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Make that Delta 003.

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PJ.

It is not the ending. We understand that the British have now agreed to allow those who benefited from our letter (in which we listed those whom we believe to be American citizens) to go to the UK. (To the best of my knowledge, the Canadians have not provided a similar letter to those whom they believe are Canadians.) We believe the group will be on Delta 0036 directly to Heathrow later today.

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A media update, CNN just called for a comment after the British rejected the letter. I told CNN that we provided the team/delegation the waiver letter earlier this afternoon. I quoted from it that the waiver, which applied to 28 individuals, was a limited authorization for departure from and re-entry in the United States. I made clear during the briefing that even though we granted the waiver they needed to gain visas from the UK. So, there is a sad ending to the story, but I also made clear during the briefing that the unique situation that they found themselves in stemmed from their decision not to apply for a U.S. passport. I'll keep you updated on the media play.

ΡJ