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0845 (CDM chaired)

Lebanon Security Assistance

Jack is willing to [redacted] but Rich and he believe [redacted].
[redacted] Bill agreed this could [redacted]
in light of [redacted] Cheryl, Rich and Jack agreed it
[redacted]

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Congress

Cheryl asked Rich to provide an analysis of the impact of possible post-election changes in the Congress on State's interests. Rich said the outcome might have an impact on the willingness of the lame duck session to do anything. Current projections have the House flipping to the Republicans, and Republicans picking up 6-9 seats in the Senate. If that holds, Republicans are likely to seek immediate adjournment of the lame duck, and we'll need 60 votes to do anything. Nevertheless, some departing members of Congress will have reason to press to keep things running to take some action. Work continues on our four outstanding nominations on the Senate floor. Eisen will probably get a recess appointment; the earliest that could happen would be during the week of 11/22, and such an appointment would only run through the end of 2011.

Meanwhile, Anne-Marie heard that Berman might unveil legislation in advance of the QDDR announcement to call for moving all crisis management operations, including S/CRS, to USAID. Rich said he expected the full Berman bill on State authorities would likely not come before the end of the year.

AfPak

Karzai still has not signed the clarification letter on private security contractors; will reportedly be discussed [redacted]
[redacted] PJ is getting questions about US support for peace initiative with Taliban. NYT is working on a story about David Headley's wife. RCH [redacted] said maybe we should [redacted]
[redacted] we can't
take such a decision without S approval, [redacted]

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0915 (JBS chaired)

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Bob Hormats noted the [redacted] deadline for the USG to determine whether [redacted]
[redacted] If we accept [redacted]
[redacted] D(S) pointed out that [redacted]
[redacted]

PRM

Eric Schwartz thanked AF for its persistence in pressing the Kenyan government to take the 62 African migrants aboard the USS Pearl Harbor. He also reported on his trip to Afghanistan and Pakistan. He said 100,000 Afghan refugees had returned from Pakistan in the past year. They need to do a better job of reintegrating those refugees.

NEA

Ron Schlicher said President Ahmadinejad would travel to southern Lebanon today. He did not anticipate any incendiary events, but the visit has put Lebanon in a negative light on the Hill, where the Lowey-Berman holds on USD 100 million of FMF to Lebanon remain in place.

WHA

The mood in Chile is jubilant following the miners' rescue.

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McCain and Kyl staffs have reiterated a request for a briefing on arms sales to Georgia.

INR

There are reports that wikileaks might soon release the next tranche of 400,000 classified documents. These documents are principally from DoD and focused on Iraq. Phil Goldberg indicated there are reports the head of wikileaks might be interested in selling some of the documents to foreign bidders.