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 TAGS: AG, MO, PBTS, PGOV, PHUM, PREL, PTER  
 SUBJECT: SENATOR NELSON'S MEETING WITH PM JETTOU

REF: RABAT 0015

CLASSIFIED BY: POL/C TIMOTHY LENDERKING FOR REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D)

1. (C) SENATOR BILL NELSON (D-FL) MET WITH MOROCCAN PM JETTOU FOR 60 MINUTES IN RABAT ON JANUARY 4. THEY DISCUSSED COUNTERTERRORISM, THE FTA (REFTEL), IRAQ, MIDDLE EAST PEACE, THE WESTERN SAHARA, MILITARY ISSUES, AND GUANTANAMO DETAINEES. END SUMMARY.

COUNTERTERRORISM

2.. (C) SENATOR BILL NELSON (D-FL) MET WITH PM JETTOU FOR AN HOUR ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, AT HIS RABAT RESIDENCE. (JETTOU DEPARTED FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT TO THE US ON JANUARY 7). NELSON WAS ACCOMPANIED BY STAFFERS PETE MITCHELL AND DAN SHAPIRO. CHARGE AND POLCOUNS (NOTETAKER) WERE ALSO PRESENT. JETTOU WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON AZIZ MEKOUAR. JETTOU TOLD NELSON THAT MOROCCO

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[REDACTED]

NELSON THANKED JETTOU FOR MOROCCO'S COOPERATION SINCE 9/11 AND FOR THE GOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MOROCCAN SECURITY AND THE US. HE SAID 9/11 HAD UNDERScoreD THE IMPORTANCE OF BROAD COOPERATION AGAINST TERRORISM, AND MOROCCO'S SUPPORT HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY HELPFUL. THE MAY 16 ATTACKS IN CASABLANCA HAD ALSO SHOWED THAT NO COUNTRY WAS IMMUNE FROM TERROR. JETTOU AGREED, LAMENTING THE ASSASSINATION OF SWEDISH FM LINDH IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.

3. (C) JETTOU STRESSED THAT

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NELSON SAID HE HAD COME TO RABAT TO THANK MOROCCO FOR ITS FRIENDSHIP AND ASSISTANCE AND HOPED IT WOULD CONTINUE. IT WAS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT FOR THE US AND MOROCCO TO CONTINUE THEIR PARTNERSHIP IN LIGHT OF THE ONGOING THREAT OF TERROR.

4. (C) NELSON ASKED WHETHER TOURISM HAD SUFFERED IN MOROCCO AS A RESULT OF THE MAY 16 ATTACKS IN CASABLANCA. JETTOU SAID

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5. (C) NELSON ASKED WHETHER JETTOU HAD BEEN THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR DURING 9/11. JETTOU SAID HE HAD BEEN VISITING CHICAGO ON 9/11 AND WAS NAMED MINISTER OF INTERIOR SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN TO MOROCCO, ON SEPTEMBER 21.

[REDACTED]

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IRAQ

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6. (C) NELSON TOLD JETTOU THAT HE FAVORED, AS DID SENATOR CHUCK HAGEL WHOM JETTOU HAD MET WITH IN DECEMBER, THE INTERNATIONAL REBUILDING OF IRAQ. JETTOU RESPONDED

