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TO: RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC//NEA// PRIORITY 4468
INFO: RUEHXX/ARAB ISRAELI COLLECTIVE
SUBJ: MEPP CAMP DAVID: TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT ISSUES
MODERATE STATEMENT PRAISING U.S. EFFORTS AND REGRETTING
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TEXT: UNCLAS TUNIS 002258

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(U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR RAPHEL, FOR REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).

1. (SBU) DCM DELIVERED TALKING POINTS AND TRIPARTITE STATEMENT IN REFTEL AND TEXT OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S AND SECRETARY ALBRIGHT'S STATEMENTS TO MFA SPECIAL ADVISOR LYESS KASRI JULY 26. KASRI UNDERTOOK TO PASS THE POINTS ON TO THE MINISTER. HE HAD NO FURTHER COMMENT.

2. (U) ON JULY 26 THE GOVERNMENT OF TUNISIA ISSUED A STATEMENT (PUBLISHED IN ALL NEWSPAPERS JULY 27) "DEEPLY REGRETTING THE INTERRUPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS" AT CAMP DAVID AND PRAISING PRESIDENT CLINTON'S EFFORTS. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION:

BEGIN TEXT: THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT LEARNED WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AT CAMP DAVID, IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WERE INTERRUPTED WITHOUT ARRIVING AT AN AGREEMENT THAT GUARANTEES A JUST RESOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN AFFAIR, DESPITE THE ARDUOUS ("HARASSANT") EFFORT PUT FORTH BY PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON.

TUNISIA, WHICH HAS SUPPORTED THE PEACE PROCESS SINCE ITS

BEGINNING AND AT ALL ITS LEVELS, BELIEVES DEEPLY THAT THE MOMENT HAS COME TO MAKE CONCRETE THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE BROTHERLY PALESTINIAN PEOPLE FOR THE BUILDING OF ITS INDEPENDENT STATE WITH ITS CAPITAL AT JERUSALEM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LEGALITY AND ON THE BASIS OF THE PEACE PROCESS AND THE PRINCIPLE OF "LAND FOR PEACE."

TUNISIA HOPES THAT THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION WILL PURSUE ITS GOOD OFFICES AND THAT THE OTHER INFLUENTIAL PARTNERS, NOTABLY THE EUROPEAN UNION, WILL STEP UP THEIR EFFORTS IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY AND THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT BRINGING ABOUT A JUST (##) FOR ITS MODERATE TONE. IT ASSIGNS NO BLAME AND ATTACKS NO PARTY FOR THE INTERRUPTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE FACT THAT NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED. THE STATEMENT ALSO MAKES CLEAR THE GOT'S SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. INITIATIVE IN BRINGING TOGETHER THE PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELI LEADERS FOR TALKS, WHILE URGING THAT THE U.S. CONTINUE ITS MEPP EFFORT AND THAT OTHERS--E.G., THE E.U.--ALSO CONTRIBUTE. PRESS COVERAGE HAS REFERRED TO THE INTERRUPTION AS "FAILURE," BUT THE GOVERNMENT FRENCH DAILY NEWSPAPER "LA PRESSE" HEADLINES JULY 27 ANNOUNCED THAT "CLINTON REFUSES TO GIVE UP." WE WILL REPORT FURTHER REACTIONS AS WE HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR TUNISIAN INTERLOCUTORS.

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IRAQ: SCOTT RITTER TO IRAQ (EB)
IRAQ: OIL-FOR-FOOD (IO)

MEPP: UPDATE & WALKER TRAVEL PLANS

Q: WHAT ELSE CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT ASSISTANT SECRETARY
WALKER'S TRAVEL PLANS? WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF SUCH A
TRIP? IS THIS AN ARAB ARM-TWISTING EXERCISE?

-- I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE DETAILS FOR YOU ON THE SPECIFICS
OF HIS VISIT.

