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Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G

From: Reynoso, Julissa
Sent: Sunday, May 30, 2010 1:27 PM
To: Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Smith, Willard T; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Subject: Fw: How is it going?

Fyi

----- Original Message -----
From: Parnell, Isiah L
To: Reynoso, Julissa
Sent: Sun May 30 08:03:02 2010
Subject: Re: How is it going?

Things are slowing returning to normal though the search for coke continues. Isiah

----- Original Message -----
From: Reynoso, Julissa
To: Parnell, Isiah L
Cc: Gallegos, Gonzalo R
Sent: Sat May 29 18:49:33 2010
Subject: How is it going?

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From: Smith, Willard T
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:56 PM
To: Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Parnell, Isiah L
Cc: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Subject: RE: Jamaica Travel Alert

Categories: Working

On one hand they are lobbying urgently for equipment that is purportedly vital to the preservation of law and order; on the other they want us to cancel the travel advisory. Can't have it both ways.

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From: Gallegos, Gonzalo R
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 3:34 PM
To: Parnell, Isiah L
Cc: Smith, Willard T; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Subject: RE: Jamaica Travel Alert

Many thanks. Ambassador here called DOD re: the equipment request. Will advise if she calls here...

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From: Parnell, Isiah L
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To: Reynoso, Julissa; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Cc: Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Smith, Willard T; Moss, Lloyd W; Stone, David L; Brault, Steven F
Subject: Jamaica Travel Alert

Colleagues:

The FM has asked that we revise or cancel our current travel alert for Jamaica which is due to expire on 23 June. Although the Embassy has resumed full operations, I responded that I did not think that move is appropriate now for the following reasons:

1. The airport only resumed full operations on Monday and we'd like to see it fully operational for a longer period.
2. The FM reported to the Dip Corps on Monday that there would be additional action taken against gangs throughout the Kingston metro area and possibly beyond which might affect tourists.
3. Coke has still not been captured and his arrest may cause some social unrest.
4. The GOJ still has its State of Emergency in effect.

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The Embassy team will review the situation on Monday and determine if an update is needed to the alert.

Isiah

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From: Luoma-Overstreet, Charles E
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 7:31 AM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Cc: Cue, Lourdes C; Gonzalez, Francisco J; Aguilera, Patricia; WHA-Press; Klevorick, Caitlin B; Hibbert-Simpson, Lisa Marie (LPA); Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Smith, Willard T; INL-Press; DRL Public Affairs
Subject: Jamaica guidance tasker

Please prepare press guidance on the tasker below to be submitted to WHA-Press by 09:15 this morning. Please include clearances from WHA/PA, D(S), P, S/P, WHA/PPC, INL, DRL and any other offices you feel necessary.

We will secure the FO clearance for you. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Many thanks,
Charles

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

WHA / JAMAICA: Do we have comment on the reports of extrajudicial killings in Jamaica during the recent turmoil?

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Jamaican Forces Accused Of Killing Unarmed Men (Fahim, NYT)

Thursday, June 3, 2010

New York Times

By Kareem Fahim

KINGSTON, Jamaica - As the battle for Tivoli Gardens raged, soldiers knocked on a door at Building 27. Inside, more than two dozen people were huddled for safety, including a 22-year-old barber named Errol Spence. His family said a soldier searched him and did not find any evidence that he was one of the gunmen shooting at security forces. Still, one police officer asked Mr. Spence's sister a question that at first confused her.

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The account of Mr. Spence's killing was based on interviews with four people who said they saw the shooting: two female neighbors, Mr. Spence's sister and his girlfriend. They said Mr. Spence was unarmed.

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Though their stories could not be verified, several other people within a few blocks of Tivoli Gardens also say that young men in their families, not gunmen, were killed by police officers or soldiers. Mr. Hinds said combatants were among those the security forces had killed, but the government has provided little evidence - a photograph of a dead man with a gun, for example, or the biography of a dead fighter.

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Mr. Witter said that he had reached out to the United Nations Development Agency and the United States Agency for International Development for help finding forensic pathologists and radiologists overseas who could help with the autopsies, which have been delayed. Mr. Witter said he also needed help from independent firearms examiners to analyze bullet fragments.

Mr. Witter confirmed that he had visited the apartment where Mr. Spence's relatives said he was killed, but declined to comment on the case.

Several of the accusations emerging from Tivoli Gardens center on the conduct of officers in the Jamaica Constabulary Force, which has faced criticism in the past by human rights groups like Amnesty International for the relatively high number of people killed by police officers every year. In recent years, Amnesty found, 12 percent of killings were committed by police officers. At the same time, in a country with one of the world's highest rates of violent crime, much of it stemming from intractable gang violence, 12 to 14 police officers are killed every year, according to the department.

Mr. Hinds, the police spokesman, called inquiries into reports of brutality "premature" and emphasized that accounts of civilian casualties should be measured in context.

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The killings occurred on May 26, near the offensive's end and as the streets of Tivoli Gardens were quieting down, she said.

"Everything was going smooth," said Ms. McFarlane, who was not at home at the time. Shortly before 2 p.m., she said, Mr. Walker called her cellphone, saying he had been shot in the back.

"He said, 'Martin dead,' and he hung up the phone," she said. "I call back the number. He said, 'Martin dead - they shot him in the chest and me got shot in my back.' " Mr. Walker told her he was upstairs.

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From: Gallegos, Gonzalo R
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 3:16 PM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Reynoso, Julissa; Smith, Willard T; WHA-Press; Holland, Cameron
Subject: RE: Jamaican Forces Accused Of Killing Unarmed Men (Fahim, NYT)

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Thanks for the information. Details like this will help us round out the press guidance on this today, tomorrow and into the future.

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See info that Post has available on the accusations of extrajudicial killings/abuses in Kingston related to the effort to arrest Coke.

Thanks, JMW

From: Specians, Nicole E
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 1:30 PM
To: Smith, Abigail E
Cc: Brown, Kevin; Wild, Heather L; Pittman, Susan R (INL); Parnell, Isiah L; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Subject: RE: Jamaican Forces Accused Of Killing Unarmed Men (Fahim, NYT)

Abby – As suspected, the GoJ doesn't have all the information put together yet and are in a very preliminary stage of this effort. This is what we know as of now:

1. The Public Defender is presently addressing all the complaints from citizens affected in the Tivoli Gardens operation
2. He has recommended that a Commission of Inquire be established to address the operation
3. There is no information to suggest that any set of policemen/women are being investigated.
4. Law Enforcement personnel who were engaged in the subsequent Kirkland Heights operation were taken off front line duties

I will let you know how things develop. If you need anything else, let me know.

