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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2010 2:31 AM
To: H; Abedin, Huma
Subject: Fw: Asap. Gov Rendell and orphans

Fyi

From: Merten, Kenneth H
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Sun Jan 17 23:04:45 2010
Subject: FW: Asap. Gov Rendell and orphans

Here's where we are. KM

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From: Percy, Linda J
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2010 11:03 PM
To: Merten, Kenneth H; Kane, Joan E
Cc: 'Bannis, Pius D'; Moore, Donald L
Subject: RE: Asap. Gov Rendell and orphans

Ambassador,
We just received an email from the Adoption Service Provider about these cases. I am currently reviewing the files to determine if they qualify within the guidelines established recently by USCIS and DOS. Out of the 60 cases, 40 are being adopted by USC. Out of the 40, 5 of the cases were children escorted today and per CNN have just landed in Miami. The remaining 35 we are reviewing now. Some correspondence I've seen says that they plan on bringing the children straight to the airport, and we have responded that they first need to come to the embassy. Once case in particular will be an issue, as it requires the Presidential Waiver. Did you receive the talking points about Presidential Waivers?

The majority of the cases will qualify for Humanitarian Parole.

In the last 30 minutes a number of emails have been coming in about private planes, Ted Turner offering to fly children out, etc.
We have a case coming in tomorrow morning in which the 2 adoptive families are being flown in by CBS helicopter from the DR.
We are preparing as many cases in advance as possible tonight.
Kind Regards,
Linda

From: Merten, Kenneth H
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2010 10:51 PM
To: Percy, Linda J; Kane, Joan E
Subject: FW: Asap. Gov Rendell and orphans

Anything we can tell Cheryl? KM

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From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2010 10:09 PM
To: Merten, Kenneth H
Subject: Fw: Asap. Gov Rendell and orphans

What is this about?

From: Smith, Sean <[redacted]>
To: Crowley, Philip J; [redacted] <[redacted]>; denis.mcdonough [redacted] <denis.mcdonough [redacted]>; Smith, Sean <[redacted]>; Donahue, David T; Macray, Rosemary R; Jacobs, Janice L; Vydmantas, Rima J
Cc: Mills, Cheryl D; Kroloff, Noah <[redacted]>; Shlossman, Amy <[redacted]>
Sent: Sun Jan 17 19:00:21 2010
Subject: Re: Asap. Gov Rendell and orphans

We'll try to run this down.

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

From: Crowley, Philip J <CrowleyPJ@state.gov>
To: [redacted] <[redacted]>; denis.mcdonough [redacted] <denis.mcdonough [redacted]>; Smith, Sean <[redacted]>; Donahue, David T <DonahueDT@state.gov>; Macray, Rosemary R <MacrayRR@state.gov>; Jacobs, Janice L <JacobsJL@state.gov>; Vydmantas, Rima J <VydmantasRJ@state.gov>
Cc: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Sun Jan 17 18:56:58 2010
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Adding DHS, Cheryl and our consular folks.

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

From: [redacted] <[redacted]>
To: denis.mcdonough [redacted] <denis.mcdonough [redacted]>; Crowley, Philip J
Sent: Sun Jan 17 18:47:19 2010
Subject: Fw: Asap. Gov Rendell and orphans

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Any chance you boys can help here? Looks like gov rendell is working with haitian amb to get 60 orphans to PA.

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Sent: Sun Jan 17 18:41:31 2010
Subject: Re: Asap. Gov Rendell and orphans

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Ok - so looks air coord piece is tracking.

John - this one way outta your lane. US Amb is involved in this one. Can you get someone on his staff to call Rendell? That should close the loop.

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Sent: Sun Jan 17 18:36:36 2010
Subject: Re: Asap. Gov Rendell and orphans

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Thanks John

Just got off the phone w gov rendell

Fyi
He states that the charter airline got airspace clearance confirmation
He plans on being on the flight arr on or about 1200
He still has concerns about the transport of the orphans to the airfield

He wanted me to pass on his personal cell [redacted]

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Let me know if there is anything I can do.

Best

Chris

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Sent: Sun Jan 17 18:28:32 2010
Subject: Re: Asap. Gov Rendell and orphans

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Copying Buck on this. He doesn't foresee a problem, says consular general is main issue. But feel free to contact him.

John

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Sent: Sun Jan 17 18:12:43 2010
Subject: Asap. Gov Rendell and orphans

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John
Mike Gilday wanted me to reach you urgently

An intermediary for pa gov rendell called me for assistance re: the 60+ orphans and the proposed rescue flight on monday.

My contact info:

[redacted]

the gov has coordinated amb to amb contact via the wh.

He is trying to make sure the flight has our airspace clearance in pop.

The govs intermediary is a dr and friend who contacted me because he did not know any better.

Best

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