RELEASE IN PART B1,1.4(B),1.4(D),B5,B6

From:	Mills, Cheryl D < MillsCD@state.gov>		
Sent:	Tuesday, January 19, 2010 7:43 AM		
To:			
Subject:	FW: urgent: new info on Aristide		
See below - thoughts	Classified by DAS, A/GIS, DoS on 10/30/2015 ~ Class: CONFIDENTIAL ~ Reason: 1.4(B), 1.4(I ~ Declassify on: 01/16/2020		
Jacobson, Roberta S; V Curtis, Meghann A; Me Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N	A; Gips, Donald H; Reynoso, Julissa; Kelly, Craig A; Page, Susan D; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); /alke, Susan F; 'Daniel_ARestrepo; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; ten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E; Lambert, Christopher A ; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B; on, Johnnie; Verma, Richard R		
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From: Gips, Donald H

To: Mills, Cheryl D; Reynoso, Julissa; Kelly, Craig A; Page, Susan D; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Jacobson, Roberta S;

 Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo______; Carraway, Cassandra B;

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Yamamoto, Donald Y; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Curtis, Meghann A; Merten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E; Lambert, Christopher A Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B; Gonzalez, Juan S; Carson, Johnnie; Verma, Richard R Sent: Tue Jan 19 05:09:48 2010 Subject: Re: urgent: new info on Aristide				
A friend of the Anstides talked to Mrs Aristide yesterday and	B 5			
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From: Mills, Cheryl D To: Gips, Donald H; Reynoso, Julissa; Kelly, Craig A; Page, Susan D; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Jacobson, Roberta S; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_ARestrepo; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Curtis, Meghann A; Merten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E; Lambert, Christopher A Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B; Gonzalez, Juan S; Carson, Johnnie; Verma, Richard R Sent: Tue Jan 19 10:12:58 2010 Subject: Re: urgent: new info on Aristide Agree	B6			
From: Gips, Donald H To: Reynoso, Julissa; Kelly, Craig A; Page, Susan D; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Jacobson, Roberta S; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_ARestrepo ; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Curtis, Meghann A; Merten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E; Mills, Cheryl D; Lambert, Christopher A Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B; Gonzalez, Juan S; Carson, Johnnie Sent: Tue Jan 19 03:07:33 2010 Subject: Re: urgent: new info on Aristide	B5			
I would recommend that	i			
From: Reynoso, Julissa To: Kelly, Craig A; Page, Susan D; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Jacobson, Roberta S; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_ARestrepo 'Baniel_ARestrepo 'Gips, Donald H; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Curtis, Meghann A; Merten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E; Mills, Cheryl D; Lambert, Christopher A Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B; Gonzalez, Juan S Sent: Tue Jan 19 04:25:31 2010 Subject: RE: urgent: new info on Aristide Re Roberta's email that is seeing A for lunch now-which she says is a bit unusual but difficult to know what to read into that. She has if someone wants to reach." Our understanding is that there has been very little sign of A since 1/15 which is a cause of concern. Can Pretoria confirm Thanks, Julissa	B6 B5			
From: Kelly, Craig A Sent: Monday, January 18, 2010 9:28 AM To: Page, Susan D; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Jacobson, Roberta S; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_ARestrepo; Gips, Donald H; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa; Curtis, Meghann A; Merten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E; Mills, Cheryl D; Lambert, Christopher A Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B; Gonzalez, Juan S Subject: Re: urgent: new info on Aristide	B6			

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That would be logical follow-up to Arturo's efforts with Fernandez and Preval today in Santo Domingo.

