and has spoken to Helms' staff on this.

-- We should take advantage of the momentum that is building behind ratification for these Protocols. It would be a shame if all the effort that we have put into these Protocols were not to be brought to fruition by the end of this Administration. Taken together, ILO 182 and these two Optional Protocols represent a trio of protections for children, and a cornerstone for our future efforts.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 09/22/2000 8:55:41 AM
FROM Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: ABC: Encouraging MKA to call Helms on Child Soldiers/Child Exploitation
Protocols [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

I think my big type gets you there without as much stuff to go through.
what do you think?

-----Original Message-----

From: Shea,
Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2000 7:40
PM
To: Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
Subject: ABC: Encouraging MKA
to call Helms on Child Soldiers/Child Exploitation Protocols [UNCLASSIFIED]

How's
this?
DRAFT

To: Sandy
Through: Eric Schwartz
From: Dorothy
Shea
Concurrences: Anne Witkowsky, Mark Tavlarides

The President
has indicated his interest in ratification of two protocols relating
to children in armed conflict and child exploitation. Earlier this
year, you directed us to try to ensure that these protocols could
be ratified before year's end. With that guidance from you, we were
successful in accelerating the UN process of adoption of those protocols
and submission of them to the Senate. At this point, we need the
SFRC to hold hearings, so the Senate can then act.

Senator Helms
has apparently signalled that he has not strong objection to these

protocols (though he hates the underlying Convention, Relating to the Rights of the Child). At the same time, he has also suggested that he might not get to this issue until next year.

Several conservative organizations have written to the Senator urging action, and he is being gently pressed by some of his colleagues.

A planned (but not yet executed) Albright-Helms phone call may be key to breaking the logjam that has existed in the SFRC since the Protocols were transmitted on July 25.

SFRC staff had been upset with the Administration for not informing the SFRC of the status of the child soldiers negotiations, which we kept close-hold due to their sensitive nature. (In fact, State itself was in the dark on JCS deliberations on this issue.) State, DOD, and NSC have since made considerable efforts to brief concerned SFRC staff and allay concerns that the Child Soldiers Protocol would adversely impact our military readiness. Helms also reportedly does not want to take any action that would confer legitimacy on the (underlying) Convention on the Rights of the Child.

At the same time, Helms has apparently signalled that he does not have any fundamental objection to the Protocols, only that he is inclined to hold off on hearings (and subsequent Senate action) until next year.

Albright should reinforce that these optional Protocols are independent multilateral treaties, and that we would not assume any obligations under the Convention on the Rights of the Child by becoming a party to the Protocols, nor would ratification of the Protocols confer legitimacy on the Convention.

If we are to see any progress on ratification of these Protocols, which the President has indicated is a priority, Albright will have to make a strong case to Helms. For the past two weeks, State has been promising an Albright-Helms phone call, during which she would press him on this and other issues. For reasons unknown to us, the phone call has not yet taken place. It would be helpful for you to encourage Albright to make the call, while thanking Cohen for the positive role DOD has played in this process. Time is short and the circumstances are ripe for her intervention. Indeed, she can capitalize on the lobbying efforts of a coalition of conservative NGOs, who have written Helms urging ratification of the Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution, and Child Pornography. (The two Protocols were submitted as a package,

so it is reasonable to expect that the Senate will take them up simultaneously. Senator Wellstone has also made a personal appeal to Helms and has been in touch with Helms' staff.

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to make a final push if we are to see the Protocol on Children in Armed Conflict and the Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution, and Child Pornography ratified by the end of this Session.

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FROM Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: ABC Item: Child Protocols [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Tavlarides, Mark J. (LEGIS)
Witkowski, Anne A. (DEFENSE)

CARBON_COPY Banbury, Anthony "Tony" N. (MULTI)
Feldman, Daniel F. (MULTI)
McLean, Matthew K. (MULTI)
Naplan, Steven J. (MULTI)
Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
Peterson-Becker, Augustine "Gusti" (ADMIN)
Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
Smith, Peter D. R. (MULTI)
Tierney, Mary "Theresa" T. (MULTI)
Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI)

TEXT_BODY Thanks, all.

-----Original Message-----

From: Tavlarides, Mark
J. (LEGIS)
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2000 11:40 AM
To: Witkowski,
Anne A. (DEFENSE); Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
Cc: @MULTILAT -
Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs
Subject: RE: ABC Item: Child
Protocols [UNCLASSIFIED]

Not certain that Helms has been pressed
by both sides of the aisle so I would drop that part. The Wellstone
part is worth noting but is not extraordinarily significant. Leg
clears with Anne's suggestion sans the both sides of the aisle piece.