-- AS I SAID YESTERDAY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS EDWARD S. WALKER WILL TRAVEL TO THE
REGION BEGINNING THIS WEEKEND TO BRIEF OUR ARAB FRIENDS IN
THE REGION ON THE DEVELOPMENTS AT CAMP DAVID AND THE
CURRENT STATUS OF THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

(IF PRESSED):

-- WALKER WILL BE VISITING ALL THE ARAB COUNTRIES WITH
WHOM WE HAVE RELATIONS TO BRIEF THEM ON THE CAMP DAVID
NEGOTIATIONS.

Q: WILL HE BE GOING TO ISRAEL? WILL HE CONTINUE THE
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES AT THIS TIME?

-- NO. THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR HIM TO VISIT ISRAEL, THE
WEST BANK, OR GAZA ON THIS TRIP. THE FOCUS OF HIS TRIP
WILL BE TO BRIEF OUR ARAB FRIENDS IN THE REGION -- NOT TO
CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

Q: WHAT COMMENT DO YOU HAVE TO REPORTS THAT THE ISRAELIS
AND PALESTINIANS COULD MEET AGAIN AS EARLY AS SUNDAY? IS
THERE ANY HOPE FOR PROGRESS SO SOON? WILL THE UNITED
STATES SEND A REPRESENTATIVE?

-- WE HAVE SEEN THE REPORTS OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE
PARTIES, BUT WE CANNOT CONFIRM THEM.

-- AS WE'VE SAID BEFORE, IMPORTANT PROGRESS WAS MADE AT
CAMP DAVID AND WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO MOVING THE PROCESS
FORWARD IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO CONGRESSIONAL BILLS WHICH WOULD
TERMINATE AID TO THE PALESTINIANS IF ARAFAT FOLLOWS THROUGH
ON STATEHOOD?

-- AS WE'VE SAID BEFORE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE UNILATERAL
ACTIONS ARE USEFUL, AND THAT INCLUDES A UNILATERAL
DECLARATION OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE.

-- AS THE PRESIDENT SAID, IF THIS WERE TO OCCUR, OUR
ENTIRE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PALESTINIANS WOULD BE UNDER

REVIEW.

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Q: HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO COMMENTS BY THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR THAT THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR MOVING THE U.S. EMBASSY TO JERUSALEM?

-- AS THE PRESIDENT SAID, HE HAS TAKEN UNDER REVIEW THE DECISION ON MOVING THE EMBASSY.

LEBANON: STATUS OF UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT

Q: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT? WILL IT HAPPEN TODAY AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED?

-- ON TUESDAY, SECRETARY GENERAL KOFI ANNAN INFORMED THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT U.N. FORCES WOULD DEPLOY INTO SOUTH LEBANON THIS WEEK.

-- WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE U.N. HAS BEGUN DISPATCHING SMALL ADVANCE UNITS IN PREPARATION FOR A FULL-SCALE DEPLOYMENT.

-- WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF BOTH THE U.N. FORCES AND THE LEBANESE ARMED FORCES AS A MEANS OF MAINTAINING PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE SOUTH.

LEBANON: DONOR CONFERENCE

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE RESULTS OF THE PLANNING SESSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DONOR CONFERENCE FOR LEBANESE RECONSTRUCTION? WHAT WERE THE RESULTS? WILL THERE BE A DONOR'S CONFERENCE?

-- AS THE SECRETARY SAID TO PRIME MINISTER HOSS, THE UNITED STATES SHARES THE DESIRE TO BEGIN RECONSTRUCTION IN SOUTH LEBANON.

-- ON JULY 27, OUR AMBASSADOR IN LEBANON, DAVID SATTERFIELD, AND THE A.I.D. DIRECTOR REPRESENTED THE U.S. AT A PLANNING MEETING FOR A CONSULTATIVE GROUP TO BE HOSTED BY THE WORLD BANK LATER IN THE YEAR.

