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HIRC HILLEL WEINBERG AND FRANK RECORD, AND TO CHRIS  
CONNELLY, CHIEF OF STAFF OF CONG. JO ANN DAVIS

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1. (SBU) SUMMARY: THE BIENNIAL TRANSATLANTIC LEGISLATORS' DIALOGUE (TLD) MEETINGS WERE HELD IN WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA ON NOVEMBER 13-16 (LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN PARAS 20-21). THE SIX MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND TEN MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (MEP'S) REVIEWED THE DRAFT EU CONSTITUTIONAL TREATY, AND HELD A BROAD DISCUSSION ON CURRENT POLITICAL AND SECURITY ISSUES WHERE US AND EUROPEAN VIEWS FREQUENTLY CONFLICT, INCLUDING <<IRAN>>, <<IRAQ>>, THE MIDDLE EAST, THE WAR ON TERROR, AND GUANTANAMO. THE TLD ALSO OFFERED OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE ENGAGEMENT WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (EP) ON IMPORTANT ISSUES TO THE USG WHERE THE EP PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE, SUCH AS USG ACCESS TO PASSENGER NAME RECORD (PNR) DATA, EU CHEMICALS POLICY, AND INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE. THE NEXT TLD MEETING IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE SPRING IN DUBLIN. END SUMMARY.

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DRAFT EU CONSTITUTIONAL TREATY  
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2. (SBU) THE DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND A DEBATE AMONG THE MEPS ON WHETHER A DRAFT CONSTITUTIONAL TREATY WOULD TRANSFER SOVEREIGNTY FROM THE EU MEMBER STATES TO THE UNION TO A SIGNIFICANT DEGREE, AND WHETHER SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE A POSITIVE ONE: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AVERRED THAT THE EU WAS BASED ON POOLING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE MEMBER STATES, AND THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL TREATY'S PURPOSE WAS TO MAKE THE EU MORE TRANSPARENT, EFFICIENT AND DEMOCRATIC. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COUNTERED THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL TREATY PROPOSED A MASSIVE TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE EU AT THE EXPENSE OF THE MEMBER STATES. HE DEPLORED, FOR EXAMPLE, THE FACT THAT THE EU CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS HAD BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE DRAFT TREATY AS JUSTICIABLE, WHEREAS ORIGINALLY IT HAD BEEN ONLY DECLARATORY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STRESSED THAT THE TREATY DID NOT REPRESENT "A PHILADELPHIA MOMENT." SHE SAID "IT'S NOT A CONSTITUTION, IT'S A CONSTITUTIONAL TREATY...AND IT'S A DREADFUL MESS." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN CONTRAST, LAUDED THE CONSTITUTIONAL TREATY AS AN ATTEMPT TO CONSOLIDATE ALL THE PREVIOUS EU TREATIES INTO ONE DOCUMENT AND SET EXPLICIT LIMITS ON THE POWER OF THE EU, PREVENTING BRUSSELS "MISSION CREEP" AT THE EXPENSE OF THE NATIONAL CAPITALS. REP. J. RANDY FORBES ASSERTED THAT, IF HISTORY WERE A GUIDE, THE CONSTITUTIONAL TREATY, ONCE PASSED, WOULD BECOME A CONSTITUTION. HE, ALONG WITH REP. DARRELL ISSA, WONDERED WHETHER EU MEMBER STATES WERE FULLY PREPARED FOR THE POSSIBLE RAMIFICATIONS OF A CONSTITUTIONAL TREATY.