Best,
Nicole

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Subject: RE: Jamaican Forces Accused Of Killing Unarmed Men (Fahim, NYT)

Abby -

We are working on trying to:

1. Get the names of the police potential under investigation. (most likely, they will not give them to us this early in the game)
2. Find out to which unit they belong (this was a JCF/JDF op and it involved several different units within each branch)
3. We run the names (if we get them) and the units against our database to see if we either trained the individual and/or the unit.
4. We'll provide this list to the other members of the Law Enforcement Working Group at post as one of those agencies may have provided some training.

Please stand-by. Thanks.

Nicole

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Nicole - Heather is out.... Did we provide training to this unit? Does post have any press guidance on this? Thanks. -
Abby

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Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 7:35 AM
To: INL-LP-DL; INL-PC-DL; INL-FO-DL
Subject: Jamaican Forces Accused Of Killing Unarmed Men (Fahim, NYT)

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Susan Pittman

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From: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 6:33 PM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Subject: DRAFT POINTS

Categories: Working
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- **Bilateral Relationship** – The extradition of Christopher Coke has been a significant law enforcement priority of the United States, but has also been just one aspect of an otherwise broad relationship. The United States and Jamaica have worked closely together to improve tax collection, fight the spread of HIV-AIDS, and to promote the development of bio-fuels in Jamaica. The Jamaican government’s current actions to arrest Coke and move forward with the extradition request, provide us with an opportunity to re-evaluate our assistance to Jamaica and consider how we can support the government’s efforts to advance the rule of law.

- **Coke Extradition** –
 - o The loss of life which has ensued from the efforts to bring Mr. Coke to justice is of concern. We note these reports and strongly urge the Government of Jamaica to fully investigate these allegations.
 - o We support the decisive steps taken by the Prime Minister and his government to enforce rule of law and arrest Christopher Coke.
 - o The operation to arrest Coke in a crowded urban environment presented many difficult challenges and we have communicated the importance of protecting the safety and security of citizens and ensuring that any use of force during these operations be appropriate and warranted.
 - o We expect that accusations of extrajudicial killings will be thoroughly investigated and that, if substantiated, those responsible will be prosecuted.

- **Citizen Safety** – We recently completed the inaugural Caribbean-U.S. Security Cooperation Dialogue on May 27. This partnership stresses citizen safety, partnership, shared responsibilities, and the need to work together to address the root causes as well as the symptoms of security challenges in our region. Congress has appropriated \$37 million to support this initiative in 2010.

- **U.S. Ambassador** - The White House is involved in the selection and vetting process for a number of appointments, including the ambassador to Jamaica. The delay in appointing an ambassador is a function of our procedures.

- **Deportees** – We are aware of the concern regarding criminal deportees and are engaged in a dialogue with the government of Jamaica as well as other partners in the Caribbean on this issue. A significant majority of individuals deported to Jamaica from the United States for having committed criminal offenses, migrated to the United States as adolescents or adults, many having acquired criminal records in Jamaica.

- **Visa Denials and Revocations** - The U.S. Embassy issues visas to all applicants who are qualified and revokes visas based on legal requirements. We don’t, under federal statute, comment on individual visa cases which are deemed confidential.

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From: Reynoso, Julissa
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 11:12 PM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Cc: Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Smith, Willard T
Subject: Re: Follow up from Amb Marks meeting with DAS Reynoso

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Should we get back to her with these?

From: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
To: Reynoso, Julissa
Cc: Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Smith, Willard T
Sent: Mon Jun 07 10:02:47 2010
Subject: FW: Follow up from Amb Marks meeting with DAS Reynoso

Please see Isiah's update on two issues raised by Amb Marks.

Thanks,
JMW

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From: Parnell, Isiah L
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 9:55 AM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Stone, David L
Cc: Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Smith, Willard T; Tobey, Laurence E; Moss, Lloyd W
Subject: RE: Follow up from Amb Marks meeting with DAS Reynoso

Good morning.

1. Body Armor: MLO supplied 250 sets of protective gear for JDF: cost \$500K(including FEDEX shipping); RSO provided 32 sets; 68 add'l sets are in route for JCF.
2. I was just looking at NIV stats the other day and Amb Marks is right about higher refusal rates but wrong, of course, in making some connection to the Coke case. Refusal rates follow: 2008- 34%; 2009 – 45%; 2010 – 50%. We attribute higher refusal rates to: 1. Jamaica's difficult economic and social environment related to the worldwide economic downturn. 2. Our return to CA policy of making NIV issuance decisions based on full-validity 10 year/multiple entry visas. I understand that pre-2009, officers were providing limited validity visa in marginal cases thereby making for a reduced refusal rate. That practice has been stopped. We saw a 13% increase in NIV applications in 2009 compared to 2008. We have, in fact, seen fewer applicants so far in 2010. We have a very active visa out-reach program in which we try to ensure that the public is fully informed about the way in which the process works. And David Stone and other senior managers are actively involved in ensuring that our adjudication process adheres to CA standards.

Hope this helps.

Isiah

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Subject: Follow up from Amb Marks meeting with DAS Reynoso

Could you clarify the status of the additional body armor that RSO had purchased for the Jamaicans?

Amb Marks and DAS Reynoso agreed that you would call National Security Minister Nelson to report to him the status of most immediate additional assistance coming – specifically, the RSO's purchase of body armors for the Jamaicans. DAS Reynoso reported that we were looking for ways to provide additional support to the Jamaicans and trying to put forth additional proposals. It would likely be late July/August before we had more answers.

Also, Amb Marks said that the refusal rate for visas at the Embassy had gone up dramatically and the perception was that this was related to the Coke case. Many qualified people are afraid to apply. DAS Reynoso said that visas refusals/denials are not related to the Coke case. Could Post provide an idea of the rejection rate trends? Has post seen a drop in demand for visas?

Thanks,
JMW

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From: Holland, Cameron
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 2:57 PM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Cc: Kluesener, Amber K
Subject: FW: Update on COKE's extradition challenge

Categories: Working

Good news on Coke (no they don't have him yet)

From: Chang, Frances [<mailto:Frances.Chang@usdoj.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 2:56 PM
To: Blake, Lystra; Warlow, Molly; Holland, Cameron; Johnson, Clifton M; Sweeney, Laura (SMO)
Cc: Holliday, Lynn
Subject: Update on COKE's extradition challenge

Good afternoon,

DEA attaché Gavin Kersellius just informed us that, according to the DPP Paula Llewellyn, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court "threw out" (i.e., denied) COKE's challenge to the issuance of the extradition arrest warrant, at around 12:30pm local time.

Thanks,
Frances

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From: Marrazza, Martha [Martha.Marrazza@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2010 1:29 PM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Subject: RE: Coke Extradition Case

Categories: Working

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your response.

Kind regards,
Martha

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Please think before you print.

