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1. (C) SUMMARY: PRM PDAS RICH GREENE MET WITH ICRC OFFICIALS
MAY 19 IN PREPARATION FOR THE JUNE 3-4 ICRC DONOR SUPPORT
GROUP IN BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA. THE FIVE-HOUR SESSION WAS
STRUCTURED AROUND TWO MAIN THEMES: THE U.S.-ICRC
RELATIONSHIP, INCLUDING MEDIA HANDLING OF THAT RELATIONSHIP,
AND THE ISSUES LIKELY TO DOMINATE THE ICRC DONOR MEETING,
INCLUDING NEW SECURITY CHALLENGES. OFFICIALS ALSO DISCUSSED
UPCOMING CHANGES TO THE ICRC WASHINGTON OFFICE AND ICRC'S
INTEREST IN WEAPONS-CONTROL ISSUES, INCLUDING THOSE LINKED TO
BIO-TECHNOLOGY. GREENE NOTED THAT THE U.S. WORKS CLOSELY AND
PRODUCTIVELY WITH ICRC DELEGATIONS IN HUMANITARIAN CRISES
AROUND THE WORLD AND WE HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR THEIR
OPERATIONAL AND NORMATIVE ROLES. [REDACTED]

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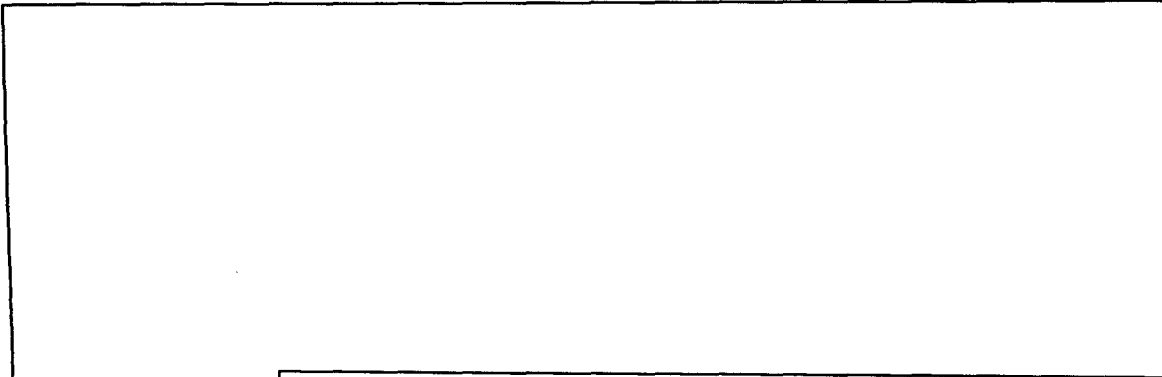
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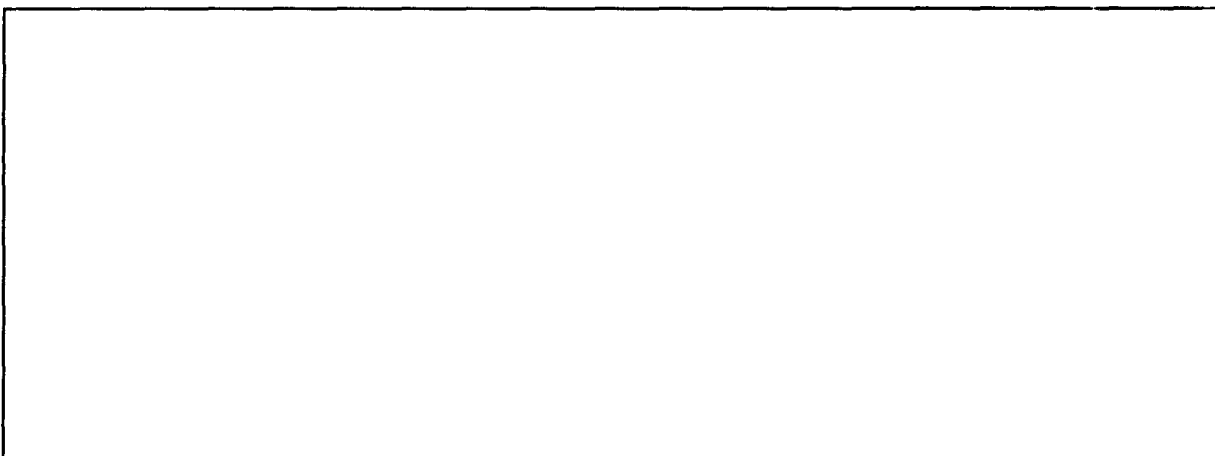
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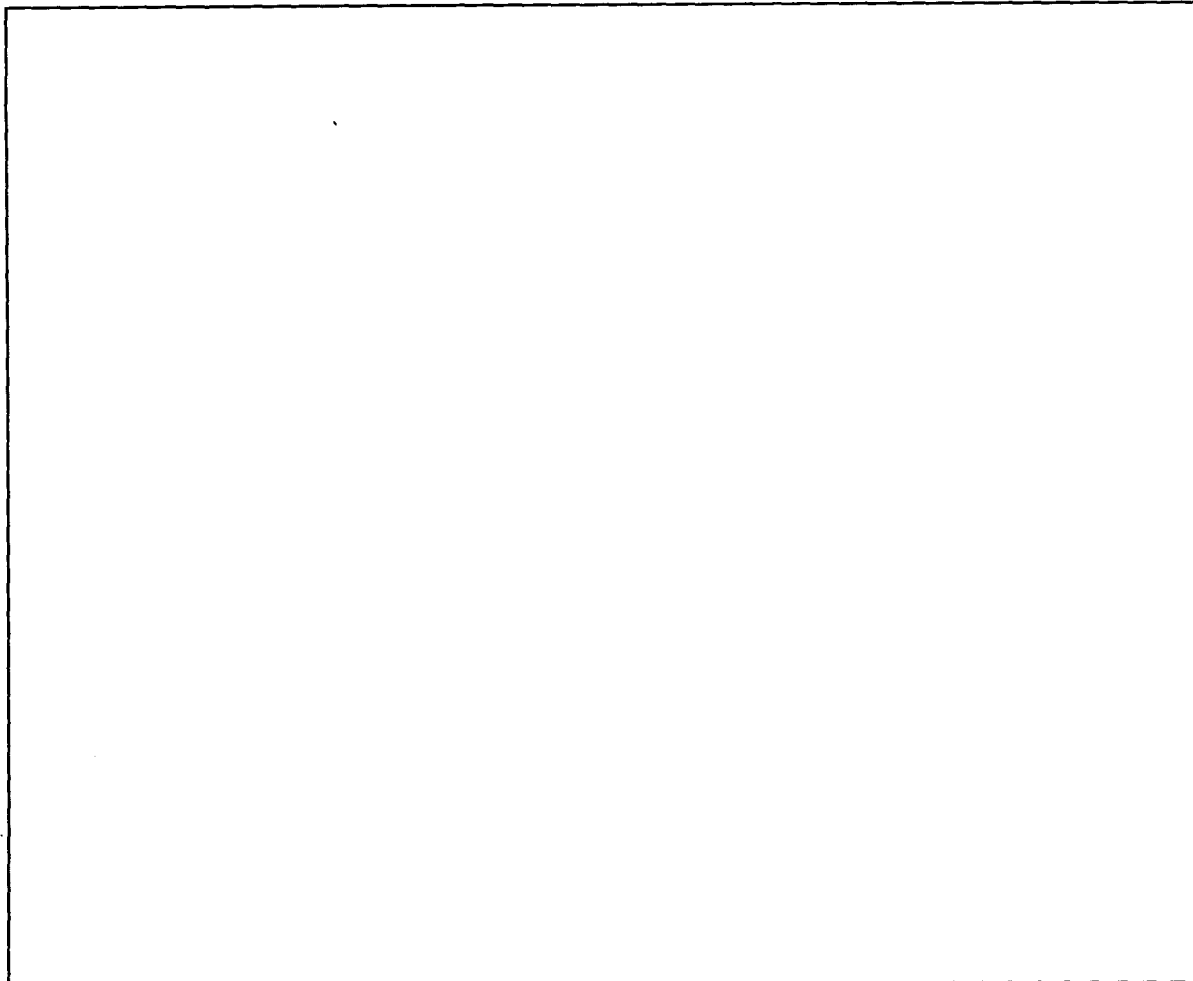