From: Page, Susan D	
To: La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria): Jacobson, Roberta S; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_ARestrepo	B6
; Gips, Donald H; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A;	1
Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa; Curtis, Meghann A; Merten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E	
Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B;	
Gonzalez, Juan S	
Sent: Mon Jan 18 09:24:45 2010	
Subject: Re: urgent: new info on Aristide	1
Former President Clinton is supposed to meet with Haitian President Preval today,	B5
-Susan Page	
From: La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria)	
To: Jacobson, Roberta S; Page, Susan D; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_ARestrepo	B6
Gips, Donald H; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A;	00
Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa; Curtis, Meghann A; Merten, Kenneth H; Lindwall, David E	
Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B;	:
Gonzalez, Juan S	
Sent: Mon Jan 18 09:08:45 2010	
Subject: Re: urgent: new info on Aristide	I
Just to clarify, it was not my sense from talking to the French that a departure by Aristide was imminent. The SAG position	
remains that if he decides to go, they would not prevent him from leaving. Ambassador Gips will return to Pretoria in an	i
hour and can reach out to the Dep Foreign Minister to see where things stand. Helen	:
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From: Jacobson, Roberta S	
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To: Page, Susan D; Walke, Susan F; ; ; Gips, Donald H; Carraway, Cassandra B;	
Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa; Curtis, Meghann A; Merten, Kenneth H;	
Lindwall, David E Cal Pflaumar, Walter Ny Bedrieven, Karan My De Dinne, Valie My In Line, Halen, (Dustryis), Busyan, G. a.K. D. H. Eli, J. H.	
Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth	
Susie; Diop, Margaret B; Gonzalez, Juan S	
Sent: Mon Jan 18 14:03:14 2010	
Subject: Re: urgent: new info on Aristide	
All: just got call from Helen La Lime, DCN Pretona. Article in newspaper there says A being assisted by SAG to leave;	B5
Article has	DO
vague quote at end about SAG saving people must believe A has no interest in politics, only development. She has also learned is seeing A for lunch now-which she savs is a bit unusual but difficult to	1
She has also learned is seeing A for lunch now-which she says is a bit unusual but difficult to know what to read into that. She has if someone wants to reach.	
Arturo:	
Thanks.	
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From: Page, Susan D	_
To: Jacobson, Roberta S; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_ARestrepo ; Gips,	B6
Donald H; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa	
Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth	
Susie; Diop, Margaret B	
Sent: Sun Jan 17 15:27:23 2010 Subject: Re: Aristide offers to return to Haiti	

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-Susan Page	
From: Jacobson, Roberta S To: Page, Susan D; Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_ARestrepo Donald H; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B Sent: Sun Jan 17 08:44:58 2010 Subject: Re: Aristide offers to return to Haiti	B6
Amb Gips: there is consideration Can u please let us know your view of the Man thanks. Roberta.	B5
From: Page, Susan D To: Walke, Susan F; 'Daniel_ARestrepo ; Gips, Donald H; Jacobson, Roberta S; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B Sent: Sat Jan 16 22:52:28 2010 Subject: Re: Aristide offers to return to Haiti	B6
Thanks to all for your work on this issue. I'm reachable by phone/e-mail so let me know if there's anything I can do to assist over the long weekend.	
Regards, AF DAS Susan Page	
From: Walke, Susan F To: 'Restrepo, Daniel A.' <daniel_arestrepo; d;<br="" donald="" gips,="" h;="" jacobson,="" page,="" roberta="" s;="" susan="">Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Brown, Sue K; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Diop, Margaret B Sent: Sat Jan 16 22:39:43 2010 Subject: RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti</daniel_arestrepo;>	
Dear all,	
I am looping in my office director and others in the AF/S office following this issue. Please copy them in future messages.	
Thank you,	
Susan Walke Desk Officer for South Africa	
From: Restrepo, Daniel A. [mailto:Daniel_ARestrepo Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2010 12:44 PM To: Gips, Donald H; Jacobson, Roberta S; Page, Susan D; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa	

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Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria) **Subject:** RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