From: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G [[mailto:Mack-Wilson\]G@state.gov](mailto:Mack-Wilson]G@state.gov)
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 4:11 PM
To: Marrazza, Martha
Subject: Coke Extradition Case

The situation on the ground has changed significantly since May 24, the date of Mr. Thomsen's letter. Our most recent talking points on the situation are as follows:

- The loss of life which has ensued from the efforts to bring Mr. Coke to justice is of concern. We note these reports and strongly urge the Government of Jamaica to fully investigate these allegations.
- We support the decisive steps taken by the Prime Minister and his government to enforce rule of law and arrest Christopher Coke.
- The operation to arrest Coke in a crowded urban environment presented many difficult challenges and we have communicated the importance of protecting the safety and security of citizens and ensuring that any use of force during these operations be appropriate and warranted.
- The U.S. request for the extradition of Christopher Coke is based on a lengthy joint investigation, in which Jamaican law enforcement provided valuable assistance. The U.S. extradition request fully satisfies all of the requirements of our bilateral extradition treaty.

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• The United States and Jamaica have had a longstanding and fruitful cooperation in law enforcement efforts. The extradition of suspected criminals such as Mr. Coke to face trial is essential to the efforts of the United States and its partners to combat the serious crimes of drug and arms trafficking in the region.

Thanks,
Joslyn Mack-Wilson

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Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G

From: Reynoso, Julissa
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2010 12:18 AM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Smith, Willard T
Cc: Parnell, Isiah L
Subject: Re: USA Statement on Coke - I cleared on this via the phone tonight

This is fine.

Sorry - my phone died.

From: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
To: Reynoso, Julissa; Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Smith, Willard T
Sent: Tue Jun 22 22:04:00 2010
Subject: FW: USA Statement on Coke - I cleared on this via the phone tonight

I cleared on the following language over the phone tonight for the NY Prosecutors. Isiah was on the call. We were not able to reach Julissa or Gonzo to add to the call. Statement was just the facts, so I cleared.

"Christopher Michael Coke was arrested by Jamaican authorities earlier today near Kingston after a five-week pursuit by local authorities. We look forward to working closely with the Jamaican authorities to bring Coke to justice to face charges pending against him in Manhattan federal court."

We'll be working on press guidance in the morning.

Thanks,
JMW

From: Holland, Cameron
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2010 10:00 PM
To: Johnson, Clifton M; 'Frances.Chang@usdoj.gov'; 'Molly.Warlow@usdoj.gov'; 'Alisa.Finelli2@usdoj.gov'; 'Lystra.Blake@usdoj.gov'; 'Lynn.Holliday@usdoj.gov'; 'Bruce.Swartz@usdoj.gov'
Cc: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Subject: RE: USA Statement on Coke

Embassy Kingston (DCM Parnell) and WHA/CAR are fine with the below language, with the substitution of "pursuit" for stand-off.

From: Johnson, Clifton M
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2010 9:23 PM
To: 'Frances.Chang@usdoj.gov'; 'Molly.Warlow@usdoj.gov'; 'Alisa.Finelli2@usdoj.gov'; 'Lystra.Blake@usdoj.gov'; 'Lynn.Holliday@usdoj.gov'; Holland, Cameron; 'Bruce.Swartz@usdoj.gov'
Subject: Re: USA Statement on Coke

This version is good. Agree that we should go with "pursuit". Are reaching out to post now. Cliff

From: Chang, Frances <Frances.Chang@usdoj.gov>
To: Warlow, Molly <Molly.Warlow@usdoj.gov>; Finelli, Alisa (OPA) (SMO) <Alisa.Finelli2@usdoj.gov>; Blake, Lystra <Lystra.Blake@usdoj.gov>; Holliday, Lynn <Lynn.Holliday@usdoj.gov>; Holland, Cameron; Johnson, Clifton M; Swartz, Bruce <Bruce.Swartz@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tue Jun 22 21:18:04 2010
Subject: Re: USA Statement on Coke

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Agree that "five-week pursuit by local authorities" is much better.

From: Warlow, Molly
To: Finelli, Alisa (OPA) (SMO); Blake, Lystra; Chang, Frances; Holliday, Lynn; 'HollandC@state.gov' <HollandC@state.gov>; 'johnsoncm2@state.gov' <johnsoncm2@state.gov>; Swartz, Bruce
Sent: Tue Jun 22 21:15:29 2010
Subject: Re: USA Statement on Coke

Anjan suggested alternative, too, of referring to five week "pursuit" by local auth's.

From: Warlow, Molly
To: Finelli, Alisa (OPA) (SMO); Blake, Lystra; Chang, Frances; Holliday, Lynn; 'HollandC@state.gov' <HollandC@state.gov>; 'johnsoncm2@state.gov' <johnsoncm2@state.gov>; Swartz, Bruce
Sent: Tue Jun 22 21:10:09 2010
Subject: Re: USA Statement on Coke

Here is the abbreviated version just sent by anjan. I think this is much better. Cliff -- can you clear w/in state and w embassy. Not sure. About standoff language, but inclined to defer to post views. Sdny is asking quickest possible clearance.

Molly

"Christopher Michael Coke was arrested by Jamaican authorities earlier today near Kingston after a five-week standoff with local authorities. We look forward to working closely with the Jamaican authorities to bring Coke to justice to face charges pending against him in Manhattan federal court."

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To: Warlow, Molly; Blake, Lystra; Chang, Frances; Holliday, Lynn; HollandC@state.gov <HollandC@state.gov>; johnsoncm2@state.gov <johnsoncm2@state.gov>
Sent: Tue Jun 22 20:52:08 2010
Subject: RE: USA Statement on Coke

Great - thank you.

From: Warlow, Molly (CRM)
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8:51 PM
To: Finelli, Alisa (OPA); Finelli, Alisa (OPA); Blake, Lystra (CRM); Chang, Frances (CRM); Holliday, Lynn (CRM); HollandC@state.gov; johnsoncm2@state.gov
Subject: Re: USA Statement on Coke

I have told them they need to cut this down to bare bones, and it must be cleared by state and dcm. Anjan said they would send an abbreviated version shortly

Molly

From: Finelli, Alisa (OPA) <Alisa.Finelli2@usdoj.gov>
To: Finelli, Alisa (OPA) <Alisa.Finelli@SMOJMD.USDOJ.gov>; Warlow, Molly; Blake, Lystra; Chang, Frances; Holliday, Lynn; Holland, Cameron <HollandC@state.gov>; Johnson, Clifton M <JohnsonCM2@state.gov>
Sent: Tue Jun 22 20:45:55 2010
Subject: RE: USA Statement on Coke

And it looks like they are hoping to get this to reporters in time for tomorrow's stories so they are eagerly awaiting approval. Thanks!