2. (C) PARTICIPANTS: PIERRE KRAEHENBUEHL, ICRC'S ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL, CHAIRED ALL SESSIONS. BEATRICE MEDEVAND-ROGGO, DELEGATE-GENERAL FOR EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA, JOINED DISCUSSION OF THE RELATIONSHIP AND THE WASHINGTON DELEGATION, AS DID NEW WASHINGTON HEAD OF DELEGATION GEOFFREY LOANE AND HEAD OF OPERATIONS FOR NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE FRANCOIS STAMM. HEAD OF DONOR RELATIONS JEAN-DANIEL TAUXE AND DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT DORIS PFISTER JOINED THE DISCUSSION OF THE DONOR SUPPORT GROUP AGENDA. YVES DACCORD, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION, PARTICIPATED WHEN THE U.S.-ICRC RELATIONSHIP WAS DISCUSSED. BALTHASAR STAEHELIN, DELEGATE-GENERAL FOR THE MIDDLE EAST, JOINED AT THE END TO DISCUSS AFGHANISTAN (AT WHICH POINT WE DELIVERED REF A DEMARCHE) AND IRAQ (REPORTED REF B). PDAS GREENE WAS JOINED BY MISSION REFUGEE COUNSELOR PIPER CAMPBELL AND REFUGEE OFFICER JOE CASSIDY. GREENE MET SEPARATELY WITH AMBASSADOR, DCM, LEGAL ADVISER MICHAEL PEAY, AND ARMS CONTROL EXPERT IKE REED TO REVIEW THE FULL RANGE OF ICRC ISSUES COVERED BY THE MISSION.