-----Original
Message-----

From: Witkowski, Anne A. (DEFENSE)
Sent: Friday,
September 22, 2000 11:12 AM

To: Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
Cc: Tavlarides,
Mark J. (LEGIS); @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs
Subject: RE:
ABC Item: Child Protocols [UNCLASSIFIED]

Some suggestions

-----Original

Message-----

From: Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
Sent: Friday, September
22, 2000 11:06 AM
To: Witkowsky, Anne A. (DEFENSE); Tavlarides,
Mark J. (LEGIS)
Cc: Siberell, Justin H. (NSA); Schwartz, Eric
P. (MULTI); @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs
Subject: ABC
Item: Child Protocols [UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

Anne,
Mark: Please clear on this as soon as possible.
Justin: Heads-up.
Thanks,

Dorothy

To: Sandy
Through: Eric Schwartz
From: Dorothy
Shea
Concurrences: Anne Witkowsky, Mark Tavlarides

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and Senator Helms has apparently signalled that he does not have
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TO Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

I sent it to Anne and Mark. I have a couple of changes to incorporate from them. Then it will be ready. Will run it by you before it goes. DCS

-----Original Message-----

From: Schwartz, Eric
P. (MULTI)
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2000 11:55 AM
To: Shea,
Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
Subject: RE: ABC: Encouraging MKA to call
Helms on Child Soldiers/Child Exploitation Protocols [UNCLASSIFIED]

did
you send it up?

-----Original Message-----

From: Shea, Dorothy
C. (MULTILAT)
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2000 9:20 AM
To: Schwartz,
Eric P. (MULTI)
Subject: RE: ABC: Encouraging MKA to call Helms
on Child Soldiers/Child Exploitation Protocols [UNCLASSIFIED]

you're
right. that's why you're the boss.
a little tweaking and one
suggested add (i think we should at least mention the billingsly's
earlier concerns about readiness).
if OK w/ you, i'll go ahead
and circulate to anne and mark.

-----Original Message-----

From:
Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2000 8:56 AM
To: Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
Subject: RE: ABC: Encouraging
MKA to call Helms on Child Soldiers/Child Exploitation Protocols
[UNCLASSIFIED]

I think my big type gets you there without as much
stuff to go through. what do you think?

-----Original Message-----

From:
Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2000
7:40 PM
To: Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
Subject: ABC: Encouraging
MKA to call Helms on Child Soldiers/Child Exploitation Protocols
[UNCLASSIFIED]

How's this?
DRAFT

To: Sandy
Through: Eric
Schwartz
From: Dorothy Shea
Concurrences: Anne Witkowsky, Mark
Tavlarides

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potential negative impact on readiness, and Senator Helms has apparently
signalled that he has no strong objection to these protocols (though
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A planned (but not yet executed)

Albright-Helms phone call may be key to breaking the logjam that has existed in the SFRC since the Protocols were transmitted on July 25.

SFRC staff had been upset with the Administration for not informing the SFRC of the status of the child soldiers negotiations, which we kept close-hold due to their sensitive nature. (In fact, State itself was in the dark on JCS deliberations on this issue.) State, DOD, and NSC have since made considerable efforts to brief concerned SFRC staff and allay concerns that the Child Soldiers Protocol would adversely impact our military readiness. Helms also reportedly does not want to take any action that would confer legitimacy on the (underlying) Convention on the Rights of the Child.

At the same time, Helms has apparently signalled that he does not have any fundamental objection to the Protocols, only that he is inclined to hold off on hearings (and subsequent Senate action) until next year.

Albright should reinforce that these optional Protocols are independent multilateral treaties, and that we would not assume any obligations under the Convention on the Rights of the Child by becoming a party to the Protocols, nor would ratification of the Protocols confer legitimacy on the Convention.

