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UNCLASSIFIEDMEMORANDUM FOR LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALFREDO NAJERA, USA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Request for DOD Disaster Assistance to Samoa

The Department of State (DOS) requests that Department of Defense (DOD) provide transportation assistance for US based donated commodities, to the government of Samoa (GOS) in response to the September 29 earthquake and tsunami in the Pacific Ocean. The Secretary of State understands, after communication with Representative Eni Faleomavaega, that the GOS will accept donated food and non-food commodities and that this assistance should be provided. The U.S. Charge d'Affaires in Samoa, Arnold Campbell, declared a disaster in State cable Apia 21 (012335ZOCT09).

In particular, the DOS requests DOD support in transporting donated commodities from California to Samoa in accordance with a request received from the Honorable Eni Faleomavaega, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment. A copy of that request along with a list of donated items and their location is attached to this memo.

We request that DOD-provided assistance be provided on a non-reimbursable basis under such authorities as are available to the Department of Defense. USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) does not object to the request for utilization of DOD assets in support of these efforts.

The point of contact for this request is the DOS Desk Officer for the South Pacific Islands, Doug Carey (careydg@state.gov).

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Attachments:

Tab 1 – October 5, 2009 letter from Representative Faleomavaega

Tab 2 – List and location of donated goods

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