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Sorry to send this late

But as discussed, here is the answer to McCain's question about funneling more \$ through the SOC

- The SOC is a very new organization -- midwifed by Ambassador Ford only a few short months ago. We've been working closely with it to develop its capacity to help direct humanitarian assistance.
- We're also coming to terms with it on direct assistance for the organization -- supporting staff salaries and overhead, for instance. And we're trying to coordinate with its assistance arm the Assistance Support Unit on an assistance shipment to Aleppo, in addition to other aid.
- It's a work in progress, but we are in fact making much progress in a short time. The larger problem is that the needs are just overwhelming.