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 <<IRAQ>>  
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3. (SBU) [REDACTED] STRESSED THE EU'S DESIRE TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH THE U.S. ON <<IRAQ>> RECONSTRUCTION AND REITERATED THE EU POSITION THAT SOVEREIGNTY, AND IN THE SHORTER TERM KEY ASPECTS OF SOVEREIGNTY SUCH AS CERTAIN POLICING AND MILITARY TASKS, BE GIVEN TO THE IRAQIS THEMSELVES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. REP. PHIL ENGLISH REPLIED THAT, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WITH MANY <<IRAQ>> EXPATRIATES, HE

UNDERSTOOD THE NEED TO ENCOURAGE A SPEEDY TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE FOR <<IRAQ>>. ENGLISH ADDED THAT THE WEST NEEDED TO GIVE <<IRAQ>> THE INVESTMENT IT DESPERATELY NEEDS, TO EMPHASIZE GRANTS RATHER THAN LOANS FOR RECONSTRUCTION AID, AND TO HELP <<IRAQ>> BECOME A MODEL OF DEMOCRACY IN A BATTERED REGION.

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 <<IRAN>>  
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4. (U) [ ] LAID OUT THE EP VIEW THAT THE EU SHOULD DEVELOP CLOSER TRADE AND ECONOMIC TIES WITH <<IRAN>> ONLY IF <<IRAN>> MADE VISIBLE PROGRES ON RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, COOPERATION WITH NON-PROLIFERATION REGIMES, STOPPING SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM AND NOT UNDERCUTTING THE MIDDLEEAST PEACE PROCESS. HE STRESSED EP SUPPORT FOR U.S.-EU COOPERATION ON <<IRAN>>, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREAS OF NON-PROLIFERATION AND IRANIAN IAEA OBLIGATIONS, AND IN PRESSING <<IRAN>> TO CUT OFF ITS SUPPORT TO HAMAS AND HIZBOLLAH.

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 MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS  
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5. (U) CAUTIONING THAT HE HAD VOTED AGAINST IT BECAUSE OF  
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DIGNITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST." THE RESOLUTION AFFIRMS THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ROADMAP IS THE SOLUTION TO THE ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN CONFLICT. IT STRESSES THAT PALESTINIAN TERROR IS UNACCEPTABLE, BUT ALSO CONDEMNS PRE-EMPTIVE ATTACKS BY ISRAEL AND RESULTING CIVILIAN CASUALTIES, AS WELL AS THE ISRAELI SECURITY FENCE. [ ] STRESSED THAT IN HIS VIEW THE RESOLUTION DID NOT GIVE ENOUGH WEIGHT TO THE DESTABILIZING INFLUENCE OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY <<IRAN>> AND SYRIA. IN THIS REGARD, [ ] DECRIED THE EXPECTED COMPLETION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT WITH SYRIA (REF A) AS A FALSE SIGNAL THAT WOULD ENCOURAGE SYRIA TO EXPECT NO NEGATIVE FALLOUT IF IT CONTINUES DESTABILIZING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SUPPORT FOR HEZBOLLAH. HE LAMENTED THAT THE EU HAD NOT SUFFICIENTLY PRESSURED THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY (PA) TO MAKE INTERNAL REFORMS, AND THAT ARAFAT WAS STILL IN CONTROL OF THE PA SECURITY SERVICES. [ ] NOTED THAT AN EP WORKING GROUP ON POSSIBLE MISUSE OF EU AID FUNDS TO THE PA WAS DUE TO DELIVER A FINAL REPORT ON ITS INVESTIGATION SOON.

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 WAR ON TERRORISM, GUANTANAMO, ANTI-AMERICANISM  
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6. (SBU) AFTER [ ] COMMENTS THE DISCUSSION CENTERED ON CULTURAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE WAR ON TERRORISM, SUCH AS EUROPEAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE U.S., THE ROOT CAUSES OF

