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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2010 8:11 PM
To: H
Subject: Fw: Urgent Q - THIS IS THE MATTER WE DISCUSSED.

See traffic b/l

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From: Ruppel, Joanna [redacted]
To: Merten, Kenneth H; AGUILAR, DAVID V [redacted]; Ruppel, Joanna; Mayorkas, Alejandro N [redacted]; JHL [redacted]; Mills, Cheryl D; WINKOWSKI, THOMAS [redacted]; MITCHELL, SUSAN T [redacted]
Cc: Pressman, David [redacted]; Whitney, Reitz; Bird, John
Sent: Sun Feb 21 18:01:59 2010
Subject: Re: Urgent Q - THIS IS THE MATTER WE DISCUSSED.

Maura and I just spoke and she is aware of this possible alternate plan. Wally has been trying to contact Cassia with no luck. If anyone has alternate contact info, that would be most helpful.

Also, need to know where the plane is going (POE) and whether anyone is screening on the ground or they will be able to board without the parole authorization in their hands.

Joanna

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From: Merten, Kenneth H <MertenKH@state.gov>
To: AGUILAR, DAVID V; Ruppel, Joanna [redacted]; Mayorkas, Alejandro N [redacted]; JHL; Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>; WINKOWSKI, THOMAS; MITCHELL, SUSAN T
Cc: Pressman, David; Whitney, Reitz [redacted]; Bird, John [redacted]
Sent: Sun Feb 21 17:56:15 2010
Subject: Re: Urgent Q - THIS IS THE MATTER WE DISCUSSED.

If this can happen this way, someone please give Maura Nicholson the authorization so they can start the machinery here in Haiti. Also let Cassia know. KM

From: AGUILAR, DAVID V [redacted]
To: Ruppel, Joanna; Mayorkas, Alejandro N [redacted]; JHL [redacted]; Mills, Cheryl D; WINKOWSKI, THOMAS [redacted]; MITCHELL, SUSAN T [redacted]
Cc: Merten, Kenneth H; Pressman, David [redacted]; Whitney, Reitz; Bird, John
Sent: Sun Feb 21 17:50:52 2010
Subject: Re: Urgent Q - THIS IS THE MATTER WE DISCUSSED.

Ali,

This brings a lot of clarity to the situation. There was no hold up at CBP/DC. Just got off the line with AC Winkowski, let's get the children on the plane and we will parole at point of entry. Will need the following asap to facilitate:

- names
- airport flying into and time
- accompanying escorts
- any info available that CIS has that they may have.

Let's get the kids on the plane.

Let me know if any problems or questions.

David

From: Ruppel, Joanna [redacted]
To: Mayorkas, Alejandro N; JHL; MillsCD@state.gov <MillsCD@state.gov>
Cc: MertenKH@state.gov <MertenKH@state.gov>; AGUILAR, DAVID V; Pressman, David; Ruppel, Joanna; Reitz, Whitney A; Bird, John W
Sent: Sun Feb 21 17:38:40 2010
Subject: Re: Urgent Q - THIS IS THE MATTER WE DISCUSSED.

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All,

We are working the issue. Adding Wally Bird here who has been talking to the folks involved. We approved parole for the children. Were not supposed to pick up the travel docs today, but rather tomorrow. We did not expect them to fly today and there appears to have been a miscommunication on flight plans. If CBP can parole at the POE and allow them to plane, we will forward the USCIS parole authorizations to CBP.

Joanna

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From: Mayorkas, Alejandro N [redacted]
To: JHL; MillsCD@state.gov <MillsCD@state.gov>
Cc: MertenKH@state.gov <MertenKH@state.gov>; Mayorkas, Alejandro N [redacted] AGUILAR, DAVID V; Pressman, David; Ruppel, Joanna [redacted] Reitz, Whitney A [redacted]
Sent: Sun Feb 21 17:34:28 2010
Subject: Re: Urgent Q - THIS IS THE MATTER WE DISCUSSED.

We are following up asap. Am copying colleagues/experts. Thank you.