-- AMBASSADOR SATTERFIELD REITERATED OUR BELIEF THAT INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE CRITICAL TO THE EFFORTS TO REBUILD INFRASTRUCTURE, CREATE JOBS, STRENGTHEN CIVIC INSTITUTIONS, AND ENSURE LONG-TERM STABILITY IN THE SOUTH.

-- HE FURTHER NOTED THAT CONVENING THIS WORLD BANK-HOSTED EVENT LATER IN THE YEAR WILL GIVE THE INTERNATIONAL

COMMUNITY SUFFICIENT TIME TO PREPARE, AND WOULD GIVE THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON TIME TO REASSERT ITS AUTHORITY OVER SOUTHERN LEBANON -- AN ESSENTIAL PRECONDITION FOR AN EFFECTIVE AID PROGRAM AND OUR ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE MEANINGFUL ASSISTANCE.

Q: HOW MUCH IS THE U.S. PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE?

-- WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF ASSESSING LEBANON'S NEEDS, INCLUDING THE SOUTH, AND AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, WILL CONSULT WITH CONGRESS ABOUT HOW BEST TO ADDRESS THESE NEEDS.

-- AS OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE JULY 27 PLANNING EVENT ILLUSTRATES, WE WANT TO SEE PEACE AND PROSPERITY RETURN TO LEBANON AND WILL BE INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO SUPPORT LEBANON'S RECONSTRUCTION NEEDS.

-- WE WILL NEED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON'S ABILITY TO MEET ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 425 AND 426 AND TO CREATE A UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 05 STATE 144407

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CLIMATE OF SECURITY AND STABILITY.

-- SPECIFICALLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON'S ABILITY TO REASSERT AUTHORITY OVER ALL OF LEBANON IS AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF A DONOR EFFORT.

(IF PRESSED)

-- WE PRESENTLY HAVE AN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LEBANON THAT SUPPORTS \$12-TO-15 MILLION ANNUALLY IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, AND SMALLER PROGRAMS FOR DEMINING AND TO PROMOTE CIVILIAN CONTROL OF THE MILITARY.

SYRIA: PRESIDENT AL-ASAD RELEASES POLITICAL PRISONERS?

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE RELEASE OF SCORES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS BY PRESIDENT BASHAR AL-ASAD?

-- WE HAVE SEEN THESE REPORTS THAT SOME INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH POLITICAL CRIMES HAVE BEEN OR ARE ABOUT TO BE RELEASED. WE WOULD WELCOME SUCH RELEASES, AS WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT.

(IF PRESSED):

-- WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THESE PRISONER RELEASES ARE SIMPLY IN KEEPING WITH THE SYRIAN TRADITION OF GRANTING

AMNESTIES AFTER A PRESIDENTIAL REFERENDUM OR ARE A STEP TOWARDS GREATER FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.

-- WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

Q: PRESS REPORTS ALSO SAY THAT PRESIDENT AL-ASAD HAS REPLACED THE HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT NEWS SERVICES. IS THIS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT?

-- WE HAVE SEEN THESE REPORTS.

-- WE HAVE LONG MADE CLEAR OUR CONCERN THAT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND FREEDOM OF THE PRESS BE RESPECTED AROUND THE WORLD.

-- WE ENCOURAGE ALL NATIONS TO RESPECT AND SAFEGUARD THE RIGHT OF THEIR PEOPLE TO A FREE AND INDEPENDENT MEDIA, AS RECOGNIZED BY INTERNATIONALLY-ACCEPTED HUMAN RIGHTS NORMS AND STANDARDS.

EGYPT: DETENTION OF DR. SAAD IBRAHIM

Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE DECISION TO CONTINUE THE DETENTION OF DR. SAAD EDDIN IBRAHIM?

-- WE ARE DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN OF YET ANOTHER EXTENSION OF DR. SAAD EDDIN IBRAHIM'S DETENTION.

-- THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF OUR CONCERN AND THE CONCERN OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY REGARDING THE EXTENDED DETENTION OF SAAD EDDINE IBRAHIM.

-- WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE DECISION TO PROLONG THIS DETENTION AND WE CALL UPON THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT TO MAKE CLEAR THE FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST HIM OR RELEASE HIM.

-- WE SHARE THE CONCERN OF OTHERS WHO QUESTION THE DETENTION OF AN INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED ADVOCATE OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND DEMOCRATIC REFORM IN THE REGION.

-- EGYPT RECENTLY ENDORSED THE WARSAW DECLARATION AT THE UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 05 STATE 144407

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COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES MEETING IN JUNE, WHICH COMMITS GOVERNMENTS TO UPHOLD DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES LIKE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND FREEDOM FROM ARBITRARY ARREST. THE UNITED STATES TAKES THESE COMMITMENTS SERIOUSLY AND EXPECTS THOSE COUNTRIES WHO ENDORSED IT TO LIVE UP TO THE PRINCIPLES TO WHICH THEY HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES.

Q: WILL THIS HAVE AN EFFECT ON US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS AND U.S. ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT?

-- WE HAVE A VERY STRONG BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, BASED ON A WIDE RANGE OF MUTUAL ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, MILITARY AND SECURITY INTERESTS. AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, WE HAVE A CLEAR INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY AROUND THE WORLD.

-- WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR DR. IBRAHIM'S RELEASE AND TO FOLLOW DR. IBRAHIM'S CASE CLOSELY.

Q: WILL HE EVENTUALLY BE CHARGED WITH A CRIME?

-- I DON'T KNOW. I HAVE TO REFER YOU TO THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT.

IRAQ: KURDISH LEADER TALEBANI VISIT TO ANKARA
(TAKEN QUESTION)

Q: CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE VISIT OF THE PATRIOTIC UNION OF KURDISTAN (PUK) LEADER JALAL TALEBANI TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ANKARA? WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT?

-- THE PATRIOTIC UNION OF KURDISTAN (PUK) LEADER JALAL TALEBANI VISITED WITH OFFICIALS OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN

ANKARA YESTERDAY AS A ROUTINE PART OF CONTINUING U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTACTS WITH KURDISH PARTIES.

-- IN OUR MEETINGS WITH MR. TALEBANI, WE ENCOURAGED FURTHER PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTING WASHINGTON RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT.

IRAQ: SCOTT RITTER TO IRAQ

Q: ANY COMMENT TO SCOTT RITTER GOING TO IRAQ?

-- I HAVE NO COMMENT ON MR. RITTER'S ACTIVITIES.

Q: ANY COMMENT ON HIS ASSERTIONS?

-- IRAQ MUST FULFILL THE DISARMAMENT-RELATED CONDITIONS OF THE CEASEFIRE MANDATED IN UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 687 AND ACCEPT UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1284 ALLOWING THE RETURN OF INSPECTORS TO IRAQ TO COMPLETE THE MISSION THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL HAS MANDATED.

-- TO DATE, IRAQ HAS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS INCLUDING TO DESTROY, REMOVE OR RENDER HARMLESS, UNDER INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION, ITS WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND LONG-RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILES.

-- OBVIOUSLY, WE DO NOT AGREE WITH MR. RITTER'S
ASSERTIONS. OUR OWN JUDGMENT ABOUT THE CONTINUED DANGERS
OF IRAQ'S WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROGRAMS HAS BEEN
FORMED BY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS
SPECIAL COMMISSION (UNSCOM) INSPECTIONS, OUR OWN
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INFORMATION, AND OUR ASSESSMENT OF SADDAM HUSSEIN'S PAST
BEHAVIOR AND FUTURE INTENTION.

Q: HAS THE FBI BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SCOTT RITTER ON HIS
VISIT?

-- YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK THE FBI.

