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From: Jake Sullivan <jake.sullivan [redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2009 7:00 PM
To: H
Cc: H2
Subject: Re: Followup

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I am working through your partial list of follow-ups. Below is a progress report.

What can we do to help protect the Christians in Iraq as requested by Ken Joseph whom we saw in Baghdad?

I have tasked NEA and other relevant bureaus and offices to provide some background and options on this. I will ride herd on it to make sure you get something focused.

JoDee Winterhof raised questions about how the PRTs and the language DOD uses about them are problematic for NGOs like CARE.

I connected with JoDee today and she sent me more information on CARE's concerns. I told her we would look into it and get back to her. Piper Campbell and others in Jack Lew's shop now have the materials JoDee sent, are reviewing them, and will come back with a response. I will keep you posted on this.

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Paul Jones says he is not aware of any conversations with Danspeckgruber. He or someone else on the team will reach out soon.

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Paul Jones says that he met with Dr. Keys and a team from IRD and they have a number of good ideas. He is going to follow up with Dr. Keys later this week or early next.

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Cheryl and I are meeting with the Special IGs for both Afghanistan and Iraq to find out what our options are in this regard, and also more generally to get a handle on what they are doing and how we can be responsive.

We are hoping these meetings will be on Friday – if not, they will be early next week – and we will keep you apprised.

What are the "Iran Watchers"?

The Iran Watchers are a group of about 20-odd Farsi-speaking FSOs stationed in Ashgabat, Baghdad, Baku, Berlin, Istanbul, London, and the Iran Regional Presence Office in Dubai. They do political reporting on Iranian expat communities and on political and economic developments within Iran (The Regional Presence Office also does Iranian immigrant visa processing).

The Iran Watchers Conference – organized by the Office of Iranian Affairs – brought them all back to DC this week to share insights and assessments with their DC-based colleagues and counterparts at Treasury, NSC,

and the Intel Community. (The last conference was in Dubai in 2007.) I have asked for a one-page backgrounder to come up to you tomorrow.

On Wed, May 6, 2009 at 6:59 AM, H <HDR22@clintonemail.com> wrote:
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