From: Finelli, Alisa (OPA)
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8:17 PM
To: Warlow, Molly (CRM); Blake, Lystra (CRM); Chang, Frances (CRM); Holliday, Lynn (CRM); Holland, Cameron; Johnson, Clifton M
Subject: FW: USA Statement on Coke

This is the statement SDNY would like to issue. They have said there is confirmation he is in custody. Let me know what you think on the content and the timing of this statement. Thanks!

STATEMENT OF SDNY U.S. ATTORNEY PREET BHARARA ON THE ARREST OF CHRISTOPHER COKE

"Christopher Michael Coke was arrested by Jamaican authorities earlier today near Kingston after a five-week standoff with local authorities. As supported by the indictment pending against Coke in Manhattan federal court, drugs and guns were the bread and butter of Coke's 'Shower Posse.' We are relieved that Coke's arrest today was not marked by the violence and chaos that has gripped the streets of Jamaica for so many days. We look forward to working closely with the Jamaican authorities to bring Coke to justice," said Preet Bharara, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

From: Scribner, Yusill (USANYS)
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2010 8:04 PM
To: Finelli, Alisa (OPA); Schwartz, Melissa
Cc: Oh, Janice (USANYS); Strauber, Jocelyn (USANYS); Zach, John (USANYS)
Subject: USA Statement on Coke

Alisa,

Can you run this by OIA and anyone else who need to sign off? The AUSAs, who are continuing to get updates, have signed off.

Many thanks, as always.

Yui

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Press Accounts of Coke Capture

From: Giulino, Meghan E
 Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2010 9:43 AM
 To: Gonzalez, Juan S; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Fortin, Michael A; Wild, Heather L;

Holland, Cameron; Kluesener, Amber K; Reilly, Patrick K; Miller, Merry C
 Cc: Davis, Howard C; Salcedo, Catherine C
 Subject: Press Accounts of Coke Capture

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Jamaica-watchers: The following was compiled from today's press. As you can tell, a lot of the details are still murky and at times conflicting. I'll keep you updated as information comes in. Thanks,
 Meghan

Christopher Coke Arrested

* Attempted to turn himself in to U.S. Marshal Service at the advice of Reverend Al Miller
 * Reverend Miller, an influential Evangelical preacher, also facilitated the surrender of Coke's brother Leighton "Livity" and his sister Sandy
 * Apprehended by police at a highway checkpoint in community of Ferry (St. Catherine's parish) en route to the U.S. Embassy from St. Ann between 1700 and 1730 EST (1600 and 1630 local time)
 * Miller was in car with Coke (disguised in a wig) at the time
 * After Coke was arrested at the checkpoint, Miller was free to leave; the JCF are now requesting that Miller return for questioning

Coke currently detained

* Upon arrest, JCF took Coke to the Spanish Town police station (St. Catherine's parish), then flew him to Kingston via helicopter
 * Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) "taking every step possible to ensure his safety and well-being"
 * Coke's father died in a prison fire while awaiting extradition to the U.S. on drug charges
 * Miller claims that Coke asked for his help in the surrender at the embassy because he did not trust the police not to harm him if he surrendered to them
 * JCF anticipates beginning legal proceedings within the next 2 days.

Coke may be charged in connection with the attacks launched by his loyalists in late May.

* 2 policemen killed; 6 injured
 * 1 soldier killed
 * Two police stations torched (Hannah Town and Darling Street)
 * > 70 civilians dead
 * JCF Commissioner Owen Ellington: "We are not yet in a position to make any definitive statement as to who will be charged and for what, but we are keeping our options open."

The Extradition Process and Trial in the U.S.

* Coke will be taken to a Resident Magistrate (RM) as soon as practical
 * The U.S. has 60 days to submit the full documents related to the case (aka the "authenticated

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documents")

* Once Coke appears in front of the RM, he will announce whether he will waive his right to extradition

* Conflicting reports as to whether Coke will waive his right to challenge his extradition to the U.S.

* After the hearing in front of the RM, the RM will determine if there's a "prima facie" case made against the fugitive. The accused will then either be committed to custody for the purpose of extradition or released.

* Even if Coke is then committed to custody, he can still seek his release in front of a Full Court, and then possibly appeal in front of the Court of Appeal

* The Minister of Justice has the authority to sign the surrender warrant to extradite Coke if he loses his legal battle, or if Coke decides to waive his or her right to an extradition treaty. If the warrant is not signed within 60 days, Coke could apply to the Supreme Court for discharge

* Faces charges for gun and drug trafficking b/w Jamaica and the U.S.

* Coke faces life in prison if convicted

* He will be tried in New York

The quest to eradicate crime in Jamaica continues

* State of emergency in parishes of Kingston and St. Andrew extended until July 22

* State of emergency enacted in the parish of St. Catherine

The Response in Tivoli Gardens

* Security forces maintain a presence in the community

* Calm reported in the community the evening of 22 June

* Residents were reportedly happy that Coke hadn't been killed

Threat of Future Violence

* Police High Command raised the threat level from criminal violence against their members and assets to extremely high

* According to JCF release, there is intelligence indicating that detained and displaced criminals are planning attack on security assets

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From: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 5:06 PM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Specians, Nicole E
Subject: RE: Crime and Violence Write-up for your clearance/review

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Just checking to see if you had any edits.

Thanks,
JMW

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From: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 12:07 PM
To: Specians, Nicole E
Subject: Crime and Violence Write-up for your clearance/review

Please see the current version and let me know if you have any edits. Thanks, JMW

CRIME AND VIOLENCE

Widespread corruption and increasing rates of violent crime weaken Jamaica's political, economic and social stability and make Jamaica an attractive target for criminal networks. Over 1600 murders were committed in Jamaica in 2009, the highest number of homicides ever registered. More than 70% of the murders are gang related. Jamaica's inadequate and overburdened police and judicial systems are the primary shortcomings in addressing both corruption and crime; they lack the capacity to timely investigate and adjudicate crime.

The UN Office of Drugs and Crime recently characterized the Caribbean as having homicide rates exponentially higher than other regions of the world. Jamaica's 2009 homicide rate was 64/100,000, almost double that of Colombia's rate of 35/100,000.

Violent crime, fueled by the drugs and gun trade, contributes to a society already destabilized by economic stagnation, high basic food prices, high inflation, high interest rates, high youth pregnancy rates, and the nearly constant emigration of skilled labor and professionals. A World Bank/United Nations study estimated that direct medical costs and productivity losses due to crime accounted for 4% of Jamaica's GDP in 2006. According to the World Bank, if Jamaica could reduce its homicide rate to that of Costa Rica's, its GDP would increase by over 20% per year.

GOJ efforts to apprehend violent career criminals and stem easy access to guns in inner cities have yielded mixed results. Guns, primarily imported from South Florida, continue to be the weapon of choice. The Jamaica Constabulary Force reports that 80% of Jamaica's murders are gun-related.