CONTEXT: THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTED (28 JUL 00) THAT
SCOTT RITTER WAS TRAVELING TO IRAQ ON 29 JUL TO MAKE A
DOCUMENTARY. HE WILL BE VISITING EXISTING AND DESTROYED

WEAPON FACILITIES AND IS HOPING TO GET AN INTERVIEW WITH
SADDAM HUSSEIN. ALTHOUGH U.S. CITIZENS ARE PROHIBITED FROM
TRAVELING TO IRAQ, THERE IS AN EXEMPTION FOR JOURNALISTS

IRAQ: OIL-FOR-FOOD

Q. WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO REPORTS THAT THE UN APPROVED A
PLAN BY IRAQ TO DISTRIBUTE SUPPLIES UNDER THE OIL-FOR-FOOD
PROGRAM?

-- THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE UN MANAGED
OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM WHICH ALLOWS IRAQ TO SELL OIL FOR THE
PURCHASE OF FOOD, MEDICINE AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES
UNDER UN CONTROL.

-- THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THE FULL
DISTRIBUTION PLAN, WHICH OUTLINES PROPOSED PURCHASES OF
OVER \$7 BILLION WORTH OF HUMANITARIAN ITEMS OVER THE NEXT
SIX MONTHS, BUT WELCOMES THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S
APPROVAL OF THE PLAN. WE WILL REVIEW THE PLAN CAREFULLY
ONCE WE HAVE RECEIVED IT.

-- WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO CHARGES BY THE IRAQI
AMBASSADOR TO THE UN THAT THE US AND UK EFFECTIVELY KILLED
A UN PLAN TO STREAMLINE THE APPROVALS OF OIL SPARE PARTS
UNDER THIS PROGRAM?

-- RESOLUTION 1284 CALLED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
PANEL OF OIL EXPERTS WHO WOULD REVIEW CONTRACTS FOR PRE-
APPROVED OIL SECTOR INPUTS. THESE CONTRACTS WOULD NOT BE

REVIEWED BY THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE). THE UNITED STATES APPROVED THE GREAT MAJORITY OF ITEMS ON THE LIST OF OIL SECTOR INPUTS PROPOSED BY THE UN.

-- SOME PROPOSED ITEMS COULD NOT BE APPROVED EITHER BECAUSE THEY WERE CLEARLY ON THE UN'S 1051 LIST (INPUTS INTO WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION) OR THE DESCRIPTION WAS TOO VAGUE TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN ITEM WAS PROHIBITED UNDER 1051. WHEN ACTUAL CONTRACTS FOR THESE ITEMS ARE SIGNED, THEY WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE FULL UN SANCTIONS COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY CONTAIN DUAL USE EQUIPMENT OF SIGNIFICANT CONCERN.

-- ONCE AGAIN, THE COUNCIL IS MOVING FORWARD TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION 1284 AND IMPROVE THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN IRAQ, WHILE IRAQ IS REJECTING 1284.

BACKGROUND: IRAQ'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UN CHARGED THAT THE US AND UK EFFECTIVELY KILLED A UN INITIATIVE TO STREAMLINE APPROVALS FOR OIL SPARE PARTS UNDER THE OFF PROGRAM. RESOLUTION 1284 CALLED FOR PRE-APPROVAL OF SOME ITEMS FOR THE OIL PRODUCTION SECTOR. THE US WAS UNABLE TO APPROVE SOME ITEMS ON THE UN LIST BECAUSE OF DUAL USE CONCERNS OR LACK OF DETAILS.

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- P2 Relating to the appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA]
- P3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
- P4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
- P5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
- P6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]

C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

PRM. Personal record misfile defined in accordance with 44 U.S.C. 2201(3).

RR. Document will be reviewed upon request.

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

- b(1) National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
- b(2) Release would disclose internal personnel rules and practices of an agency [(b)(2) of the FOIA]
- b(3) Release would violate a Federal statute [(b)(3) of the FOIA]
- b(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- b(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- b(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]