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R 181345Z MAR 03  
 FM AMEMBASSY [redacted]  
 TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3394  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 [redacted]

STATE FOR EUR (BOGUE), D (PITTMAN), P (BRINK), [redacted]  
 [redacted] L/PM (DOLAN).

NSC FOR TEPPER  
 STATE ALSO PASS USAID  
 AID FOR AA/EE AND EE/ECA

E.O. 12958: DECL: 03/17/2013  
 TAGS: PGOV, PTER, PHUM, [redacted]  
 SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON TWO OF THE [redacted]  
 [redacted]

REF: [redacted]

CLASSIFIED BY: AMBASSADOR [redacted] FOR REASONS  
 1.5 (B) AND (D).

SUMMARY

1. (C) THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST, SEE PARAGRAPH 6. THE [redacted] HAS SENT THE EMBASSY A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON TWO OF THE [redacted] INDIVIDUALS [redacted] [redacted] HANDED OVER TO THE CUSTODY OF U.S. FORCES IN JANUARY 2002 AND TRANSFERRED TO GUANTANAMO BAY. IN PARTICULAR, [redacted] IS SEEKING INFORMATION ON WHETHER THE TWO INDIVIDUALS ARE DETAINED IN THE U.S. THIS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ORIGINATED WITH [redacted] [redacted] WHICH IS CONSIDERING COMPLAINTS

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FILED BY THE TWO INDIVIDUALS, AND WAS FORWARDED TO THE EMBASSY VIA [redacted]

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2. (C) POST BELIEVES THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CAN BE ANSWERED USING PREVIOUSLY CLEARED LANGUAGE ON THIS CASE. PARAGRAPH TWO CONTAINS THE TRANSLATED TEXT OF [redacted] LETTER AND PARAGRAPH THREE CONTAINS THE EMBASSY'S SUGGESTED RESPONSE FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S CLEARANCE. END SUMMARY.

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3. (C) THE [redacted] MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAS FORWARDED TO THE EMBASSY A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON [redacted] [redacted] TWO OF THE [redacted] INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE DETAINED [redacted]

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[redacted] IN JANUARY 2002.

THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ORIGINATED FROM THE [redacted] [redacted] WHICH WILL ISSUE A DECISION ON APRIL 4 ON COMPLAINTS FILED ON BEHALF OF EACH OF THE TWO MEN.

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5. (U) TRANSLATED TEXT OF THE LETTER FOLLOWS:

DATE: MARCH 10, 2003

TO: US EMBASSY [redacted]  
SUBJECT: [redacted]