If we are to see any progress on ratification of these Protocols, which the President has indicated is a priority, Albright will have to make a strong case to Helms. For the past two weeks, State has been promising an Albright-Helms phone call, during which she would press him on this and other issues. For reasons unknown to us, the phone call has not yet taken place. It would be helpful for you to encourage Albright to make the call, while thanking Cohen for the positive role DOD has played in this process. Time is short and the circumstances are ripe for her intervention. Indeed, she can capitalize on the lobbying efforts of a coalition of conservative NGOs, who have written Helms urging ratification of the Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution, and Child Pornography. (The two Protocols were submitted as a package, so it is reasonable to expect that the Senate will take them up simultaneously. Senator Wellstone has also made a personal appeal to Helms and has been in touch with Helms' staff.

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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 09/22/2000 3:32:51 PM
FROM Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT ABC item: Push for Ratification Child Protocols [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)

CARBON_COPY Banbury, Anthony "Tony" N. (MULTI)
Feldman, Daniel F. (MULTI)
McLean, Matthew K. (MULTI)
Naplan, Steven J. (MULTI)
Patten, Wendy L. (MULTI)
Peterson-Becker, Augustine "Gusti" (ADMIN)
Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
Smith, Peter D. R. (MULTI)
Tierney, Mary "Theresa" T. (MULTI)
Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI)

TEXT_BODY

eric: for final review, as cleared by anne and mark. dcs

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Concurrences:
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FROM Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT ABC Item: Protocols Relating to Children [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Bradtke, Robert A. (EXSEC)
Gray, Wendy E. (NSA)
Haas, Dean J. (ADMIN)
Joshi, M. Kay (EXSEC)
Kale, Dora A. (NSA)
Matthews, Sonyia (SPCHW)
Millison, Cathy L. (EXSEC)
Moran, Kevin S. (NSA)
Moretz, Sheila K. (NSA)
NSA Email
Rudman, Mara E. (NSA)
Scott-Perez, Marilyn L. (NSA)
Siberell, Justin H. (NSA)
Storey, Sharon V. (NSA)

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Wilcox, Richard M. (MULTI)
Andreasen, Steven P. (DEFENSE)
Beardsworth, Richard R. (Randy) (DEFENSE)
Binnendijk, Johannes A. (Hans) (DEFENSE)
Bolton, Edward L. Jr. (DEFENSE)
Cullom, Philip H. (DEFENSE)
Hill, Roseanne M. (DEFENSE)
Metzinger, Erin M. (DEFENSE)
Mitchell, Rebecca (Julie) J. (DEFENSE)
Witkowsky, Anne A. (DEFENSE)
Burrell, Christina L. (LEGIS)
Lackey, Miles M. (LEGIS)
Shapiro, Daniel B. (LEGIS)
Tavlarides, Mark J. (LEGIS)

Walldorff, Rebecca L. (LEGIS)

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FROM Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: ABC Item: Protocols Relating to Children [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

See the changes i made in the b/round and points. if ok, then forward to @nsa and indicate that this is a revised version, and should substitute for one previously submitted.

-----Original Message-----

From:
Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2000
6:36 PM
To: Schwartz, Eric P. (MULTI)
Subject: RE: ABC Item:
Protocols Relating to Children [UNCLASSIFIED]

We need to talk
about this, still. The call was made but was cut short. Will brief
you in person.

-----Original Message-----

From: Schwartz,
Eric P. (MULTI)
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2000 6:34 PM
To: @NSA
- Natl Security Advisor
Cc: @MULTILAT - Multilateral and Humanitarian
Affairs; @DEFENSE - Defense Policy; @LEGISLAT - Legislative Affairs
Subject: ABC
Item: Protocols Relating to Children [UNCLASSIFIED]

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Through:
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From: Dorothy Shea
Concurrences: Anne Witkowski,
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DATE-TIME 09/25/2000 10:09:10 AM
FROM Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: ABC Item: Protocols Relating to Children [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Tavlarides, Mark J. (LEGIS)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

When you have a chance, I'd like to brief you (orally) on what I heard from State on this. Dorothy

-----Original Message-----

From:
Shea, Dorothy C. (MULTILAT)
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2000
6:59 PM
To: @NSA - Natl Security Advisor
Cc: Schwartz, Eric P.
(MULTI); Witkowsky, Anne A. (DEFENSE); Tavlarides, Mark J. (LEGIS)
Subject: ABC
Item: Protocols Relating to Children [UNCLASSIFIED]

Please pass
this to Sandy. This revised version should replace the one Eric
forwarded a few minutes ago. Thanks.