Since May 24, the GOJ has enforced a limited state-of emergency in Kingston-St. Andrews and Spanish Town-St. Catherine. The government imposed this state-of-emergency as part of its effort to arrest criminal don Christopher Dudas Coke. Since this time, the GOJ has arrested many gang members and seized hundreds of illegal weapons. Violent

Crime has fallen sharply (by press accounts, an overall 21 percent decline in major crimes in June 2010 compared to June 2009). This has been a reprieve from what has been a violent year with 793 murders already by June (as compared to 729 murders in June 2009).

With the capture and ultimate extradition of Mr. Coke to the United States in June, PM Golding has promised a sustained campaign to dismantle criminal organizations. The Jamaican government has requested our support and we are considering way we can help government's efforts to enforce rule of law.

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From: Rex, Gary L
Sent: Tuesday, December 07, 2010 2:58 PM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Cc: Martschenko, Alexander; Lewin, Tessa
Subject: RE: INCSR and Jamaica crime stats
Attachments: Major Crime Stat Report - Jan-Nov 10.pdf

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Hello Joslyn,

Please see the attached stats for YTD figures in 2010 compared to the same period in 2008 and 2009. [Unfortunately we could not obtain a digital copy of the fancy multicolor document at this time. Until we get it, this scan of a hard copy will have to do.]

Concerning the Jamaica INCSR, assuming the trends hold, I will suggest language (in the draft to be returned by 12/15) to reflect that:

Murders decreased each year in 2008, 2009 and 2010, with a 13% fall in 2010 from 2009 and a cumulative 14% decrease from 2008. In general, other major crimes also decreased from 2009, though property crimes in 2010 remained slightly higher than in 2008.

Notwithstanding the decrease in murders since 2008, Jamaica's per capita murder rate was xx% in 2010, making it XXth highest in the world. Of the x,xxx murders recorded 2010, xx percent were gang related while the JCF suspected that gang rivalry was a motive for a large portion of the remainder. The JCF estimated that approximately 300 criminal gangs were operating in Jamaica in 2010.

Hope this helps.

Gary

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From: Martschenko, Alexander
Sent: Tuesday, December 07, 2010 9:07 AM
To: Rex, Gary L
Subject: FW: INCSR

Gary: FYI, can you give Joslyn an update?

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From: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Sent: Tuesday, December 07, 2010 9:00 AM
To: Martschenko, Alexander
Subject: RE: INCSR

Perfect. I was pulled to other things yesterday and didn't get a chance to send this to you. Our last write up on crime and violence cited the historic highs for the year, but had this one paragraph covering the current context. Don't know if this is currently accurate, but I just didn't want the report to be too separate from the policy discussions.

"On May 24, the GOJ imposed and later extended a limited state-of emergency in Kingston-St. Andrews and Spanish Town-St. Catherine. The government imposed this state-of-emergency as part of its effort to arrest and extradite criminal don Christopher "Dudus" Coke. Over the course of this time, the GOJ arrested hundreds gang members, including many who surrendered willingly. Violent crime has fallen sharply (by press accounts, an overall 21 percent decline in major crimes in June 2010 compared to June 2009). This has been a reprieve from what has been a violent year with 793 murders already by June (as compared to 729 murders in June 2009)."

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From: Martschenko, Alexander
Sent: Monday, December 06, 2010 12:08 PM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Subject: RE: INCSR

Joslyn: I relayed your question to Gary Rex (our NAS officer who drafted the INSCR). We don't have the final numbers for 2010 yet, but Gary should be able to give you an update. Alex

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From: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Sent: Monday, December 06, 2010 11:55 AM
To: Martschenko, Alexander
Subject: INCSR

I'm in the process of clearing the INCSR and wanted to add something to update this paragraph below (or provide more context) about the levels of crime activity post the state of emergencies. Is crime increasing? I had the expression it wasn't. Can you verify and provide some context as to what is going on with crime levels these days?

Thanks, JMW

Jamaica's murder rate per capita reached **XX** per 100,000 in 2010, making it the third highest in the world. Of the 1,113 murders recorded thus far in 2010, 28 percent were gang related while the JCF suspected that gang rivalry was a motive for a large portion of the remainder. The JCF

estimated that approximately 300 criminal gangs were operating in Jamaica in 2010. The continuing difficult economic situation has sustained elevated rates of larceny, robbery, and rape, *highlighted by increasingly brazen criminal activity throughout the country. (perhaps, replace with "despite a reprieve from violent crime rates since July 2010. . .*

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Cc: Moss, Lloyd W
Subject: RE: Coke Update

Categories: Working

Thanks, Isiah. Let us know what we can do to support.

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From: Parnell, Isiah L
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2010 9:20 AM
To: Reynoso, Julissa; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Smith, Willard T; Holland, Cameron; 'Strauber, Jocelyn (USANYS)'
Cc: Moss, Lloyd W
Subject: Coke Update

Colleagues:

Just spoke to DPP Paula Llewellyn. She confirmed that first preliminary mtg between her office and Coke attorneys is scheduled for 0900 this morning. DEA and USMS have also been invited to attend. She expects Coke's lawyer's to waive right to fight extradition proceedings. Police Commissioner Ellington reportedly stated that there may be local charges filed against Coke which might affect extradition. DPP said that any local charges against Coke must be filed through her office and that at this time she is not inclined to pursue them but preferred extradition. I've been unable to talk to Coke's attorneys to determine current course of action but will try to reach them later this morning. DEA has been advised to have plane ready to transport Coke within the next 24-48 hours.

We'll update as events warrant.

Isiah

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From: Smith, Willard T
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 10:09 PM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Reynoso, Julissa
Subject: Re: Add'l Coke Talking Point

looks good. I recommend deleting "eventually" however

From: Parnell, Isiah L
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Smith, Willard T; Reynoso, Julissa
Cc: Moss, Lloyd W; Park, Rebecca C; Stone, David L; Kelly, Craig A
Sent: Thu May 20 19:11:30 2010
Subject: Add'l Coke Talking Point

Colleagues:

I suggest that we add a line like this to daily talking points on the Coke matter:

"We hope that the eventual arrest of Mr. Coke is handled prudently and with due regard for the safety and security of others."

