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From: Michael Zubrow [redacted]
To: Sullivan, Jacob J
Sent: Mon Feb 14 22:41:04 2011
Subject: Re: From Sandy Berger- UNSC Resolution with different language

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Sandy wanted to pass along as an fyi that under the revised circumstances (language change) Dan Kurtzer, Martin Indyk, Rob Malley, Aaron David Miller, Toni Verstandig and Sam Lewis would all abstain.

From: Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>
To: Michael Zubrow
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 Thanks.

From: Michael Zubrow [redacted]
To: Sullivan, Jacob J
Sent: Mon Feb 14 22:04:25 2011
Subject: From Sandy Berger- UNSC Resolution with different language

Jake,

Sandy's email is down temporarily. He asked that I forward the following to you:

The domestic firestorm would be the same, regardless of the language. Congress will not parse the words; they will take the view that this is throwing Israel overboard. D's as well as R's. That will have consequences for the generally bipartisan support of our handling of Egypt, and put the Administration on the defensive. It will be seen as backtracking on our position—restated as recently as last week by Jim—that the UNSC is not the place to litigate these issues.

Undoubtedly, vetoing a resolution that echoes US policy hurts our credibility in the region and undercuts the forward-leaning posture we have cultivated over the past three weeks. That could feed the anti-American currents and manifest itself on the streets of Ramallah or elsewhere.

Obviously, better if we can get the Pals to withdraw, including holding out the prospect of putting forward TORs for negotiations. But if that is not successful, I come down—narrowly—on the side of veto. I know what happens here if we abstain; I am not sure what happens in the region if we veto.

If that is where you come out, it may be better not to change the language. And we certainly should try to get something from Bibi—on the g round or in his negotiating positions.

-Sandy

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