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Sent:

Sunday, March 7, 2010 3:05 PM

To:

H

Subject:

Re: (SBU) Pakistani parliamentarians cancel trip to U.S. after screening at Dulles

Pat has been trying to track them down but b/I they left last nite - he is checking

---- Original Message ----

From: H < HDR22@clintonemail.com>

To: Mills, Cheryl D

Sent: Sun Mar 07 14:50:34 2010

Subject: Re: (SBU) Pakistani parliamentarians cancel trip to U.S. after screening at Dulles

I would be happy to call and apologize if we can get DHS to back off. Also, can we send Holbrooke or Vali or someone out to Dulles to try to persuade them to stay?

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From: Mills, Cheryl D < MillsCD@state.gov>

To: H

Sent: Sun Mar 07 14:25:24 2010

Subject: FW: (SBU) Pakistani parliamentarians cancel trip to U.S. after screening at Dulles

Fyi

From: Crowley, Philip J

To: Hartley, Brent R; Beekman, Philip M; SES_DutyDeputies; S_SpecialAssistants; D(S); D(L); P; C; R; ECA_Staffers; PA FO

Group; Protocol Assistants; SSRAP_StaffAssistants; SCA-FO-DL

Cc: SES-O_SWO-Only

Sent: Sat Mar 06 20:47:03 2010

Subject: Re: (SBU) Pakistani parliamentarians cancel trip to U.S. after screening at Dulles

We need to make sure we get to clear on whatever statements DHS makes on this. I am sure it will be problematic back in Pakistan. PJ

From: Hartley, Brent R < HartleyBR@state.gov>

To: Beekman, Philip M; SES_DutyDeputies; S_SpecialAssistants; D(S); D(L); P; C; R; ECA_Staffers; PA FO Group; Protocol

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Sent: Sat Mar 06 20:15:05 2010

Subject: RE: (SBU) Pakistani parliamentarians cancel trip to U.S. after screening at Dulles

The Schwartz in question is not/not A/S Schwartz but the Communications Coordinator at Embassy Islamabad, Larry Schwartz.

From: Beekman, Philip M

Sent: Saturday, March 06, 2010 8:11 PM

To: SES_DutyDeputies; S_SpecialAssistants; D(S); D(L); P; C; R; ECA_Staffers; PA FO Group; Protocol Assistants; R;

SSRAP StaffAssistants; SCA-FO-DL

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Colleagues -

A group of Pakistani Parliamentarians traveling to the United States on an ECA-sponsored program were subjected to "full body screening" when they arrived at Reagan National Airport earlier today. The members of the group felt they were handled in a discriminatory fashion and decided the situation was such that they should cancel the trip and return home. They are currently at Washington Dulles Airport with Diane Crow, ECA, and an Urdu speaker, who are liaising with TSA representatives at Dulles to clear them for the return flight. They are booked on United 982 (Dulles-Kuwait City, Kuwait) scheduled for wheels up at 2215 EST tonight. They are subject to secondary screening before boarding this evening's flight at Dulles. Brent Hartley, SCA, has been working the issue today. At 1930 EST, the Watch convened a conference call with DHS NOC, Mr. Hartley, Ms. Crow, and the Watch. We understand A/S Schwartz may have raised this to Ambassador Holbrooke's attention.

Regards,

Philip Beekman

Senior Watch Officer

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