

ROGER CHANNEL CABLE ABU DHABI

MUST-GO CROSS-HATCH NSC TRANSNATIONAL (CLARKE/WOLOSKY),
LEGAL, INTEL, AFRICA

ACTION REQUEST; SEE PARAGRAPH (4)

(1) ON SEPTEMBER 21 AND SEPTEMBER 22 NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION AND COUNTER-TERRORISM RICHARD A. CLARKE AND NSC DIRECTOR FOR TRANSNATIONAL THREATS LEE WOLOSKY MET WITH SHEIK HAMDAN BIN ZAYED AT THE WHITE HOUSE COMPLEX.

(2) CLARKE AND WOLOSKY DISCUSSED WITH HAMDAN USG CONCERNS REGARDING INTERNATIONAL ARMS TRAFFICKER VICTOR BUTT, WHO OPERATES A FLEET OF AT LEAST 60 SOVIET-MADE AIRCRAFT FROM HIS UAE BASE. BUTT, THROUGH SUPPLY OF LARGE AND SMALL ARMS TO CONFLICTS IN SIERRA LEONE, ANGOLA AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, VIOLATES NUMEROUS UN SANCTION REGIMES AND CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TO HUMAN MISERY AND THE FRUSTRATION OF US FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES IN AFRICA.

(3) HAMDAN REQUESTED THAT HARD-COPY UAE-RELEASABLE BRIEFING MATERIALS CONCERNING THE VICTOR BUTT ORGANIZATION (VBO) BE DISPATCHED TO HIM IN UAE. THOSE MATERIALS ARE EN ROUTE TO POST.

(4) AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO PRESENT MATERIALS DIRECTLY TO HAMDAN AND INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR HAZZAH. AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO INDICATE TO HAZZAH USG WILLINGNESS TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO UAE INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY OFFICIALS IN SHUTTING DOWN THE OPERATIONS OF THE VBO. AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO RE-ITERATE THAT USG IS NOT REQUESTING ACTION BY UAE OFFICIALS TO EXPEL VICTOR BUTT OR HIS ASSOCIATES AT THIS TIME, PENDING CONFIDENTIAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THIRD-PARTY STATES AFFECTED BY THE VBO. FINALLY AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO NOTIFY MOHAMMED BIN ZAYED AS A COURTESY OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH HAZZAH REGARDING THE FOREGOING.

(5) ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW.

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