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From: Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>
Sent: Sunday, January 16, 2011 1:16 PM
To: H
Subject: Fw: French initiative to be announced in approx 1 hour

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

From: Miller, James N
To: 'Antony_J._Blinken [REDACTED]'; Connelly, Maura; Feltman, Jeffrey D; 'Daniel_B._Shapiro [REDACTED]'; 'Hagar_H._Hajjar [REDACTED]'; [REDACTED]; Sullivan, Jacob J; Walles, Jacob; Schlicher, Ronald L; Sanderson, Janet A; Schedlbauer, Amy W; Allegrone, Kathleen H; 'Herro_K._Mustafa [REDACTED]'; Bondy, Steven C; Ford, Robert S; Gordon, Phillip H
Cc: LeBaron, Joseph E; Alter, Robert T; Taplin, Mark A
Sent: Sun Jan 16 13:14:59 2011
Subject: French initiative to be announced in approx 1 hour

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+ A/S Phil Gordon

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Update from Embassy Paris:

Sarkozy's Mid-East Advisor Nicolas Galey just told us the French will announce their initiative for Lebanon between about 4pm and 5pm Washington time, despite the fact that Syrian President Asad has not/not yet agreed to participate.

Galey said he had just received the fax from Liz Sherwood-Randall and was on his way to meet with Sarkozy Chief of Staff Claude Gueant to discuss the announcement.

As to Egypt, we re-emphasized the importance of their inclusion in order to create the necessary balance to make the contact group effective. Galey indicated he had heard the same from Washington directly but could not yet confirm the final French proposal for the group's composition.

He said the announcement tonight will be general, designed to confront Asad with a fait accompli while still enticing him to join. The Syrians are not enthusiastic about the initiative, Galey acknowledged, but they promised a response tomorrow. Galey thinks the Syrians are trying to buy time and doubts the French will in fact receive a clear answer from Damascus by tomorrow.

Best,
Jamie

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From: Blinken, Antony J. [REDACTED]
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Cc: LeBaron, Joseph E
Sent: Sun Jan 16 18:22:51 2011

Subject: Re: HBJ on Lebanon and French

Ok -- [redacted] Anytime from 115 on EST if we can get Jumblatt. Need to get TPs to him via Sit Room

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Subject: Re: HBJ on Lebanon and French

Extremely timely -- going in to see Saad now.

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Subject: HBJ on Lebanon and French

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Jeffrey Feltman