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From: H <hdr22@clintonemail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 2:39 PM
To: Sullivan, Jacob J
Subject: Re: possible pull-aside with PM Najib Mikati

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I'm ok w it as pull aside w specific points. [redacted]

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Sent from my iPad

On Aug 30, 2011, at 1:43 PM, "Sullivan, Jacob J" <SullivanJJ@state.gov> wrote:

FYI, see chain below. [redacted]

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From: Burns, William J
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 9:58 AM
To: Sullivan, Jacob J
Subject: RE: possible pull-aside with PM Najib Mikati

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From: Burns, William J
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 08:32 AM
To: Feltman, Jeffrey D; Abedin, Huma; Wells, Alice G; Sullivan, Jacob J
Cc: Shannon, Thomas A (P); Walles, Jacob; Connelly, Maura
Subject: RE: possible pull-aside with PM Najib Mikati

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From: Feltman, Jeffrey D
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 8:27 AM
To: Abedin, Huma; Wells, Alice G; Sullivan, Jacob J
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Huma, Jake, Alice --

Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati will be in Paris for the Libya meeting; he is also coming to UNGA (as is Lebanese President Michel Sleiman), although under his current schedule probably won't get there until after S's departure. Mikati, who became PM after Hizballah and its allies toppled Saad Hariri's cabinet, has long yearned for some kind of positive sign from us. He's someone I worked with in Lebanon, during his first term as PM, and in many ways he's easier to deal with than Saad --

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I know that there is no time for a bilat with Mikati in Paris, and New York is tight as well (assuming S and Najib are there at the same time). But we think there's value in an S pull-aside with Mikati in Paris

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So I propose that S do a pull-aside with Mikati (I can orchestrate it with him earlier) and tell him that there are two issues in particular of real importance to the United States:

-- Lebanon fulfilling its funding commitment to the Special Tribunal for Lebanon;

-- Lebanon not standing in the way or voting against a resolution in New York on Syria.

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