REQUESTED

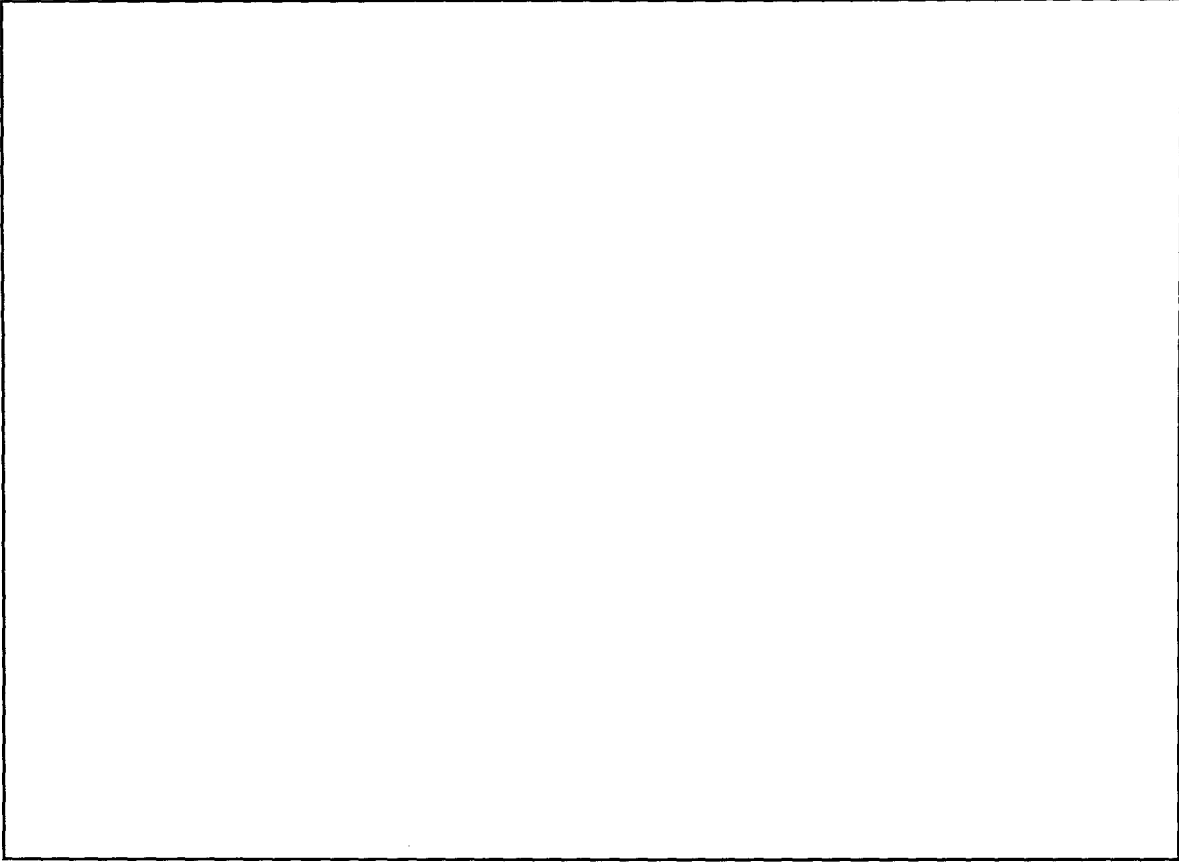
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THIS MINISTRY AVAILS ITS RESPECT TO THE EMBASSY OF THE USA AND IT IS HONORED TO INFORM YOU ON THE FOLLOWING:

[Redacted block]

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6. (U) TEXT OF SUGGESTED RESPONSE FOR DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE FOLLOWS. PLEASE REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE TEXT OF SUGGESTED RESPONSE BY COB MARCH 24.

BEGIN TEXT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER DATED MARCH 10, 2003. THE INDIVIDUALS REFERRED TO IN YOUR LETTER POSED A CREDIBLE SECURITY THREAT TO UNITED STATES PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES AS WELL AS TO THE PEOPLE OF [REDACTED] THE UNITED STATES MILITARY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TOOK CUSTODY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IN JANUARY 2002 AND TRANSPORTED THEM ON JANUARY 19 TO A U.S. FACILITY AT GUANTANAMO BAY, WHERE THEY CONTINUE TO BE DETAINED.

WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DETENTION OR THE ACTIVITIES THAT LED TO THE DETENTION OF ANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS BEING HELD AT GUANTANAMO BAY. THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS THESE INDIVIDUALS TO BE ENEMY COMBATANTS CAPTURED IN CONNECTION WITH AN ON-GOING ARMED CONFLICT AND RELATED ATTACKS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, ITS CITIZENS AND CITIZENS OF NUMEROUS OTHER NATIONS. THEY POSE A SERIOUS SECURITY THREAT TO THE UNITED STATES, AND OUR

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DETENTION OF THESE COMBATANTS IS THEREFORE LAWFUL AND  
NECESSARY FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR MILITARY FORCES AND THE  
PREVENTION OF FUTURE ATTACKS. THESE COMBATANTS MAY BE  
DETAINED UNTIL THE CESSATION OF THIS CONFLICT.

THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO TREAT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE  
DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO HUMANELY, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
PRINCIPLES OF THE THIRD GENEVA CONVENTION OF 1949.  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED  
CROSS MEET WITH THESE DETAINEES ON A REGULAR BASIS. END TEXT.

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