TERRORISM AND EUROPEAN VIEWS OF U.S. POLICY TOWARDS THE GUANTANAMO <<DETAINEES>>. [REDACTED] AVERRED THAT ONE MUST ATTACK THE "ROOT CAUSES OF TERRORISM AS WELL, SUCH AS POVERTY AND ALIENATION." ALSO, SHE WARNED THAT "COMPETING IMAGES OF THE <<UNITED>> <<STATES>>" IN THE WORLD WERE HINDERING U.S. EFFECTIVENESS AGAINST TERROR, AND THAT THE U.S. HAD TO BE MORE CAREFUL TO PROMOTE AN IMAGE OF THE U.S. AS A BEACON OF DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW. AS AN EXAMPLE, [REDACTED] SAID U.S. POLICY ON HOLDING <<DETAINEES>> WITHOUT TRIAL IN GUANTANAMO WAS DOING IMMENSE DAMAGE TO THE REPUTATION AND IMAGE OF THE U.S. IN EUROPE. [REDACTED] RAISED THE OCTOBER-NOVEMBER EUROBAROMETER POLL, "<<IRAQ>> AND PEACE IN THE WORLD," IN WHICH MORE RESPONDENTS (FROM EU MEMBER STATES) DESIGNATED ISRAEL AS A THREAT TO PEACE IN THE WORLD THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY, WITH THE U.S., <<IRAN>> AND NORTH KOREA TIED FOR SECOND PLACE. [REDACTED] SAID THAT, WHILE THE RESULTS SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AT FACE VALUE, THEY WERE REACTIONS TO "PARTICULAR POLICIES BEING PURSUED AT A PARTICULAR TIME."

7. (C) U.S. TLD CHAIR REP. JO ANN DAVIS RESPONDED THAT SHE HAD BEEN TO GUANTANAMO AND COULD TESTIFY THAT THE <<DETAINEES>> WERE BEING TREATED WELL WITH FULL RESPECT FOR THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS. SHE SAID SHE HAD SEEN A BBC DOCUMENTARY ON GUANTANAMO ON A RECENT TRIP TO ROME, AND WAS STRUCK BY HOW INACCURATE IT WAS. REP. ISSA, WHO HAD ALSO VISITED GUANTANAMO, CONCURRED, SAYING BUSH HAD BOLDLY STEPPED INTO UNPRECEDENTED TERRITORY TO DEAL WITH THE UNPRECEDENTED THREAT OF GLOBAL TERROR. REP. ENGLISH ADDED THAT, BY ANY OBJECTIVE STANDARD, U.S. POLICY IN GUANTANAMO MET THE STANDARDS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. REP. CLIFF STEARNS SPECIFIED THAT U.S. ACTIONS IN GUANTANAMO, INCLUDING METHODS OF INTERROGATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE MILITARY TRIBUNALS, WERE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS.

8. (C) REP. ENGLISH TOOK EXCEPTION TO THE IDEA OF "ROOT CAUSES OF TERRORISM." HE SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THERE WAS A CULTURAL DIVISION BEHIND ISLAMIST TERRORISM THAT WAS BASED ON A STRAIN OF ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM THAT WAS ANTI-WESTERN, ANTI-ISRAEL AND ANTI-CAPITALIST. THIS PHENOMENON HAD TO BE CONFRONTED, AND THE U.S. AND THE EU NEEDED TO CONFRONT IT TOGETHER.

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NATO AND ESDP  
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9. (SBU) [REDACTED] AND REP. DAVIS CONCURRED IN THEIR CONCERN REGARDING A POSSIBLE EU MILITARY PLANNING HEADQUARTERS SEPARATE FROM NATO AND A MUTUAL DEFENSE CLAUSE IN THE DRAFT

CONSTITUTIONAL TREATY THAT COULD BE DIVISIVE TO THE NATO ALLIANCE. REP. DAVIS SAID THAT MORE NATO CAPABILITIES WERE NEEDED, NOT MORE STRUCTURES THAT WOULD DUPLICATE OR COMPETE WITH NATO. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THESE ISSUES WAS FLUID, BUT THAT U.S. CONCERNS WERE BEING TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. HE OPINED THAT, IN ORDER TO AVOID AN EU CAUCUS WITHIN NATO, A STRENGTHENED U.S.-EU DIALOGUE WAS NEEDED TO DISCUSS ISSUES BEFORE THEY REACHED NATO.