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8. (SBU) ICRC LAWYERS PETER HERBEY AND FRANCOIS BUGNION JOINED THE GROUP FOR A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF ICRC'S INTEREST IN ARMS CONTROL ISSUES. THE TWO AGREED THAT MORE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION ON ISSUES RELATED TO BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS ISSUES WOULD WAIT UNTIL BWC EXPERTS CAME TO GENEVA IN JUNE. HOWEVER, THEY EXPLAINED THAT THE ICRC INTEREST IN WEAPONS ISSUES DERIVED FROM THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS' (GC) FOCUS ON PROPORTIONALITY AND AVOIDANCE OF HARM TO CIVILIANS. THEY SAID U.S. LANGUAGE INTRODUCED DURING THE DECEMBER 2003 RED CROSS CONFERENCE HAD GIVEN THEM THE IMPRESSION THAT THE U.S. WAS WILLING TO CONTEMPLATE SOME RED CROSS INVOLVEMENT IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS, WHILE RECOGNIZING MEMBER STATES' FOCUS ON THE BWC NEGOTIATIONS. THEY STRESSED A CONCERN THAT ACADEMICS AND INDUSTRIALISTS WORKING WITH BIOLOGICAL AGENTS WERE INSUFFICIENTLY AWARE OF WEAPONS RISKS AND GC OBLIGATIONS.

COMMENT

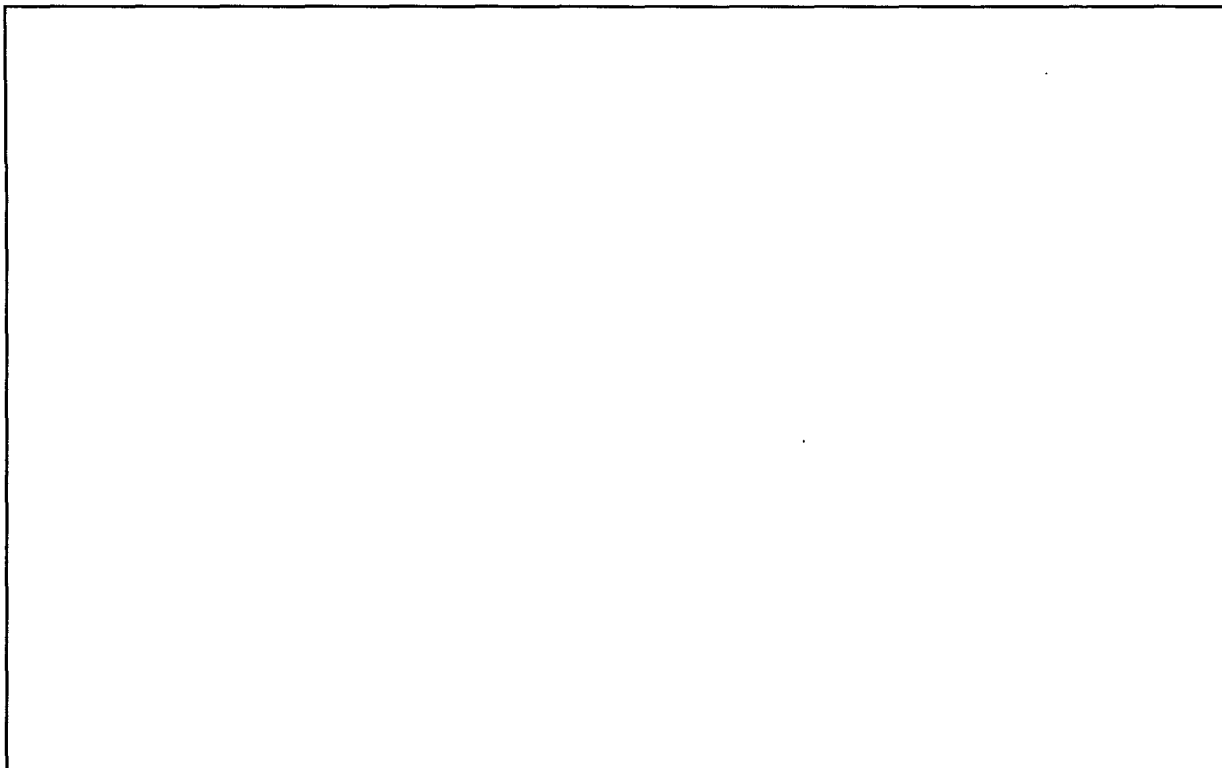
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10. (U) IRAQ MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. PDAS GREENE ALSO HAS
CLEARED THIS CABLE.
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