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Thank you, Patrick, for taking on the marathon task as well! I joined ASSK and her team on the final leg back home and had a chance to talk with her about many substantive things. But she started by expressing her deepest gratitude to Patrick and Shilpa for their incredible and effective work. I do believe the visit will help the relationship and our work out here. Thanks again to all. Derek

From: Murphy, W Patrick
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Subject: ASSK - mission accomplished

Colleagues:

The marathon, historic ASSK visit concluded yesterday with departure from Los Angeles en route to Rangoon – where she is expected to arrive at this hour.

As I have reported separately along the way, the visit was highly successful for our Burma policy, the bilateral relationship, and our support of the pro-democracy movement. ASSK engaged directly with at least 40,000 persons, plus tens of thousands more via live streaming. Press attention was heavy, especially international coverage during the Washington and New York portions and more traditional Burma- and locally-focused coverage during the rest of the program.

The members of ASSK's delegation also benefited: Phyo Zeya Thaw, the youngest member of parliament and a former political prisoner; Zaw Min Oo, an original member of the NLD and a committed activist for the past 24 years; and ASSK's Chief of Staff, Dr. Tin Mar Aung, who we renamed "Dr. 54" for her solo responsibilities that match the large delegation that accompanied the Burmese President on his parallel visit to New York.

ASSK and her delegation could not have pulled off this visit without us, and she expressed deep appreciation for the Secretary's and the Department's support. We also benefitted from the cooperative members of her delegation, the largesse of hosts and benefactors, and the deep pockets of several ASSK personal friends and relatives who joined our entourage for portions of the visit. At the end of the day, however, it was core State support that made this all possible.

It takes a team – and there are dozens who contributed to this effort. I'd like to thank in particular Counselor Mills and Director Sullivan for guidance; U/S Sonenshine and the R family and EAP A/S Campbell and team for footing key portions of the cost; U/S Kennedy and his team for miraculous solutions to vexing logistical and financial needs; Embassy Rangoon for the heavy advance work with the delegation; and the dedicated members of the Special Rep Office and

EAP/MLS Burma team who worked for the better part of three months to pull this off (especially Medora Brown and Erin Murphy). I was also deeply blessed to be joined on the trip by numerous of our highly professional Diplomatic Security colleagues (led by superb agent-in-charge Angela Brenner) and, from the protocol office, the indefatigable Shelpa Pesaru – who did an incredible, flawless job managing the entourage, possessions, and movements – she is clearly one of the Department's best assets for such a unique undertaking.

Thank you all, and kind regards - Patrick

From: Murphy, W Patrick

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Subject: ASSK - Day One (Sept 17)

Team:

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and her delegation of three Burmese NLD members arrived today in Washington, DC on schedule and in excellent spirits. ANA gave her a complimentary upgrade from Tokyo to Washington, so she flew in comfort and security (which helped avoid the curiosity seekers who pursued photos and conversation during her Bangkok-Tokyo leg). Thanks to excellent DS and protocol work at Dulles, the arrival, per ASSK's druthers, was quiet, efficient, and devoid of paparazzi and the legions of supporters who had hoped for a more raucous entry.

ASSK and her team settled into a superb hotel suite, began receiving off-schedule guests (supporters and friends), and launched into preparations for a very busy Tuesday tomorrow: meeting with the Secretary, DOS Rule of Law roundtable, HIV/AIDS discussion with USG agencies, Asia Society/USIP award event (with the Secretary's participation), visits to RFA and VOA, a bilateral with World Bank President Kim, and a private dinner with the Secretary.

We'll do our best to provide you with occasional updates on her visit: 17 days, ten cities, 60 events. As the pace quickens, this may be irregular – but we'll certainly apprise you of any major developments or issues.

Thank you for the excellent intra-bureau cooperation and support in helping put together an usual and complex visit.

Regards - Patrick

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