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PASSENGER NAME RECOGNITION (PNR)  
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O HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT PEOPLE ENTERING ITS BORDERS, AND EXPRESSED GENERAL OPTIMISM THAT A COMPROMISE COULD BE REACHED THAT SOLVED THE REMAINING PROBLEMS REGARDING PURPOSE OF DATA COLLECTION, DATA RETENTION TIME AND THE NUMBER OF DATA FIELDS TO WHICH THE U.S. COULD HAVE ACCESS. [REDACTED] SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S. AND EU SHOULD HAVE MUTUAL WATCH LISTS AND SHARE THEM WITH EACH OTHER. SHE INVITED CONGRESS TO SEND MEMBERS TO VISIT THE EP CITIZENS RIGHTS COMMITTEE TO TALK ABOUT THE ISSUE.

11. (C) REP. JOHN MICA CONCURRED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A MELLOWING ON BOTH SIDES ON PNR, AND REITERATED THAT THE U.S. SIDE SHARED THE EU CONCERN ABOUT DATA PROTECTION. HE SAID THE WATCH LIST IDEA WAS AN IMPORTANT ONE, AND POINTED OUT THAT THE U.S. HAS MORE THAN ELEVEN AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE AND THAT, DESPITE A STATUTORY REQUIREMENT, THESE AGENCIES HAD NOT YET SUCCEEDED IN PREPARING A CONSOLIDATED LIST. MICA SAID THAT AGREED AND MUTUALLY RECOGNIZED TRANSATLANTIC STANDARDS FOR SECURITY REQUIREMENTS AND MEASURES WERE ALSO LACKING, AND THAT THE STANDARDIZATION OF PASSPORT AND TRAVEL DOCUMENT INFORMATION WAS LAGGING BEHIND. MICA SAID THAT THE U.S. SIDE MIGHT TAKE [REDACTED] UP ON HER INVITATION SOMETIME IN THE SPRING, AND INVITED [REDACTED] TO SEND HIM AN E-MAIL DETAILING EP CONCERNS ABOUT PNR.

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WTO POST-CANCUN  
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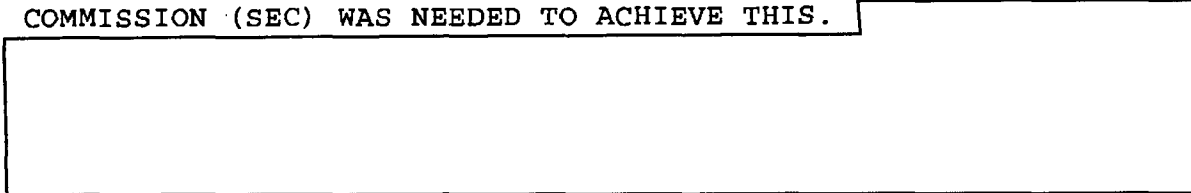
12. (C) [REDACTED] SAID A FAR-REACHING REFORM OF THE WTO WAS NEEDED IN VIEW OF THE FRUSTRATING BREAKDOWN OF TALKS IN CANCUN, AND ANNOUNCED THAT THE EP HAD

ASKED THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO MAKE PROPOSALS ON HOW TO GO ABOUT WTO REFORM. [REDACTED] SPECIFICALLY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF UPHOLDING THE DOHA AGREEMENT ON ACCESS TO MEDICINES. REP. ENGLISH SAID THE FAILURE OF CANCUN WAS A RESULT OF THE TACTICS OF THE G-21 COUNTRIES, WHOSE UNWILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE WAS NOT SHARED BY THE U.S.

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FINANCIAL SERVICES, CORPORATE GOVERNANCE  
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13. (C) [REDACTED] SAID THE EU WAS DETERMINED THAT THE FINANCIAL SECTOR BE A KEY FACTOR IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TRANSATLANTIC MARKET. ON THE SARBANES-OXLEY AUDIT-FIRM REGISTRATION ISSUE, [REDACTED] SAID THE EU'S NUMBER-ONE IMPERATIVE WAS STILL TO ACHIEVE MUTUAL RECOGNITION BETWEEN THE PCAOB AND COMPETENT EUROPEAN AUTHORITIES, SO THAT EU AND NATIONAL LAWS WOULD BE RESPECTED. [REDACTED] SAID CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE ON THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC) WAS NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THIS.

