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From:

Mills, Cheryl D < MillsCD@state.gov>

Sent:

Monday, March 14, 2011 4:02 PM

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Subject:

FW: S/HSC guidance

Per my prior email

From: Toner, Mark C

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 2:58 PM

To: Shah, Preeti V; Adams, David S; Merten, Kenneth H; Adams, Thomas C; Mills, Cheryl D

Cc: Mcdonald, Kara C; Hammer, Michael A; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo

Subject: RE: S/HSC guidance

And here's AP:

US urges Aristide to delay return to Haiti

The Associated Press Monday, March 14, 2011; 2:37 PM

WASHINGTON -- The Obama administration says ex-Haitian president Jean-Bertrand Aristide risks destabilizing Haiti if he returns from exile ahead of a presidential runoff vote Sunday.

State Department spokesman Mark Toner acknowledged Aristide's right to return from South Africa. But he said returning this week "can only be seen as a conscious choice to impact Haiti's elections."

Toner urged Aristide to "delay his return until after the electoral process has concluded to permit the Haitian people to cast their ballots in a peaceful atmosphere."

A South African official last week said Aristide planned to return within days.

The former slum priest was Haiti's first democratically elected president and remains popular with the poor.

Aristide fled Haiti in 2004 on a U.S. plane. He accused U.S. diplomats of kidnapping him. Washington denies the charge.

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From: Shah, Preeti V

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 2:27 PM

To: Adams, David S; Merten, Kenneth H; Adams, Thomas C; Mills, Cheryl D

Cc: Mcdonald, Kara C; Hammer, Michael A; Toner, Mark C; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo

Subject: RE: S/HSC guidance

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AFP has filed on the statement Mark read, here it is.

US urges ex-Haitian leader Aristide to delay return

(AFP) - 53 minutes ago

WASHINGTON — The United States has urged former president Jean-Bertrand Aristide to postpone his planned return to Haiti until after Sunday's elections, saying his presence may be "destabilizing."

State Department spokesman Mark Toner said Monday the decision to allow Aristide to end seven years in exile was "up to the government of Haiti."

But he noted that the announcement of Aristide's imminent return ahead of the March 20 second round presidential vote "can only be seen as a conscious choice to impact Haiti's elections."

"We would urge former president Aristide to delay his return until after the electoral process has concluded, to permit the Haitian people to cast their ballots in a peaceful atmosphere," the spokesman said.

"To return prior to the election may potentially be destabilizing to the political process."

On Friday, Aristide's aides said the former leader was poised to leave South Africa where he has lived in exile and that his return to Haiti was "imminent."

Washington previously had warned that Aristide's return would be an unwelcome distraction as the Caribbean nation goes to the polls on March 20 to choose a successor to President Rene Preval.

November's first-round election was marred by violence and fraud and the shattered country is still struggling to rebuild after a devastating earthquake 14 months ago that killed some 250,000 people.

Haitian authorities issued Aristide with a new passport at the beginning of February and the path now appears clear for the three-time former president to return.

The charismatic shantytown priest burst onto the scene in 1985 to oppose Haiti's authoritarian rule, riding his reputation as a champion of the poor Catholic majority to become the first democratically elected president.

Aristide served as president on three occasions and was ousted from office twice, eventually fleeing a 2004 popular uprising aboard a US plane, in turn accused of massive corruption and violence.

He remains a popular figure in certain quarters in Haiti, especially in the capital's teeming slums, and in the tent cities that have sprung up since the January 2010 earthquake where many decry the slow pace of progress.

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From: Adams, David S

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 1:27 PM

To: Merten, Kenneth H; Adams, Thomas C; Mills, Cheryl D; Shah, Preeti V

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Cc: Mcdonald, Kara C; Hammer, Michael A; Toner, Mark C; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo **Subject:** RE: S/HSC guidance We spoke to Rep Waters' staff. They were grateful for the heads up but had not other questions or reactions. More to come, I'm sure. This email is UNCLASSIFIED. From: Merten, Kenneth H **Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 11:55 AM To: Adams, Thomas C; Mills, Cheryl D; Shah, Preeti V Cc: Mcdonald, Kara C; Hammer, Michael A; Toner, Mark C; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo Adams, David S Subject: Re: S/HSC guidance Yes. She might be upset if she has to cancel a non-refundable ticket! KM From: Adams, Thomas C To: Merten, Kenneth H; Mills, Cheryl D; Shah, Preeti V Cc: Mcdonald, Kara C; Hammer, Michael A; Toner, Mark C; 'Daniel_A._Restrepo Adams, David S <Daniel_A._Restrepd **Sent**: Mon Mar 14 10:54:38 2011 **Subject**: Re: S/HSC guidance Will be interesting to see if she reveals any travel plans of her own in this regard. Tom From: Merten, Kenneth H Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 11:47 AM To: Mills, Cheryl D; Shah, Preeti V; Adams, Thomas C Cc: Mcdonald, Kara C; Hammer, Michael A; Toner, Mark C; 'daniel_A._restrepo <daniel_A._restrepo Adams, David S Subject: Re: S/HSC guidance Exactly. Reach out to Ms Waters is a good idea. She will not/not be happy though. KM From: Mills, Cheryl D To: Shah, Preeti V; Adams, Thomas C Cc: Mcdonald, Kara C; Hammer, Michael A; Toner, Mark C; 'daniel_A._restrepo <daniel_A._restrepo ; Merten, Kenneth H; Adams, David S Sent: Mon Mar 14 10:38:35 2011 **Subject**: RE: S/HSC guidance Adding Dan and Ken

This will make news - but b/l that is our goal.

The one issue I see is that we should reach out to Maxine before this hits so she knows that our position is one of timing rather than ever.

(Dave – can we reach out to do that call before Mark briefs?)					
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From: Shah, Preeti V

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 11:35 AM **To:** Mills, Cheryl D; Adams, Thomas C

Cc: Mcdonald, Kara C; Hammer, Michael A; Toner, Mark C

Subject: RE: S/HSC guidance

How does something like this look? I've combined the points and added a 'in response to a number of queries'.

Statement on Possible Return of former President Aristide to Haiti

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From: Mills, Cheryl D

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 11:34 AM

To: Adams, Thomas C

Cc: Shah, Preeti V; Mcdonald, Kara C; Hammer, Michael A; Toner, Mark C

Subject: RE: S/HSC guidance

I would prefer it to be in response to a question – if not doable, then he should say in respond to questions we have received regarding aristide . . .

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From: Adams, Thomas C

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 11:15 AM

To: Mills, Cheryl D

Cc: Shah, Preeti V; Mcdonald, Kara C Subject: FW: S/HSC guidance

I think it would be a good idea to deploy our press guidance today.

Tom

From: Shah, Preeti V

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 11:13 AM **To:** Adams, Thomas C; Mcdonald, Kara C

Subject: FW: S/HSC guidance

Any info on whether CDM wants Mark to make a statement on Aristide before today's special briefing (it's on a trip to Tunisia and Egypt)? Mark's asking.

Thanks

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From: Toner, Mark C

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 11:11 AM

To: Shah, Preeti V

Subject: RE: S/HSC guidance

Cheryl Mills said to Mike that she might want me to say something on Aristide at the top of today's special briefing. Is that this? Can you check on whether that's still the case?

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From: Shah, Preeti V [mailto:ShahPV@state.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 11:02 AM

To: PA PO Group

Subject: S/HSC guidance

Attached please find today's Haiti guidance.

Thank you,

Preeti

Preeti Shah Haiti Special Coordinator's Office (HSC) phone 202-647-9468

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