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**Fw: Kucinich to Gaza**

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Despite personal briefing to Rep. Kucinich by a senior DS official he has decided to proceed to Gaza (with spouse we think). Not clear how he is getting to Gaza.

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Private trip sponsored by a Cleveland-based NGO called Access Ohio. Egyptian MFA is handling the logistics and is expecting an arrival in Cairo on the afternoon of Saturday, Feb 14, possible mtgs that day (Mubarak, Aboul-Gheit, Soliman, Abounaga and former AMBs Al-Reedy and Shaker have been requested; no confirmations except no from Aboul-Gheit), overnight in Cairo, and then travel to Rafah and into Gaza on Sunday, Feb 15. Rep Kucinich would like to exit Gaza into Israel through Erez, but it's unclear when. Egyptian MFA has asked MOD to provide transport from Cairo to Rafah. MFA is also coordinating airport pick-up, transport within Cairo and hotel accommodations for the night of Feb 14.

POC at the Cleveland-based NGO said that the purpose of the trip to the region is to enter Gaza, and that Ohio constituents have asked Rep Kucinich to do this. Dates could get pushed back a few days because of the stimulus vote. Rep Kucinich's staffer Amy Vossbrinck told me she thinks Kucinich may want to travel from Israel to Doha.