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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 24, 2009 8:54 AM
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Fyi - we should do handwritten notes to them

From: Jacobs, Janice L
To: Mills, Cheryl D; Kennedy, Patrick F
Sent: Thu Dec 24 08:20:38 2009
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I thought I would share this heartfelt message from Patricia Lamego de Teixeira Soares, the head of Brazil's Central Authority, the office responsible for Hague Convention abduction cases. You will see that in spite of our efforts to protect the son, the Brazilian family chose to make a spectacle outside the Consulate this morning by parading Sean through a crowd. Ms. Lamego recently visited the U.S. where she met with members of Congress and others to explain all that the Brazilian Central Authority was doing to reunite Sean and his father under the Hague Convention. The delays we saw in this case were largely the result of a wealthy, well connected family able to influence court decisions.

We are all relieved and thrilled to see this long overdue but very happy ending. I should also highlight the amazing work done by US Mission Brazil. The consular staff, Charge, Acting DCM (Marie Damour, the Consul General in Brasilia), LegATT, RSO, and a host of others all played a role in this successful return. My OCS DAS, Michele Bond, and her dedicated team also played a big role in communicating with David, his lawyers, Congress, and the press. We had Members of Congress, former Assistant Secretaries and US Ambassadors all pitching in. While there were disagreements at times over tactics, we all agreed that we were working towards the same goal: the safe return of Sean.

We particularly appreciate the strong support from the Secretary. Many people will try to take credit for today's happy reunion but it was the Secretary's continued concern and interest in this case that made the difference. We could not have provided a better gift to David Goldman during this season of giving. Janice

From: Bond, Michele T
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Here is the message from Patricia Lamego. Heartfelt.

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Dear All,

The Goldman case finally came to an end, and despite the efforts of all involved the hand over of the child to the US Consulate in Rio was transformed into a deplorable display of the child walking in the streets with the maternal family, being exposed to the media and to the public that surrounded the consulate.

I'm sorry this had to happen but it seems that Mr. Sergio Tostes, the maternal family's attorney, did not feel at all embarrassed to use and expose the child, who was probably under severe stress, in order to gather support for his position. This most despicable man is not accepting the fact that, despite his life long relationships with influential authorities in Brazil, he was unable to win the case and Sean is finally being reunited with his only real father.

I just hope that David and the Goldman family find enough time to recover their lives and their relationship with Sean. They need time more than anything else and now it is up to the US government to guarantee that David Goldman will not have to face the maternal family once again in the US courts where, according to Mr. Tostes last declaration to the Brazilian press, he will "fight to defend the child".

Please allow David Goldman to live in peace with his son and have the life that he deserves after fighting so much for so many years.

In my name and in the name of all the staff of the Brazilian Central Authority I wish David, Sean, and their family all the best and a most happy life once they are finally back in the United States.

And to all of you who worked so much in support of this case, our deepest gratitude. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Best regards,

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