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MIDDLE EAST PEACE

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JETTOU

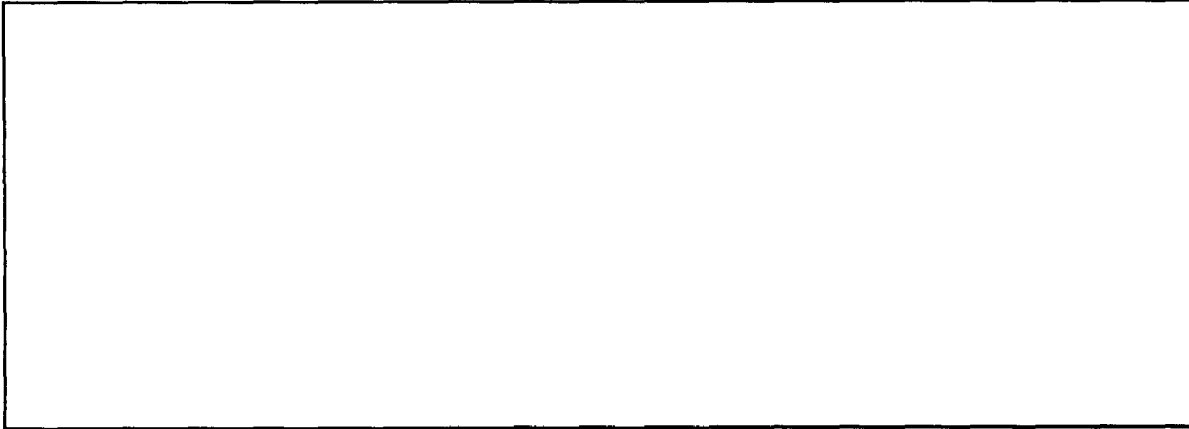
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WESTERN SAHARA

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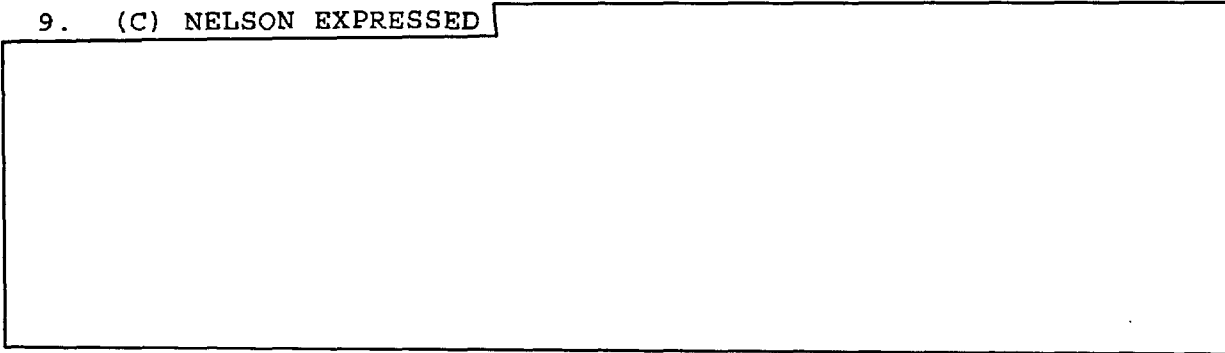
8. (C) NELSON ASKED ABOUT THE STATE OF PLAY ON THE WESTERN SAHARA. JETTOU SAID

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MILITARY ISSUES  
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9. (C) NELSON EXPRESSED



GUANTANAMO  
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10. (C) NELSON TOLD JETTOU HE HAD BEEN IN GUANTANAMO TWO WEEKS EARLIER, HIS SECOND VISIT.

[REDACTED] NELSON ASSURED THE PM THAT THE DETAINEES WERE BEING WELL TREATED. THE MEDICAL TREATMENT WAS GOOD. MANY OF THE DETAINEES HAD BEEN THERE FOR TWO YEARS,

[REDACTED] THE US HAD ALREADY RELEASED 88 DETAINEES AND WAS CONSIDERING RELEASING ANOTHER GROUP,

[REDACTED] JETTOU SAID [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NELSON NOTED THAT THE EUROPEAN PRESS FREQUENTLY ALLEGED THE PRISONERS WERE BEING MISTREATED, BUT BASED ON WHAT HE HIMSELF HAD SEEN, THIS WAS NOT THE CASE. NELSON SAID [REDACTED]

JETTOU [REDACTED]



11. (U) SENATOR NELSON CLEARED THIS MESSAGE.  
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