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[REDACTED] ALSO EXPRESSED THE LINE OF THE EUROPEAN STOCK MARKET LOBBY THAT SEC FAILURE TO GRANT FOREIGN EXCHANGES BETTER-THAN-NATIONAL <<TREATMENT>> TO OPERATE THEIR ELECTRONIC TRADING TERMINALS IN THE U.S. UNDER EXEMPTION FROM SEC REGULATION WAS IN FACT A PROTECTIONIST DEVICE AIMED AT KEEPING EU-BASED EXCHANGES OUT OF U.S. MARKETS. IN ORDER TO RECTIFY THIS SITUATION AS WELL, HE SAID, CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE ON THE SEC WOULD HAVE TO PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE.

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(NOTE: [REDACTED] ALSO MET WITH SEC OFFICIALS DURING THIS VISIT. END NOTE.)

14. (C) REP. STEARNS EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION WITH THE DIFFICULTY OF SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF CORPORATE CORRUPTION IF THE PERPETRATORS ARE SUFFICIENTLY DETERMINED. REMARKING THAT THE U.S. APPROACH WAS LAW-BASED AND THE EU'S PRINCIPLE-BASED, HE SAID HE WAS INTERESTED IN EU VIEWS ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE. [REDACTED] DECIDED ON THAT BASIS THAT HE WOULD EXPLORE STARTING A HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE INVOLVING MEPS, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND BUSINESS LEADERS, AMONG OTHERS, ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND RELATED REGULATORY ISSUES.

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15. (C) [REDACTED] SAID THE EU LEGISLATION OF JULY 2003 ON TRACING AND LABELING OF BIOTECH FOOD AND FEED WAS NECESSARY, DESPITE ITS ABSURDITIES, BECAUSE OF EUROPEAN CONSUMERS' CONCERNS. REP. ISSA REPLIED THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THE LEGISLATION WAS COSTLY AND BURDENSOME, AND THAT, IF CONSUMERS WERE WORRIED, THEY COULD CHOOSE THEMSELVES WHETHER OR NOT TO BUY GMO PRODUCTS. REP. ENGLISH ADDED THAT GMO TECHNOLOGY WAS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE DEVELOPING WORLD. HE

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2002, ALTHOUGH ZAMBIANS WERE FACING STARVATION, BECAUSE OF CONCERNS THAT ACCEPTING GMO FOODS FROM THE U.S. WOULD NEGATIVELY AFFECT TRADE WITH THE EU. TO REP. ISSA'S COMMENT THAT THE EU LEGISLATION WAS "UNABASHED PROTECTIONISM," [REDACTED] REPLIED THAT IT MIGHT BE MORE ACCURATE TO CALL IT "UNABASHED COWARDICE."

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 CHEMICALS  
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16. (C) [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE PROPOSED EUROPEAN COMMISSION CHEMICALS REGULATION -- REGISTRATION, EVALUATION AND AUTHORIZATION OF CHEMICALS (REACH) -- HAD BEEN "WATERED DOWN" AFTER COMMENTS FROM INDUSTRY HAD COME IN, AND THERE WOULD BE FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THE COST OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION. REP. STEARNS GREETED THAT NEWS, AND REP. DAVIS SAID THAT, IN THE EVENT OF A NEW COST ANALYSIS, THE RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL AND EP COMMITTEES SHOULD COORDINATE TO ENSURE THAT THERE WAS A MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD BASIS FOR ANALYZING THE COSTS. [REDACTED] AGREED, AND STAFF ON BOTH SIDES AGREED TO FOLLOW UP.

