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From: Verma, Richard R <VermaRR@state.gov>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2010 8:43 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: Gifilte Fish

More on Gifilte Fish...will ask Jeff Feltman and Bob Hormats for help as well.

From: Adams, David S
To: Verma, Richard R; de la Iglesia, Mark J; Greene, David J
Sent: Sat Feb 27 07:44:27 2010
Subject: Fw: Gifilte Fish

From the Israeli Embassy. See below.

From: Daniel Meron [redacted]
To: Adams, David S
Cc: Ohad Cohen [redacted]
Sent: Fri Feb 26 23:10:05 2010
Subject: Gifilte Fish

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Dave,
 According to the Agricultural Agreement between Israel and the US from 2004 (ATAP), carp is not exempted from custom duties. Last December the Israeli customs realized that according to the tariff list there is no customs on the importation of carp to Israel. That was amended. A few weeks ago a representative of the relevant company in Illinois contacted our trade mission to inquire about the new customs tariff and was told that it would apply to all the carp his company will send to Israel. Therefore it should not have been a surprise to the company this new customs tariff. There are now 2 containers of the fish that are sitting in the port in Israel waiting to be cleared and there are another 7 containers waiting in Illinois to get the green light to leave for Israel. Our trade representative here thinks he could get an exemption for the two containers already in Israel from the new customs tariff but probably not for the other 7. We at the embassy have asked the highest political level in Israel to see if we could get an exemption from customs for all the 9 containers.

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From: "Adams, David S" <AdamsDS@state.gov>
Date: Fri, 26 Feb 2010 20:48:05 -0500
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Gifilte Fish

Hi Daniel-We're not just concerned about customs, but would like to understand what the issue is preventing delivery. Thanks. Dave

From: Daniel Meron [redacted]
To: Adams, David S
Sent: Fri Feb 26 20:18:16 2010
Subject: Re: Gifilte Fish

Ohad

This is from Secretary Clinton's office. Can you understand why he thinks the customs was paid?

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From: "Adams, David S" <AdamsDS@state.gov>

Date: Fri, 26 Feb 2010 19:53:03 -0500

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Hi Daniel-Sorry to bother you on shabbat, but during yesterday's hearing with the Secretary, Rep Manzullo he asked her to help soert out the issue of gifilte fish shipments from a plant in his district to Israel. She, of course, said she would. So, I'm asking for some help in sorting through this. I have heard that the Israeli customer may have paid the duty, but this is unconfirmed. Any light you could shed on this would be appreciated. BTW, my cell number is Thanks. Dave

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