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Through:
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Concurrences: Anne Witkowsky,
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005. email	Dorothy Shea to Caroline Krass and Eric Schwartz. Subject: Background/Talking Points for Sandy Berger's Meeting. (6 pages)	09/25/2000	P1/b(1)

COLLECTION:

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FROM Weiss, Andrew S. (RUE)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: Pope Update [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Medish, Mark C. (RUE)

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TEXT_BODY

pls note that below version is a little different from what i sent to you last night.

-----Original Message-----

From: Weiss, Andrew
S. (RUE)
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2000 10:30 AM
To: Tavlarides,
Mark J. (LEGIS); Lackey, Miles M. (LEGIS)
Cc: Medish, Mark C.
(RUE)
Subject: FW: Pope Update [UNCLASSIFIED]

Miles/Mark:

OK
to shoot across? Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Medish,
Mark C. (RUE)
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2000 7:05 PM
To: Tavlarides,
Mark J. (LEGIS)
Subject: FW: Pope Update [UNCLASSIFIED]

please
look at this version

-----Original Message-----

From: Medish,
Mark C. (RUE)
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2000 6:55 PM
To: Tavlarides,
Mark J. (LEGIS)

Cc: Weiss, Andrew S. (RUE); Medish, Mark C. (RUE)
Subject: Pope
Update [UNCLASSIFIED]

MarkT -- pls take a quick look and let me know; would like to shoot across soonest -- mm

Please Pass to
Sandy and Don (Timely, Not Urgent)

Mrs. Pope called me today from Rep. Peterson's office. She was calm, composed and to the point. At the outset, she reported the unanimous passage of Peterson's resolution urging a halt to all assistance to Russia until Mr. Pope is released. Mainly she wanted to provide us an update and to double-track certain requests she had made to State, including that consular officers try to ensure that Mr. Pope actually receive packages and letters sent to his prison. (We have followed up on the latter.)

Mrs. Pope said that her husband's lawyer predicted that the trial would take about a month and the court's decision could take another month. In recent days, there has apparently been a delay in appointing a judge. Via the lawyer, she has petitioned the court for an expedited trial, and she asked us now to put whatever pressure we could on the GOR to get things moving. I said we would continue to press for closure, but we were also wary of doing anything that could prejudice Mr. Pope's defense. She said she had no expectation of a fair trial, and I assured her we had no illusions on that score.

Mrs. Pope said she would try to go to Moscow soon and attend as much of the trial as possible. The lawyer has filed a petition to allow her attendance at trial.

Note: In the next few days State Department plans to augment its standard consular advisory to indicate that people acquiring technology in the defense industrial sector should exercise special caution, given Pope's experience and other harrassment of U.S. citizens by the Russian security services. When State feinted earlier at such a warning during a press briefing, it provoked an angry Russian response. Pickering shared a draft with Amb. Ushakov about six weeks ago; at our request, we have pulsed the Russians again for a reaction and heard nothing back. Rep. Peterson, Sen. Helms, and others in Congress have been pushing State to issue the advisory. We think that, on balance, it is appropriate for State to go ahead.

End.

Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 10/05/2000 7:03:44 PM
FROM Gire, Cynthia L. (EXSEC)
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: New suggestions for Ho Chi Minh City [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Osius, Theodore G. (VP)

CARBON_COPY**TEXT_BODY**

Okay, thanks. I think that Hue is the choice. But now I know where I am going on my next vacation. Halong Bay!

-----Original Message-----

From: Osius,
Theodore G. (VP)
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2000 7:02 PM
To: Gire,
Cynthia L. (EXSEC)
Subject: FW: New suggestions for Ho Chi Minh
City [UNCLASSIFIED]

Now that I've read the material, I see there is potential for Haiphong. But I'd still favor Hue over Halong Bay/Haiphong. It's good to know you could have a quality back-up plan if floods prevent the President from visiting Hue.
Ted

-----Original Message-----

From: Osius,
Theodore G. (VP)
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2000 11:42 AM
To: Gire,
Cynthia L. (EXSEC)
Subject: RE: New suggestions for Ho Chi Minh
City [UNCLASSIFIED]

I'll take a look at the material you sent. Meanwhile, I think Hue as your first choice is an excellent judgement call. As you know, it's the imperial capital, it's very scenic, and it will convey to the Vietnamese people that our President is interested in a relationship that goes beyond economics. Americans will remember it as a site of one of the fiercest battles of the war, but today's images will be of a peaceful, ancient city. I realize the risks (possible flooding at that time of year) so it seems wise

to have a back-up. HaLong Bay is exquisite, and would result in some great visuals of the President seeing Vietnam's greatest natural wonder. It would require helicopter support. Haiphong is dull, a port town of little interest; for economic dynamism, Ho Chi Minh City is far better.

