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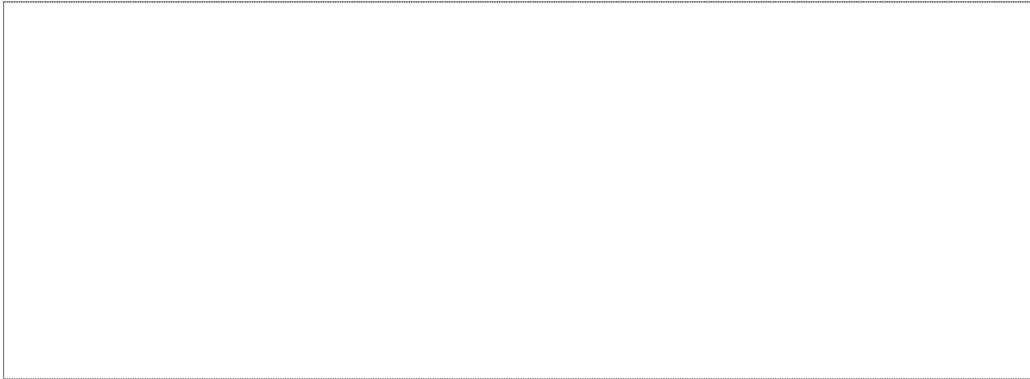
Dear Assistant Secretary Schwartz and Assistant Secretary Carson:

To implement Secretary Clinton's policy guidance on humanitarian and other assistance for Somalia, while also remaining in compliance with OFAC sanctions and the September 16 OFAC memorandum to State, last month USAID provided the World Food Program (WFP) with proposed language for several conditions for future grants. We have previously shared these conditions with you. On Friday, October 23, USAID received from WFP the attached letter addressing the proposed conditions.

As you know, USAID is committed to moving forward as quickly as possible with humanitarian assistance in Somalia. To this end, we have reviewed WFP's letter and believe that most of WFP's key points can be accommodated. Specifically, we believe that the following changes are permissible and would appreciate your concurrence that these comport with the Secretary's policy position.



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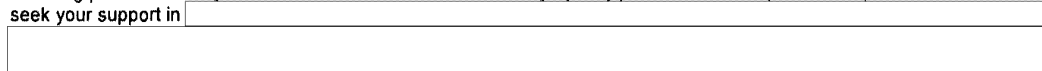
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With respect to two points, however, we seek your opinion as to whether the WFP proposal is consistent with the policy established by Secretary Clinton, namely,

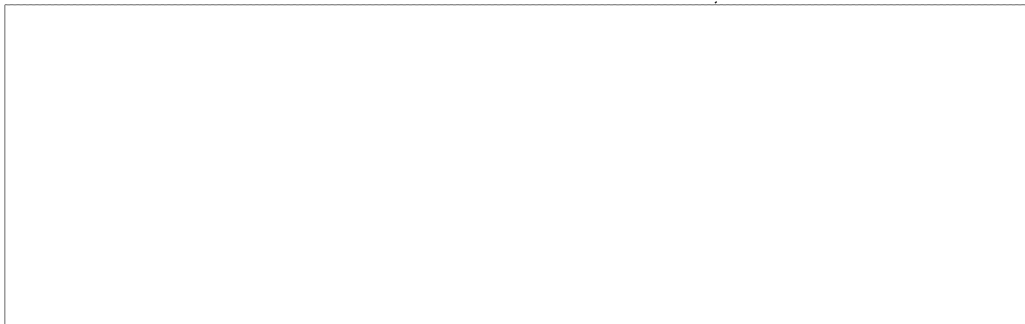


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If you are of the view that one or both of the following points raised by WFP are consistent with the Secretary's policy position and thus permissible, we would then seek your support in



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Given the urgency of the humanitarian situation in Somalia, and the fact that WFP's current pipeline of assistance will soon be coming to an end, I would be grateful for your reply as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Jeff Borns
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Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance

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