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SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

1206/1207

- Jack suggested that the Secretary may have to call Secretary Gates to discuss our proposal for a pilot 1206 program, adding that he (Jack) is at the limit of his comfort in pressing this given concern over PM capacity. (The pilot would be between \$50-100 million.) DoD folks seem concerned that the pilot would undercut their argument in favor of the British model. [Redacted]

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Congressional Issues

- Rich said he had misspoken yesterday and that the proposed export promotion breakfast briefing with the Secretary and Secretary Gates is January 27.

Legal Affairs

- Harold said that A/S Posner is in Israel and reports that the Israelis are considering the composition of their Commission of Inquiry in response to the Goldstone Report. They will also make the case to the UN that at no time did they deliberately target civilians.

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Public Affairs

- PA is working to amplify the Secretary's speech in Hawaii today as well as her bilateral meeting with the Japanese FM.
- PJ noted the likely fallout from the UAE court decision acquitting a member of the royal family in the notorious torture case and convicting two Americans in absentia for allegedly drugging the UAE royal family member and attempting to blackmail him with the videotape.

Deputies Meeting – Highlights

NEA

- NEA is working with the Brits on the preparations for the Yemen meeting on the margins of the Afghan Conference in London. Looking at around 20 countries participating now.
- The Iranians are blaming the U.S. and/or Israel for the killing of the Iranian nuclear scientist in Tehran.

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WHA

- Chile is the first South American country to become an OECD member. Arturo is there for the occasion.

EUR

- EUR would like the Secretary to call the two Cypriot leaders today, if possible, to underscore the need to move forward quickly.
- Ashton seeking to come to Washington next week or early February.

China

- Bob Hormats said that in the run-up to Secretary Geithner's trip to China in February, there will be increasing focus on China's exchange rate policy. We will be reaching out to like-minded countries on this,

AF

- Despite his interview on BBC, Yar'Adua is in no shape to return to Nigeria and political vacuum remains there.
- Still working to find a refuge for Dadis. is not being helpful and Johnnie plans to speak to him. French are growing nervous.

Afghanistan

- Annual UN report on civilian casualties in Afghanistan will be released shortly. Will show an increase in the numbers of civilian casualties from 2008 to 2009, but a sharp decrease in those resulting from Allied actions. In fact, 75% of the casualties are now attributed to the Taliban.

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