Ali

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From: JHL [redacted]
To: MillsCD@state.gov <MillsCD@state.gov>; JHL
Cc: MertenKH@state.gov <MertenKH@state.gov>; Mayorkas, Alejandro N [redacted] AGUILAR, DAVID V; Pressman, David
Sent: Sun Feb 21 17:33:04 2010
Subject: Re: Urgent Q - THIS IS THE MATTER WE DISCUSSED.

Cheryl, Ken:

Something doesn't sound right to us in the info below. Ali Mayorkas (head, CIS) and David Aguilar (Ch, CBP) working the problem and have Maura Nichols name. They know urgency and will revert soonest with way ahead.

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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
To: [redacted]
Cc: Merten, Kenneth H <MertenKH@state.gov>; Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Sun Feb 21 17:19:18 2010
Subject: FW: Urgent Q - THIS IS THE MATTER WE DISCUSSED.

Jane:

Per our discussion.

See traffic below.

I have copied Ken Merten, our Ambassador.

Best.

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From: Diane Reynolds

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To: 'AbedinH@state.gov' <AbedinH@state.gov>; Sent: Sun Feb 21 15:41:23 2010

Subject: Urgent Q

I am so sorry to bother you on a Sunday. And I know we generally think systematic and institutional fixes preferred but I also know we think if we can fix something we should. This is an example of the latter which illustrates the need for the former. We - Paul Farmer and all with him- are on a flight leaving at 545- a private plane [redacted] and have space for 2 babies (whom my Dad met when here) who need heart surgery and their mothers and doctors in boston waiting to admit them and operate- tomorrow. We heard from the local DHS/Customs folks they approved their travel documents yesterday (after receiving the necessary ID forms- another story). Now thought the Embassy says they can't print them because they're waiting for approval from DHS in DC?? ie its not a State Dept issue but a DHS/Customs issue. Any ideas on what we can do? Details below from Cassia [redacted]

[redacted] We have probably an hour. So sorry to bother you today. I can call you too or we can call someone directly- if you've any suggestions. Or??

Thank you

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

From: Cassia van der Hoof Holstein [redacted]

To: Diane Reynolds

Sent: Sun Feb 21 15:41:41 2010

Subject: Fwd: Sarah and Heros

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Sommerville, Mary J" [redacted]

Date: February 20, 2010 4:49:56 PM EST

To: "Cassia van der Hoof Holstein" [redacted] Amber Oberc [redacted]

Subject: [redacted]

Cassia and Amber:

Glad to hear Sanley made it to Boston. Great news!

I know yesterday was quite chaotic.

I have authorized the parole for [redacted] and their accompanying parents.

This authorization was sent to our Field Office Director Pius Bannis.

I have sent him Cassia and [redacted] phone numbers in Port au Prince.

Before the children and parents can travel, they will require travel documents.

These should be obtained at the US Embassy in PaP.

I will send you more details as I receive them as to how to obtain them.

Can you please tell me what their flight information will be?

I just got your phone message re. affidavits. Anyone who might be able to vouch for the relationship between the parents Of [redacted] can write affidavits and sign them. Those who can testify to their birth are preferred, but if your contact At the Comfort would like to do it, that is ok too. You can scan them to my email, or fax.

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If you need to reach me, email is best, as my blackberry seems a bit broken (at least the voice part—it's sounding like Darth Vader!)

Best,

Jane Sommerville
Adjudications Officer
International Operations
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Department of Homeland Security

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From: Cassia van der Hoof Holstein [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2010 12:08 AM
To: Mary J Sommerville
Subject: Fwd: [redacted] has arrived

She's in Boston! I'll let you know how [redacted] does. I know our friends at the Brigham will do everything they can to save her leg. Thank you so very much for your help--today and throughout.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Amber Oberc <[redacted]>
Date: February 19, 2010 11:42:42 PM EST
To: Sarah Marsh [redacted] "Cassia van der Hoof Holstein" <[redacted]> Jonathan Lascher <[redacted]>

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Subject: [Redacted] has arrived

She's getting off the plane now...I'm still waiting for her, but I spoke to the flight attendants who said she was doing great until the end when she started to have a lot of pain. We're off to BWH as soon as she's wheeled off. More later