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From: McHale, Judith A < McHaleJA@state.gov> Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2010 5:33 AM To: Subject: FW: Al Jazeera English Looks like engagement works...even if only in the short term! From: Duguid, Gordon K (Special Use Only) Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2010 4:35 AM To: denis mcdonough Cc: Mills, Cheryl D; McHale, Judith A; Reynoso, Julissa; Toiv, Nora F; DiMartino, Kitty; Crowley, Philip J Subject: RE: Al Jazeera English Done and done again. Media hub in Doha reports significantly improved coverage on AJ English. Gordon Duguid Joint Information Center U.S. Embassy Port au Prince From: denis mcdonough Sent: Mon 1/18/2010 7:47 AM To: Duguid, Gordon K (Special Use Only) Cc: Mills, Cheryl D; McHale, Judith A; Reynoso, Julissa; Toiv, Nora F; DiMartino, Kitty; Crowley, Philip J Subject: Re: Al Jazeera English On Mon, Jan 18, 2010 at 7:39 AM, Duguid, Gordon K (Special Use Only) < duguidgk@state.gov> wrote: We have contact for AJ on ground and I have been working with DART to get them out on a delivery run. No success yet. Happy to communicate directly with Burman so he knows what media opportunities there are. Gordon Duguid Joint Information Center U.S. Embassy Port au Prince From: Mills, Cheryl D Sent: Mon 1/18/2010 6:35 AM To: McHale, Judith A; Reynoso, Julissa Cc: Toiv, Nora F; DiMartino, Kitty; Duguid, Gordon K (Special Use Only); Crowley, Philip J Subject: Re: Al Jazeera English Gorden is on his State email; Denis is down there

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Both are on this email traffic now

From: McHale, Judith A

To: Mills, Cheryl D; Reynoso, Julissa Cc: Toiv, Nora F; DiMartino, Kitty Sent: Mon Jan 18 06:12:06 2010 Subject: FW: Al Jazeera English

Fyi. See below re my call to AJE

From: McHale, Judith A

Sent: Monday, January 18, 2010 6:00 AM

To: Hood, Joey R

Cc: LeBaron, Joseph E; Nantongo, Mirembe L; Douglas, Walter T; Somerset, Ann D (NEA/PPD); DiMartino, Kitty; Ratney, Michael A; Pelton, Erin; Duguid, Gordon K (PACE); Davidson, Mark J; Sreebny, Daniel; Starr.

Katherine L; Chitre, Nanda S; Blong, Matthew H. Subject: RE: Your Phone Call with Tony Burman

Just had a 30 minute call with Tony Burman head of Al Jazeera English. I registered our complaints in the strongest language possible. He started to respond by saying he knew I was concerned about their reporting of the "American" position. I interrupted him to say my concern was not about representing the American position but rather the "accurate" position of what was actually going on in Haiti. I referred him to the Sebastian Walker interview and PJ's interview with Anand Naidoo. I said the former was almost laughable if it were not so serious. He promised to take a look at it and email me. He then told me that they had made an effort to broaden the coverage. He also referred to pieces in the NY Times and International herald tribune which also focused on comments from Brazilians and MSF. I pointed out that perhaps the bigger story was that with so many international organizations involved it was astonishing that so few had complaints. I reiterated the points that everything is being done in cooperation with and at request of GOH; that security is being handled under direction of UN; that we would make USG reps available to them for on record comments; etc. He said that Walker had tried but been unable to get comments from US Military. Frankly I think we need to be careful about making military available to them since that may reinforce the negative perceptions but PJ and Price should make that call.

Can someone please email me Gordon's contact info in PoP so I can email it to Burman. Also names and info of anyone else in PoP they should contact if they need comments.

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From: Hood, Joey R

Sent: Monday, January 18, 2010 5:29 AM

To: McHale, Judith A

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Subject: Your Phone Call with Tony Burman

Ma'am,

We were pleased to learn that you plan to talk with Tony Burman by phone early this morning regarding AJ English's coverage of U.S. efforts in Haiti.

I spoke with him this morning to relay our concerns about the coverage, and to let him know that you planned to call. He said that he would step out of his meetings in order to take your call, and suggested that you call him on his cellphone at

He was prepared for my call. He said that the Department had conveyed its "unhappiness" with AJE's coverage to its bureau in Washington, and that he circulated a note telling his senior staff that a primary theme of his meetings in Washington last week was a feeling that the American side of a story "doesn't bubble to the surface." He took the opportunity to remind his staff that they need to ensure that AJE's coverage of Haiti is "comprehensive."

I noted that the Spokesman had been on, and that AJE was now running that interview frequently, but it was hard to understand why no one in Washington or in Port-au-Prince had been approached for comments, despite the fact that AJE had been running criticisms from so many other sources. Finally, I pointed out that some of his correspondents had been using unacceptable language, such as referring to our operations at the airport as a "mini-green zone" and that we were prioritizing weapons and soldiers over aid flights.

He said he looked forward to your call because "talking about our concerns is the best way to address them."

For what it's worth, AJE's coverage today has generally included clips from PJ and a U.S. General, and some better context from correspondents, but it still appears focused on the U.S. vs. the Rest in terms of aid delivery.

I think it'd be very helpful for you to raise our concerns with Tony. I don't think you saw it, but I also think PJ's directive to Gordon Duguid in Port-au-Prince is spot-on: "work with the AJE guys on the ground and hug them until it hurts!"

Please let us know if there's any way we can assist your efforts from Doha.

Best regards.

JRH

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