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 OPEN SKIES  
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17. (C) [REDACTED] EXPRESSED A BASICALLY POSITIVE OUTLOOK ON THE ONGOING U.S.-EU OPEN SKIES NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, HE LAMENTED U.S. LEGISLATION LIMITING THE FLEXIBILITY OF U.S. NEGOTIATORS TO MOVE ON FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF AIRLINES, AND CRITICIZED THE FLY AMERICA POLICY FOR OFFICIAL USG TRAVEL. ("I TOOK A U.S. CARRIER TO COME TO THIS MEETING, BECAUSE I AM A FREE MAN!") REP. MICA SAID THAT OPENING MARKETS WAS DIFFICULT WHEN SO MANY U.S. CARRIERS WERE STRUGGLING. HE ASSERTED THAT SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON LEGISLATION ON OPENING UP CABOTAGE SERVICES IN THE U.S. TO

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EUROPEAN CARRIERS.

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 BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES  
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18. (U) PARTICIPANTS DISCUSSED MAINLY FSC AND STEEL, WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS EXHORTING THEIR MEP COUNTERPARTS TO ARGUE FOR PATIENCE AND MODERATION IN EU RETALIATION, SO AS TO AVOID UNNECESSARY ESCALATION OF THE CONFLICTS. [REDACTED] OPINED THAT BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES CAME UNDER THE RUBRIC OF THE TRANSATLANTIC MARKET WHICH HAD BEEN ENDORSED BY THE TLD IN ROME IN JUNE (REF B). THE QUESTION, SAID [REDACTED] WAS HOW TO MANAGE THE TRADE DISPUTES OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT EIGHTEEN MONTHS DURING WHICH THERE WOULD BE ELECTIONS ON BOTH SIDES. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE TLD ASK FOR A BENEFITS ANALYSIS OF THE TRANSATLANTIC MARKET WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR, PERHAPS GETTING ENDORSEMENT FOR SUCH AN ANALYSIS FROM THE NEXT U.S.-EU SUMMIT.

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 U.S. INDUSTRY ON EU MEDICAL-DEVICE REGS  
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19. (U) REP. STEARNS RAISED, ON BEHALF OF THE ADVANCED MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION (ADVAMED), CONCERNS ABOUT A DRAFT EU DIRECTIVE UP-CLASSIFYING ALL SHOULDER, HIP AND KNEE JOINT IMPLANTS AND THEREBY REQUIRING MANUFACTURERS TO SUBMIT TO A COSTLY REVIEW PROCESS BY EUROPEAN REGULATORS. [REDACTED] SAID HE WOULD PASS ON U.S. CONCERNS TO APPROPRIATE COLLEAGUES IN THE EP AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION.

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 TLD DELEGATIONS  
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20. (U) U.S. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS PARTICIPATING WERE:

JO ANN DAVIS (R, VA)  
 PHIL ENGLISH (R, PA)  
 J. RANDY FORBES (R, VA)  
 DARRELL E. ISSA (R, CA)  
 JOHN L. MICA (R, FL)  
 CLIFF STEARNS (R, FL)

21. (U) MEP'S PARTICIPATING WERE:

JAMES NICHOLSON (UK, ULSTER UNIONIST)  
 BASTIAAN BELDER (NL, CALVINIST PARTY)



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CAROLINE JACKSON, (UK, CONSERVATIVE)  
PETER PEX (NL, CHRISTIAN-DEMOCRAT)

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ARLENE MCCARTHY (UK, LABOUR)  
PETER SKINNER (UK, LABOUR)

22. (C) COMMENT: THIS TLD WAS USEFUL IN CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONGRESS TO INCREASE ITS ENGAGEMENT WITH THE EU IN AREAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST: (1) A POSSIBLE CONGRESSIONAL VISIT TO BRUSSELS TO DISCUSS PNR; (2) POSSIBLE COOPERATION ON A COST ANALYSIS OF REACH; (3) TARGETED DIALOGUE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND RELATED ISSUES; AND (4) POSSIBLE LAUNCHING OF A JOINT ANALYSIS OF THE BENEFITS OF THE EXISTING TRANSATLANTIC (U.S.-EU) MARKET. POST IS READY TO PROVIDE SUPPORT IN THESE AND OTHER AREAS OF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST. END COMMENT.

23. (U) THIS MESSAGE WAS NOT CLEARED BY CODEL MEMBERS.

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