Mr. Ambassador –

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Thanks. Dan		
From: Gips, Donald H [mailto:GipsDH@state.gov] Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2010 12:43 PM To: Restrepo, Daniel A.; Jacobson, Roberta S; Page, Susan D; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria) Subject: Re: Aristide offers to return to Haiti		
Lam close to here and can call him	B1 1.4(D) B5	
From: Restrepo, Daniel A. To: Jacobson, Roberta S; Gips, Donald H; Page, Susan D; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria) Sent: Sat Jan 16 19:31:51 2010 Subject: RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti] B	
 From: Jacobson, Roberta S [mailto:JacobsonRS@state.gov] Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2010 12:26 PM To: Gips, Donald H; Page, Susan D; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A; Reynoso, Julissa Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Restrepo, Daniel A. Subject: Re: Aristide offers to return to Haiti 		
See below from Amb Gips. I expect to hear from Alex shortly; she was in a press conf w/PM.		
From: Gips, Donald H To: Jacobson, Roberta S; Page, Susan D; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretorla) Sent: Sat Jan 16 12:18:08 2010 Subject: Re: Aristide offers to return to Haiti		
I have just spoken with the SAG Deputy Foreign Minister.	1.4(B) 1.4(D) B1	

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Gips, Donald H; Page, Susan D; Carraway, Cassandra B; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Kelly, Craig A; Valenzuela, Arturo A Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria) ht: Sat Jan 16 16:40:23 2010 bject: Re: Aristide offers to return to Haiti	
y grateful ambassador, thanks.	
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uro, Craig: we may want to think-	
anks. Roberta.	
om: Gips, Donald H : Page, Susan D; Carraway, Cassandra B; Jacobson, Roberta S; Yamamoto, Donald Y : Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; De Pirro, Velia M; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria) nt: Sat Jan 16 04:05:33 2010 bject: Re: Aristide offers to return to Haiti	-
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nt: Fri Jan 15 18:46:34 2010	
bject : RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti ssandra et al,	
anks very much for this latest information. I've just spoken to DAS Jacobson and]
Keep us posted as you learn more.	
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(Pretoria); Gips, Donald H **Subject:** RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

While we don't have definitive answers,

We are standing by.

Cassandra
Political officer
Embassy Pretoria
From: Jacobson, Roberta S
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 6:07 PM
To: Carraway, Cassandra B; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Gips, Donald H
Cc: Pflaumer, Walter N; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F; Page, Susan D; De Pirro, Velia M
Subject: RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti Importance: High
Thank you. Before doing anything what we're hoping to get from you all is a good sense of current
state of play: how much
Information along the lines of the above
would be most helpful.
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Note to Amb. Gips and DCM La Lime: I was going to call one of you with the above questions,
but had wanted to be able to give a heads up to AF/FO first, but have been
unable to reach Susan Page. Many thanks for anything you can help us with on this. Roberta
Roberta S. Jacobson
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs
Department of State
(202)-647-8387

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From: Carraway, Cassandra B Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 10:43 AM To: Jacobson, Roberta S Cc: La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Gips, Donald H; Pflaumer, Walter N Subject: RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti	; Rodriguez, Karen M; Walke, Susan F
Roberta,	
I've spoken with the Haiti desk officer Karen Rodriguez, offering to	help if we can. One suggestion is to
	We will not do anything until we have a go-
ahead from Washington.	
Cassandra	
Political officer	
Embassy Pretoria	,
	,
From: Pflaumer, Walter N Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 5:18 PM To: Jacobson, Roberta S Cc: Carraway, Cassandra B; La Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Gips, Dona Subject: RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti Yes, Amb. Gips is here. My colleague Cassandra Carraway met Arist accompanied the Secretary in August). Regards, Terry Pflaumer Walter N.S. Pflaumer Political Counselor, Embassy, Pretoria PflaumerWN@state.gov	
From: Jacobson, Roberta S Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 5:03 PM To: Pflaumer, Walter N Subject: RE: Aristide offers to return to Haiti	
Walter: Many thanks for your help so far. As you might imagine, the 7 th floor, about statement and possibility that he might are being asked to reach out to you all as well. Is your ambassador	try to return. WHA/CAR is in touch with AF, but we
Paharta S. Jacobaan	

