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We need to make sure we get to clear on whatever statements DHS makes on this. I am sure it will be problematic back in Pakistan. PJ

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The Schwartz in question is not/not A/S Schwartz but the Communications Coordinator at Embassy Islamabad, Larry Schwartz.

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Colleagues –

A group of Pakistani Parliamentarians traveling to the United States on an ECA-sponsored program were subjected to “full body screening” when they arrived at Reagan National Airport earlier today. The members of the group felt they were handled in a discriminatory fashion and decided the situation was such that they should cancel the trip and return home. They are currently at Washington Dulles Airport with Diane Crow, ECA, and an Urdu speaker, who are liaising with TSA representatives at Dulles to clear them for the return flight. They are booked on United 982 (Dulles-Kuwait City, Kuwait) scheduled for wheels up at 2215 EST tonight. They are subject to secondary screening before boarding this evening’s flight at Dulles. Brent Hartley, SCA, has been working the issue today. At 1930 EST, the Watch convened a conference call with DHS NOC, Mr. Hartley, Ms. Crow, and the Watch. We understand A/S Schwartz may have raised this to Ambassador Holbrooke’s attention.

Regards,

Philip Beekman

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