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See below from my Africa guy, who is very strong:

Jake,

I spoke with the key folks in AF. In short: Johnnie is ramping up the U.S.'s involvement on Mali [redacted] AF drafted a Note to S today updating her on Mali that is making its way through the AF/FO right now. (Should I ask AF to send it directly to the S specials at the same time they send it to the Line so you get it quicker?).

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AF demarched all key countries in West Africa and Europe last week (including France) seeking their support for specific actions to achieve four goals: 1) the return of a democratically-elected government in Bamako, 2) a mediated political solution to the instability in the north, 3) strengthened regional efforts to combat terrorist groups in northern Mali, and 4) improved humanitarian access to displaced populations. The actions include the return of interim President Traore to Bamako, with appropriate security assurances by the interim government, and the interim government to set an election date early enough that a new government can take office prior to the May 2013 deadline set by ECOWAS.

Johnnie held a SVTC today with US ambassadors in Abidjan, Bamako, Nouakchott, Niamey and Ouagadougou to discuss host government concerns prior to the upcoming African Union Summit. [redacted]

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The UNSCR referenced in the below news report did not endorse ECOWAS or AU intervention in Mali [redacted]

[redacted] etc. DOD has approved seconding a military observer to ECOWAS to help with these efforts, and our mission to the AU is also providing planning support. There has been some tension between ECOWAS and the AU on Mali with respect to who has the lead, and tension between non-ECOWAS countries like Mauritania and Algeria and ECOWAS. [redacted]

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I will ask AF to keep S updated as their planning proceeds and the AU Summit begins. I hope this helps. Let me know if you or S have any further questions and I'll work with AF to get back to you as quickly as we can.