Thanks, Isiah

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To: Smith, Willard T; Parnell, Isiah L; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Gallegos, Gonzalo R
Cc: Braswell, Tina R; Stone, David L; Brault, Steven F; Moss, Lloyd W; Baker, William D; Hilliard, Karen (USAID/Jamaica/DIR); 'paul.trivelli@hq.southcom.mil'; Marple, Lee R
Subject: Re: Travel Alert--Greater Kingston
Categories: Working

Am checking email. I agree with this in principle

From: Smith, Willard T
To: Parnell, Isiah L; Reynoso, Julissa; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Gallegos, Gonzalo R
Cc: Braswell, Tina R; Stone, David L; Brault, Steven F; Moss, Lloyd W; Baker, William D; Hilliard, Karen (USAID/Jamaica/DIR); 'Trivelli, Paul A AMB USSOUTHCOM/SC-CC (L)' <paul.trivelli@hq.southcom.mil>; Marple, Lee R
Sent: Thu May 20 08:43:58 2010
Subject: RE: Travel Alert--Greater Kingston

Isiah-

Thanks for the update. Julissa is out but Gonzo will bring up in the WHA Director's meeting this am so our FO is aware.

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Subject: Travel Alert--Greater Kingston

Colleagues:

We've confirmed that last night the GOJ activated its military reserve units in/around Kingston. Though Coke's new attorneys have reportedly challenged the recently signed arrest warrant and no firm date to move into Tivoli to arrest Coke by the JCF/JDF was relayed to us during y'day's mtg with the JCF Commissioner and PM, this move to activate the reserves moves them decidedly closer to taking significant military/policing action in that area of town which may lead to broader violence/civil unrest in the city. Accordingly, I plan to tell the consular section to submit a travel advisory for the greater Kingston area to the Dept for its review and publication. This move will cause considerable anguish to the GOJ but I now think it necessary in light of the new developments. Isiah

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To: Gallegos, Gonzalo R
Cc: Smith, Willard T; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Subject: Re: Draft Travel Alert for Jamaica...

Categories: Working

Should we be so specific that the reason for the alert is Coke? Do we have to be that person-specific? If I were his lawyer, I would argue this stmt is prejudicial and assumes guilt.

From: Gallegos, Gonzalo R
To: Reynoso, Julissa
Cc: Smith, Willard T; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Sent: Thu May 20 13:07:31 2010
Subject: Draft Travel Alert for Jamaica...

Julissa,

Wanted to make sure that you see this for your clearance...the draft travel alert. Below is the language. Following it would be the usual information re: contacting the embassy, etc...

Begin Draft Text:

The Department of State alerts U.S. Citizens about developing security concerns in Jamaica, particularly the Kingston area, relating to the possible arrest and extradition of alleged drug and weapons trafficker, Christopher "Dudus" Coke. On May 18, 2010, the Government of Jamaica issued a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Coke, a step toward extradition to the United States. Mr. Coke reputedly heads a large criminal gang centered in the garrisoned Tivoli Gardens community of downtown Kingston. The possibility exists for violence and/or civil unrest in the greater Kingston metropolitan area in conjunction with the apprehension of Mr. Coke. U.S. Embassy Kingston is taking extra security precautions. This Travel Alert expires on July 20, 2010.

U.S citizens should consider the risks associated with travel to and within the greater Kingston metropolitan area. U.S. citizens are urged always to practice good security, maintain a heightened situational awareness and a low profile. U.S. citizens in Jamaica are advised to monitor local news reports and consider the level of security present when venturing outside their residence or hotel.

End Draft Text...

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From: Luoma-Overstreet, Charles E
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2010 1:56 PM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Subject: RE: Press guidance for Coke case

Categories: Working

Thanks, Joslyn. Did the body armor actually go through then? Did you get around the FMF funding question? SOUTHCOM CoCom discretionary funds? Have there been questions received or do you expect them for some particular reason? Or is this just pure contingency? It will affect how and when we distribute guidance. -C

From: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2010 1:50 PM
To: Luoma-Overstreet, Charles E
Subject: FW: Press guidance for Coke case

Please see below. Thanks, JMW

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From: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Sent: Friday, May 21, 2010 1:49 PM
To: Staab, Virginia L
Subject: Press guidance for Coke case

We are sending press guidance up later today on the Coke case. Right now it is in the final stages of review. We also sent a version to Julissa on the road, though we haven't heard back.

The question is - Is the U.S. providing any support to the Government of Jamaica to locate and arrest Christopher Coke?

We wanted Press to be aware that the Jamaican government has asked for body armor and weapons to support their effort to arrest Coke. The U.S. declined to provide weapons, but did provide body armor (non-lethal/defensive). We do not want this information distributed widely in the press guidance, but thought you should know.

Thanks,
JMW

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Sent: Friday, May 21, 2010 3:34 PM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Cc: Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Smith, Willard T
Subject: Re: Coke Press Guidance

Categories: Working

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From: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
To: Reynoso, Julissa
Cc: Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Smith, Willard T
Sent: Fri May 21 13:17:02 2010
Subject: Coke Press Guidance

We are clearing new press guidance below for the Coke case. Gonzo asked that I forward you the current version as reviewed/edited by DOJ, DOD, Post, and L/LEI for your review. Please let us know if this works for you.

Thanks,
 JMW

Q. Is the U.S. providing any support to the Government of Jamaica to locate and arrest Christopher Coke?

- It is the responsibility of the Jamaican government to locate and arrest Mr. Coke. We respect the Jamaican authorities' need to protect the integrity of their law enforcement operations and advise that any questions regarding this effort should be directed to them.
- The USG and Government of Jamaica have and continue to work collaboratively to ensure the safety and security of our citizens through countering illicit trafficking. We are not going to discuss specifics of that cooperation.
- We have alerted our U.S. Citizens about security concerns in Jamaica, particularly the Kingston area, relating to this case and will provide public updates as the situation warrants.

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Background: (SBU) On May 18, 2010, the Government of Jamaica issued a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Coke, a step toward his extradition to the United States to face drugs and arms trafficking charges. Coke serves as area leader in a part of Kingston, Jamaica, known as Tivoli Gardens, which is also the Prime Minister's parliamentary district. In response to the announcement of an arrest warrant, residents in Tivoli Gardens erected barricades blocking access to the neighborhood and protested in support of Mr. Coke. The Jamaican government is concerned about civil unrest related to Coke's arrest and faces the likelihood that Coke's criminal organization will resist the arrest effort. The government has activated military reserve units in and around Kingston to help maintain order.

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From: Moss, Lloyd W
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 10:42 AM
To: Operations Center; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Smith, Willard T
Cc: Kingston Embassy ALL-DL
Subject: Jamaica declares state of emergency
Attachments: image001.jpg; image002.gif

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Colleagues:

The below is from PM Golding's address to the nation on the evening of May 23 regarding the state of emergency:

the state of emergency would enable the security forces to exercise extraordinary powers.

"These include the power to restrict the freedom of movement, search premises and detain persons suspected of involvement in unlawful activities without warrant," the Prime Minister explained.