-----Original Message-----

From: Gire, Cynthia

L. (EXSEC)

Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2000 10:58 AM

To: Osius,

Theodore G. (VP)

Subject: RE: New suggestions for Ho Chi Minh City
[UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks. And I don't remember whether I asked you or not -- what do you think about Ha Long Bay/ Haiphong vs. Hue stop? I forwarded you some info on unclass we received on Ha Long Bay. We were hoping to do a rural event outside of Hue vs. going to the third largest city in Vietnam, Haiphong. What do you think?

-----Original

Message-----

From: Osius, Theodore G. (VP)

Sent: Wednesday, October
04, 2000 7:15 PM

To: Gire, Cynthia L. (EXSEC)

Subject: RE: New
suggestions for Ho Chi Minh City [UNCLASSIFIED]

My concern is that a meeting with the Highlands students would play into the hands of Sen. Helms and Rep. Smith. They are convinced that ethnic minorities are terribly repressed in the Central Highlands. Veterans groups who fought side-by-side with the ethnic minorities are also quite convinced that the government mistreats them because they were on the losing side of the war. I've traveled there extensively and, while there is certainly poverty (and racism, and disease, including leprosy) there is no systematic, government-condoned repression. Instead, there are incentive programs to get people to invest in the Highlands. Few people are biting, however, since the infrastructure just doesn't exist. Many of the young people vote with their feet and move to cities on the coast, but that is because they can find jobs in the cities, not because they are discriminated against in the Highlands. I just feel it's too complex a story, and would be too easy for simplistic conclusions to be drawn.

-----Original

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Sent: Wednesday,
October 04, 2000 7:05 PM
To: Osius, Theodore G. (VP)
Subject: RE:
New suggestions for Ho Chi Minh City [UNCLASSIFIED]

very helpful.

I agree with you everything except possibly the microcredit (if we can't find a bigger Vietnamese business to highlight we may have to go micro) and the Archbishop. I'm not sure how big a spotlight to shine on him and not comfortable with the pilgrimage to his big, fancy colonial residence. I can be convinced, though. I wish we had not done the stock market event in India (still fresh in reporters' minds). The pre-advance team is going to look at it next week. Why would the meeting with the Central Highlands students be a disaster?

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October 04, 2000 6:51 PM
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Subject: New
suggestions for Ho Chi Minh City [UNCLASSIFIED]

(Since I have to fight to get onto our ONE unclass computer, I'm responding on this one instead.)
Canal clean-up project. I haven't seen this, but think anything that highlights U.S.-Vietnam cooperation on the environment will be helpful when we submit the Trade Agreement to Congress. In his comments, the President could mention the numerous environmental deliverables that Ian Bowles (CEQ) and others are working on.

Human Rights/Religious event. I agree with the rank order of the Post's recommendations. If it is to be a full-fledged event, I think the best alternative would be a meeting at the Archbishop's residence. If time doesn't permit that, then a pull-aside would be second-best.

Micro-credit. Is Mrs. Clinton going? She is associated in the minds of many with micro-credit. The Women's Union is the best of the three options listed (and not because I'm thinking of Mrs. Clinton, but because it's Vietnamese, and much more independent than the Labor Union).

Vietnamese enterprises. I can't be much help here. I've been to Tan Tuan, but as the Post reports, it's almost entirely foreign invested. And I don't think Karen Tramontano would embrace the idea of visiting an EPZ which exports goods to the U.S.

Next generation leaders. I favor the idea of a meeting

with women leaders, because there are so many in Vietnam who are dynamic and speak their minds. Second best would be a meeting with young entrepreneurs. I think a meeting with ethnic minority students from the Central Highlands would be a disaster.

Other potential

events/sites. Establishment of a stock market is a huge accomplishment, one that really ushers Vietnam into the world economy. I would favor this: even if the visuals aren't great, the story would be. I'd

be uncomfortable with an event at the the VICT. I've seen it and it would provide a pretty good backdrop -- but what's the story?

There would be lots of sniping about Seattle, which was not this Administration's finest hour. We probably need more info on the Coca-Cola educational program. Dropping by the Internet Cafe is a must.