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From: Mitchell, Derek J
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To: Murphy, W Patrick; Campbell, Kurt M; Sullivan, Jacob J
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Thanks, Patrick

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From: Murphy, W Patrick
Sent: Saturday, May 19, 2012 10:50 PM
To: Campbell, Kurt M; Sullivan, Jacob J; Mitchell, Derek J
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Spoke with Rangoon DCM (Eleanor). The Embassy is on the S call, working with ASSK staff to arrange Sunday night our time, and will communicate back by our morning tomorrow.

DCM was in NPT past three days with Carden. GOB very, very pleased with Thursday. Deputy FM, who had debriefed with FM, offered full support for engagement going ahead, intimating that NPT would readily do the necessary for an S visit in July. Our Defense Attache hosted a U.S. Armed Forces reception last night - unprecedented Burmese showing, including Rangoon Division commander and a three-star from the joint staff.

DCM added that the mood in Burma is euphoric - there is the initial appearance of broad ("feels like 100 percent") support for the easing, including from key activists who want reform to succeed so they have space to operate, and the general population that wants to be reconnected to the world. She noted they don't yet have a bead on the ethnic minorities (they will meet key leaders on Tuesday when CODEL Chabot is in country) - but that the general feel is that criticism is mostly exclusive to the exile community, thus far not from any significant in-country sectors.

Patrick

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