"These are necessary measures to restore order to a community that is now threatened. The security forces will be moving swiftly to bring the situation under control. Criminal elements bent on violence and mayhem will be detained and processed; the criminal elements who have placed the society under siege will not be allowed to triumph."

The PM sounded as if ordinary citizens would not be seriously inconvenienced, and schools will re-open as scheduled on May 25. The "state of emergency" appears to be targeted against lawless elements and gangs. If we're able to learn further details in the course of the day, we'll pass them along.

All the best,

Lloyd Moss

P/E Kingston

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From: Caribbean360 BREAKING NEWS [<mailto:news=caribbean360.com@mcsv1.net>] **On Behalf Of** Caribbean360
BREAKING NEWS
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 9:18 AM
To: Moss, Lloyd W
Subject: Jamaica declares state of emergency

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State of emergency declared in Jamaica

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Monday May 24, 2010 – A state of public emergency has been declared in Jamaica's capital, Kingston and the parish of St Andrew as violence – including attacks on police stations – erupts over efforts to extradite Christopher 'Dudus' Coke. [Full Story>>](#)

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From: Majewski, Brian R
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 12:26 PM
To: Parnell, Isiah L; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Reynoso, Julissa
Cc: Flohr, Eric A; Moss, Lloyd W
Subject: RE: Update

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Thank you Isiah.

From: Parnell, Isiah L
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 11:31 AM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Reynoso, Julissa; Majewski, Brian R
Cc: Flohr, Eric A; Moss, Lloyd W
Subject: Update

Colleagues:

Pls see high-side for Coke update. Note that we're closing routine consular services tomorrow and will make a decision about schools and other embassy activities at our 5PM EAC.

Brian—so far, no authorized departure warranted but will keep you posted. Thanks. Isiah

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From: Reynoso, Julissa
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 1:05 PM
To: Valenzuela, Arturo A; Kelly, Craig A; Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Cc: Gonzalez, Juan S
Subject: Coke-GoJ

Categories: Working

The Jamaican police has moved to arrest him. Julissa

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RELEASED IN FULL**Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G**

From: Moss, Lloyd W
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 1:49 PM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Smith, Willard T; Operations Center
Subject: FW: Security forces now reportedly in and around Tivoli Gardens; soldiers clear Red Hills Road
Attachments: image001.gif

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DECONTROLLED**Note: First fatality reported among JDF troops assaulting Tivoli Gardens.**

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From: Lewis, Emma**Sent:** Monday, May 24, 2010 12:32 PM**To:** Marple, Lee R; Park, Rebecca C; Parnell, Isiah L; Moss, Lloyd W; Stone, David L; White, Fern**Subject:** Security forces now reportedly in and around Tivoli Gardens; soldiers clear Red Hills Road

- Road blocks in Deanery Road/Mountain View Ave
- All attention on Tivoli Gardens – very heavy gunfire in Spanish Town Road area (Nationwide) – TVJ reports minutes ago that the security forces are now in Tivoli Gardens (Nationwide, TVJ, RJR)
- Speed boats and heavy police presence on the waterfront downtown (TVJ)
- Mr Beswick says prospects for a meeting/settlement are now dim, Cliff Hughes (Nationwide) just reported.
- Lockheed Orion model aircraft (surveillance plane), not helicopters, over the area (Nationwide)

OBSERVER ONLINE REPORTS: JAMAICA Defence Force soldiers used a bulldozer and trucks to clear blockages erected at various points on the busy thoroughfare of Red Hills Road this morning.

The road was blocked at various points between the Price Mart supermarket and the Emmanuel Gospel Assembly by thugs who have joined in the fight against security forces in defense of reputed Tivoli Gardens don, Christopher 'Dudus' Coke.

Roadblocks were also erected near the Sandy Gully Ford near a community known as 'Ackee Walk'. There the Observer roving team spotted women extorting money from motorists in order to allow them passage.

A man is now in police custody after he was caught looting a wholesale establishment on Molyne's Road in St Andrew early this morning.

The Observer roving team went to the location and spoke to the distraught proprietor, Apple Wu, who said the thieves cleaned out the wholesale.

"They took cologne, roll on, cigarettes, phone cards, money, hair products, beer cooking oil and peas," Wu told the Observer.

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Police say they held the man after he returned to finish looting the store about 5.:30 am.

"Got a call from my security that a lot of police was at my place. When I reached they arrested one man. I don't know what I am going to do," Wu said.

Inside the wholesale half empty shelves and broken bottles told the tale of the looting that took place only hours before.

GLENER ONLINE REPORT: Reports are now emerging that there was panic in St Catherine, Jamaica last night as gunmen launched attacks in Braeton and Spanish Town.

There are also concerns about the capacity of the Spanish Town Hospital to respond to medical emergencies.

Senior Gleaner Reporter Edmond Campbell has been making contact with his sources in St Catherine to assess the situation.

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Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G

From: Gallegos, Gonzalo R
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2010 2:16 PM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Smith, Willard T
Subject: FW: Update

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Let's dig into those questions we outlined earlier...

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-----Original Message-----

From: Parnell, Isiah L
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2010 1:49 PM
To: Reynoso, Julissa
Cc: Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Subject: RE: Update

The PM summoned me to his office this morning and then rushed off to a cabinet mtg without talking to me. He asked the FM to express his concerns about reporting they were getting about massive misuse of force by the JDF within Tivoli. FM said that they'd heard that non-combatants were being summarily shot and women raped. He said that they could not trust reporting by the JDF that those illegal activities were not taking place and asked if we had any info on the matter. Based on our contact with the military and JCF I responded that we had not heard that concern nor did we see that with our military asset.

FM wants to engage Coke reps again to try and negotiate his surrender and asked my opinion. I told him that we had been contacted by attorneys and that I had referred them to AG, since y'day's events appeared to change everything. I'm off to another mtg on this matter and will provide more info asap. Isiah

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From: Reynoso, Julissa
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2010 12:27 PM
To: Parnell, Isiah L
Cc: Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Subject: Update

Understand you are mtging with FM. Any update? Anything you need from us?

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Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G

From: Parnell, Isiah L
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2010 4:37 PM
To: Moss, Lloyd W; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Subject: RE: Continuing Violence

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See below. Hope this helps. isiah

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From: Moss, Lloyd W
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2010 3:07 PM
To: Parnell, Isiah L
Cc: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Subject: RE: Continuing Violence
Importance: High

Isiah:

(Thought you'd want to answer #2 and #3 below based on your discussions)

Thanks,
Lloyd

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From: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2010 1:09 PM
To: Moss, Lloyd W; Baker, William D
Subject: Continuing Violence

We'd like your input on our internal points below. We plan to update by the end of the day.

