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Dayton made the following points in his meeting with Ackerman:

- He is concerned about the lack of a visible U.S. strategy for starting peace talks. We should articulate what we expect of each side in a two-state solution by providing U.S. terms of reference. He will raise this point tomorrow with Jeff and S.
- USSC's work on institution building is the part of approach that is working. Now is not the time to change how the U.S. provides security and justice assistance.
- He plans to retire at the end of July/beginning of August. His replacement is an Air Force guy (he did not provide the name). Dayton said Mitchell did not ask him to stay on.
- decisions based on allegations made "by some in the administration" that USSC is trying to militarize U.S. security and justice sector assistance to the PA. These parties want to run justice sector reform but don't have the funding or personnel for it. USSC provides the uniformed presence necessary to gain respect of the PA and GOI but is not a military presence because he doesn't report to the DoD, which is not interested in getting reporting from him.
- Dayton stressed USSC does not undertake any programs that are not fully approved by the State Department (INL), which provides his funding. His limited work to date in the justice sector has been sanctioned by the State Department.
- Other governments, such as Canada, want to provide justice sector reform through the Canadian component of USSC because they are pleased with USSC's effectiveness.
- The Palestinian public does not perceive U.S. assistance as militarized that is only Washington's view.
- The EU is increasing its support for PA police and the justice sector and now has a larger budget (\$30 million more) and a new director. The EU has the lead on justice sector reform and does not want INL working with the police.

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