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Dan,

FYI: Below are Senator McCain's remarks following his discussions with Col. Qadafi.

Regards,

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Colleagues,

Below is Senator McCain's press statement following his meeting with Col. Qadafi on the Megrahi issue.

Joan, thanks so much for the updates. My shift is over, please send any additional emails to SES-O in the GAL.

Best regards

Walter

From: Polaschik, Joan A
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Per my email on the other system, this is the press statement that Senator McCain delivered in Tripoli today, Aug 14. Senator Lieberman's statement was a bit stronger. PAO Josh Baker will forward a summary of that statement, along with some suggested if-asked press guidance, to NEA/MAG and NEA/PPD.

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We have had a brief but productive time here in Libya. Our visit here, inconceivable just a few years ago, is another indication of the remarkable transformation of relations between our two countries.

During our visit, we met with the National Security Advisor, with Col. Qadafi, and with a number of advisors to the leader. We expressed our appreciation for Libya's decision to give up its weapons of mass destruction programs and become a partner in the fight against violent Islamic extremism, and discussed the ways in which relations between our countries can continue on a positive and productive path. In particular, we discussed the possibility of moving ahead with the provision of non-lethal defense equipment to the government of Libya.

As we move ahead with the many ways in which the United States and Libya can work closely as partners, there remain areas where there remains real work to be done. The status of human rights and political reform in Libya will remain a chief element of concern. In addition, we understand that no final decision has been reached regarding the potential release from Scottish prison of Abdel Basset al Megrahi, the man convicted of involvement in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103. Nevertheless, we made clear in our meetings with Libyan officials that we are resolutely opposed to his release.

We encouraged our Libyan interlocutors to handle this case – which, after all, involves an individual convicted of killing American citizens – in a fashion that will strengthen the growing ties of friendship between our two countries, rather than hinder its progress.

We discussed these and other issues in a spirit of mutual respect and friendship. The ties between the United States and Libya have taken a remarkable and positive turn in recent years,

and we intend to help ensure that the relations between our countries deepen in all facets of the relationship.