We wanted Post's input on three issues:

1. The human rights concerns – what can we say about this to our internal leadership? What should be our message publicly? **Allegations have been raised against JDF ops in Tivoli Gardens; Political Ombudsman Bishop Blair, Public Defender Earl Witter, and the Head of the Jamaican Red Cross had been allowed to enter Tivoli Gardens to investigate unconfirmed allegations,**

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2. What does the Embassy want us to say about the meetings with the lawyers? Who initially approached whom?
Our initial take here is that this is out and known and that we shouldn't try to hide it, e.g.. "We were approached by Mr. Coke's attorneys and saw this an opportunity to negotiate a peaceful surrender. We met with Mr. Coke's attorney, with the full knowledge of Jamaican officials, but to date have been unsuccessful in reaching a resolution." Concur with this response.

3. Would the Jamaicans like us to be more supportive publicly? Or would the Jamaicans prefer some distance? What is Post's thought?
The PM is on TV now and has stated that the GOJ has received some "technical support from bilateral partners". Therefore, I don't think that we should contradict and we should stick to the language used earlier...."The USG and GOJ have and continue to work...."

I'm sure that the GOJ would like us to be more supportive publicly but I think we should let the smoke clear over its actions in Tivoli before we go on the record with our support of its actions.

See Internal Points Below:

The U.S. Embassy in Kingston remains closed to the public today. The U.S. Embassy in Kingston will be closed to the public today

The Jamaican Police High Command reports casualty figures in Tivoli Gardens and Denham Town as: 25 civilians injured, 26 killed (mostly males, and mostly at barricades and in gullies), 211 detained including 6 women, and 7 security personnel injured, one killed. These figures do not appear to include casualties from recent days in Spanish Town or in the Kingston neighborhoods of Mountain View, Hannah Town, or Grant's Pen. Additional casualties are anticipated today in Tivoli, as operations continue there.

No new media reports are coming out of Tivoli Gardens because the Jamaica Defense Force Operation (JDF) is continuing operations. The JDF will not provide any information until the operation is complete. This is typical for the JDF.

The Jamaican Constabulary Force (JCF) has made a ring around Tivoli and are providing security for the perimeter while JDF is currently going house to house to make sure that there are no pockets of resistance left in the community.

Mr. Coke's lawyer informs post that Mr. Coke is still considering surrendering. Mr. Coke's whereabouts remain unknown.

Post reports that there are no direct threats against U.S. facilities or personnel.

Airline travel appears to be returning to normal.

Post has received unconfirmed reports that Coke's brother may have been killed.

Thanks,
JMW

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Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G

From: Smith, Willard T
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 12:52 PM
To: Reynoso, Julissa; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Cc: Gallegos, Gonzalo R
Subject: RE: Points on Violence in Jamaica

Categories: Working

They got him out alive.

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From: Reynoso, Julissa
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 12:51 PM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Cc: Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Smith, Willard T
Subject: RE: Points on Violence in Jamaica

was successful extracted – was that this mean?

From: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 12:50 PM
To: Reynoso, Julissa
Cc: Gallegos, Gonzalo R; Smith, Willard T
Subject: Points on Violence in Jamaica

See below:

- Local media in Jamaica report that PM Bruce Golding is angry about reports by ABC News and the UK newspaper The Independent linking him to Coke. According to the Jamaica Observer, the PM sees these reports as "clearly part of a conspiracy to undermine the duly elected Government of Jamaica."
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- The situation is calmer today, though skirmishes continue in parts of the country.
- Embassy Kingston received reports that one AmCit was killed, but Consular has not had the chance to identify the body. The initial reports are that the AmCit was killed by the police.
- Embassy Kingston received a report that one AmCit was successful extracted from Denham Town, an adjacent community to Tivoli Gardens where some skirmishes continue.
- Embassy Kingston remains closed to the public today, but is considering reopening tomorrow, if the security situation remains stable. This decision will be made at Post's EAC meeting at 2PM today.

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Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 12:57 PM
To: 'Restrepo, Daniel A.'; Gray, Eugene
Cc: Parnell, Isiah L; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Gallegos, Gonzalo R
Subject: Jamaica/Latest

Categories: Working

Here is the latest re; situation in Jamaica. Julissa

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To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; WHA-PPC; INL-Press; Wild, Heather L; Brown, Kevin; 'Gray, Eugene'; Aguilera, Patricia; González, Francisco J; 'Richardson, Ashley R CTR OSD POLICY'; D Duty Officer
Cc: WHA-Press
Subject: RE: Jamaica press guidance for your review/clearance
Categories: Working

Joslyn,

The press is full of reports that Coke has left the country and we've received requests for "confirmation" as well as inquiries as to whether he is negotiating through his lawyer with us/GOJ. We should include language to address those questions. -C

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From: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 9:29 AM
To: WHA-PPC; INL-Press; Wild, Heather L; Brown, Kevin; 'Gray, Eugene'; Aguilera, Patricia; Gonzalez, Francisco J; 'Richardson, Ashley R CTR OSD POLICY'; D Duty Officer
Cc: WHA-Press
Subject: Jamaica press guidance for your review/clearance
Importance: High

Please see updated press guidance on the situation in Jamaica for your immediate review/clearance.

Thanks,
JMW

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Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G

From: Duffy, Sarah A
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 4:40 PM
To: Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G
Subject: reward on AP

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BC- CB Jamaica Slum Standoff
Reward offered for Jamaica fugitive's capture
Eds: APNewsNow. Will stand.

KINGSTON, Jamaica - (AP) Jamaica is offering a \$20,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of a reputed drug lord at the center of a bloody manhunt.

Christopher "Dudus" Coke is Jamaica's most-wanted fugitive. He is being sought on U.S. drug- and arms-trafficking charges and federal authorities there call him one of the world's most dangerous drug kingpins.

Jamaican security forces offered the reward Tuesday, three weeks after launching a four-day assault on Coke's West Kingston stronghold of Tivoli Gardens that left 73 civilians and three security officers dead.

Police commanders believe Coke remains in Jamaica and have initiated an islandwide strike on gangs that control poor communities.

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RE DEA suport to the GOJ

From: Reynoso, Julissa
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 10:19 AM
To: Parnell, Isiah L
Cc: Smith, Willard T; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Marple, Lee R; Kersellius, Gavin; Moss, Lloyd W
Subject: RE: DEA suport to the GOJ

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From: Parnell, Isiah L
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 8:04 AM
To: Reynoso, Julissa
Cc: Smith, Willard T; Mack-Wilson, Joslyn G; Marple, Lee R; Kersellius, Gavin; Moss, Lloyd W
Subject: DEA suport to the GOJ

Julissa;

Good morning.
FYI, I am approving a GOJ request to provide DEA surveillance tracking support over the neighborhood in which we think Coke is hiding out. This support will include the use of a DHS aircraft flying unseen over the area with tracking and surveillance equipment. Isiah

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