Roberta S. Jacobson Deputy Assistant Secretary Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs Department of State (202)-647-8387

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From: Pflaumer, Walter N
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 9:23 AM
To: Luoma-Overstreet, Charles E
Cc: WHA-Press; Jacobson, Roberta S; Walke, Susan F; Diop, Margaret B; Pratt, Elizabeth Susie; Namde, Joyce W; La
Lime, Helen - (Pretoria); Hudson-Dean, Sharon; Trudeau, Elizabeth K; (U) Pretoria_POL-DL
Subject: FW: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

Note the highlighted statement from a South African Official, Saul Molobi, DIRCO's chief director for public diplomacy, who says the SAG knows of no plans by Aristide to return. Regards, Terry Pflaumer

Walter N.S. Pflaumer Political Counselor x4170

Haiti's exiled former president vows to

return

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15 Jan 10

Jean-Bertrand Aristide says he is ready to help rebuild Haiti in wake of earthquake

- <u>Buzz up!</u>
- <u>Digg it</u>
- David Smith in Johannesburg
- Article history

A tearful Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the exiled former president of <u>Haiti</u>, announced his intention today to return to his quake-devastated homeland.

Aristide, who has been based in <u>South Africa</u> since he was ousted in a 2004 rebellion, said he wanted to help rebuild his country in the wake of Tuesday's disaster, thought to have killed tens of thousands.

"We feel deeply and profoundly that we should be there, in Haiti, with them, trying our best to prevent death," Aristide told a press conference at an airport hotel in Johannesburg, standing alongside his wife, Mildred. He said friends were ready to give him a plane to return with emergency supplies.

Tears streaming down his face, Aristide continued: "We cannot wait to be with our sisters and brothers in Haiti. We share the anguish of all Haitians in the diaspora who are desperate to reach family and loved ones.

"As far as we are concerned we are ready to leave today, tomorrow, at any time to join the people of Haiti, to share in their suffering, help rebuild the country, moving from misery to poverty with dignity."

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Aristide's wife stood with her eyes downcast, twisting a handkerchief. Both dabbed their eyes as they left after the brief statement.

A South African foreign affairs ministry official, Saul Kgomotso Molobi, said Aristide would not take questions because "the situation is difficult and unbearable for the family". **He added that South Africa knew of no plans for Aristide to return to Haiti.**

Aristide was a priest in the Haitian slum of La Saline before becoming the country's first elected president in 1990. He was ousted in a military coup the following year, then restored to power by US troops in 1994.

After stepping down, he was re-elected in 2000 but ousted again in a bloody 2004 rebellion.

He has rarely spoken in public since he was flown to South Africa on a US plane, though he released a statement earlier this week expressing solidarity with Haitians.

"It is a tragedy that defies expression, a tragedy that compels all people to the highest levels of human compassion and solidarity," he said.

Haitian protesters have periodically called for Aristide's return over the years. In speeches relayed to supporters in Haiti from South Africa, he has hinted at going back, but said he merely wants to be a teacher.

Aristide and his wife live with their two daughters in a government villa in Pretoria. The couple have embraced an academic life, with Aristide writing on the linguistics of Zulu and Haitian Creole, as well as on the theology of love.

From: Shepperson, Michael S Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 3:54 PM To: Pflaumer, Walter N Subject: Aristide offers to return to Haiti

Hi Terry

This all that's out

http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jan/15/haiti-exiled-former-president-aristide

http://www.news24.com/Content/World/News/1073/e6a493e627794e6bb2fff19e77982b9a/15-01-2010-10-38/Haitis Aristide wishes to return

This is the DIRCO contact who was at the briefing Enquiries: Mr Saul K. Molobi, Chief Director: Public Diplomacy: 082-940-1647

Thanks Mike