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TO Harris, Grant T. (AF)

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not yet -- let's discuss how we want to handle this issue generally

Are you taking action on this?

No special channel. As you see State classified as SECRET and indicated a DECLASS date of 11/01/2005. The declass date should be changed. Also, as you know, half of the world was in today's P meeting. I am mostly concerned about information finding its way around UAE, rather than SA, although I certainly agree with your general sentiment. We can take steps to narrow the circle of individuals with access to this information, but that will make the issue harder to work. Fred: do you have any views on this? Lee

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FOR

DAS WITNEY SCHNEIDMAN

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SUBJECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT MEETING ON VICTOR BUTT

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BY WENDY CHAMBERLIN 1.5 (C) (D)

THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST SEE  
PARA 2.

1. ON OCTOBER 30, BOTH U/S THOMAS PICKERING AND  
DEPUTY  
NATIONAL  
SECURITY ADVISOR GENERAL DONALD KERRICK DISCUSSED  
WITH DEPUTY ATTORNEY  
GENERAL ERIC HOLDER THE POSSIBILITY OF  
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION  
IN MEETINGS WITH THEIR SOUTH  
AFRICAN COUNTERPARTS CONCERNING A POSSIBLE  
SOUTH AFRICAN  
INVESTIGATION OF, AND PROSECUTION OF, VICTOR BUTT.

2.  
NSC, STATE AND JUSTICE AGREED THAT DOJ PARTICIPATION  
IN  
THE MEETING  
IN PRETORIA ON NOVEMBER 2 WOULD BE, FOR A VARIETY  
OF REASONS, PREMATURE.  
RATHER, DAS SCHNEIDMAN IS REQUESTED  
TO HAVE LEGATT JOIN HIS NOVEMBER  
2 MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN  
FOREIGN MINISTRY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICIALS. DAS  
SCHNEIDMAN IS REQUESTED TO GAUGE HIGH-LEVEL SOUTH  
AFRICAN  
INTEREST IN SECURING OUR COOPERATION ON THIS ISSUE  
AND,  
IN  
DOING SO, MAY DRAW FROM THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- AS YOU KNOW,  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SHARES .  
YOUR CONCERN REGARDING  
VICTOR BUTT.

-- THERE IS SIGNIFICANT EVIDENCE THAT BUTT, THROUGH  
THE

CLINTON LIBRARY PHOTOCOPY

SUPPLY OF LARGE AND SMALL ARMS TO CONFLICTS IN  
SIERRA  
LEONE/LIBERIA,  
ANGOLA AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE  
CONGO, VIOLATES NUMEROUS  
UN SANCTION REGIMES AND CONTRIBUTES  
SIGNIFICANTLY TO HUMAN MISERY  
AND THE FRUSTRATION OF OUR  
COMMON FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES.

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THE USG STANDS READY TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF  
SOUTH  
AFRICA IN  
AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION REGARDING THE PRINCIPALS OF  
THE VICTOR BUTT  
ORGANIZATION. (NOTE: ASSUMING THE SAG  
REQUESTS THE ASSISTANCE  
OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN AN  
INVESTIGATION/PROSECUTION  
OF SUCH INDIVIDUALS IN SOUTH  
AFRICA, DAS SCHNEIDMAN IS REQUESTED  
TO OBTAIN SPECIFIC,  
DETAILED INFORMATION OF THE TYPE OF ASSISTANCE  
BEING  
REQUESTED SO THAT DOJ/FBI WILL BE IN THE BEST POSITION  
TO  
CONSIDER  
HOW TO STAFF AND RESPOND TO SUCH A REQUEST).

-- THE UNITED STATES  
HAS EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN TO UAE  
REGARDING SUCH INDIVIDUALS, AND  
IS PREPARED TO EXPLORE LEGAL  
OPTIONS BY WHICH SUCH INDIVIDUALS COULD  
BE BROUGHT BEFORE SAG  
COURTS.

-- THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED  
TO SEND A SMALL TEAM TO  
SOUTH AFRICA DURING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER  
13 TO CONTINUE  
DISCUSSIONS. (NOTE: IF THE SAG REQUESTS  
TECHNICAL/EXPERT  
ASSISTANCE  
IN A SOUTH AFRICAN INVESTIGATION/PROSECUTION, THIS  
VISIT COULD POSSIBLY  
INCLUDE PROVIDERS OF SUCH  
TECHNICAL/EXPERT ASSISTANCE).  
ALBRIGHT

