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<SUBJ> SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION POSITION ON PLO OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES

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Department of State Guidelines, July 21, 1997

By *[Signature]* NARA, Date *3/30/09*

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TAGS: OINS, OAIL, PLO, UC
SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION POSITION ON PLO OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES

1. AS MANY OF THE ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, LEGISLATION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE CONGRESS (IN THE SENATE, BY SENATOR GRASSLEY, AND IN THE HOUSE, BY CONGRESSMAN KEMP) DIRECTING THE CLOSURE OF THE TWO PLO OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES, THE UN OBSERVER MISSION IN NEW YORK AND THE PALESTINE INFORMATION OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. ON JULY 31, THE SECRETARY SIGNED THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO SENATOR GRASSLEY (SIMILAR LETTERS ARE BEING SENT TO CONGRESSMAN KEMP; TO MINORITY LEADER DOLE, WHO IS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE SENATE BILL AND WHO HAD WRITTEN TO THE SECRETARY REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE OFFICES; AND TO SFRC CHAIRMAN PELL):

BEGIN TEXT:
DEAR SENATOR GRASSLEY,
I AM WRITING IN ORDER TO SHARE WITH YOU THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON LEGISLATION PENDING IN THE SENATE, THE ANTI-TERRORISM ACT OF 1987 (S-1203). THE PENDING LEGISLATION RAISES MANY COMPLEX ISSUES, REQUIRING A CAREFUL REVIEW OF OUR POSITION.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION SHARES THE CONCERNS EVIDENT IN THE LEGISLATION. WE CONDEMN, UNAMBIGUOUSLY, TERRORIST ACTS BY ALL GROUPS, INCLUDING ACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLO. WE ALSO DEPLORE THE FAILURE OF THE PLO TO ACCEPT UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 AND TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY MADE CLEAR OUR VIEW, THAT THE PLO'S NEGATIVE ROLE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE SERIOUS OBSTACLES IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS. THE ISSUE FACING US NOW IS HOW BEST TO RESPOND TO THE PLO'S NEGATIVE ACTIONS.

OUR DETAILED REVIEW AND CONSULTATIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, HOWEVER, LEAD US TO CONCLUDE THAT S 1203 DOES NOT SERVE OUR SHARED AIMS OF REDUCING THE POLITICAL INFLUENCE OF THE PLO. FIRST, AS FAR AS CLOSURE OF THE PLO OBSERVER MISSION IS CONCERNED, THIS WOULD BE SEEN AS A VIOLATION OF A U.S. TREATY OBLIGATION UNDER THE U.N. HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT, AND WOULD BE VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED BY MOST UN MEMBERS. THE ISSUE MIGHT BE REFERRED BY THE

UN TO THE WORLD COURT, WHERE WE WOULD PROBABLY LOSE, AND THE PLO WOULD REAP A PROFITABLE GAIN. AS FAR, HOWEVER, AS THE PALESTINE INFORMATION OFFICE (PIO) IS CONCERNED, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED US THAT THE FIRST AMENDMENT WOULD NOT BAR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FROM CLOSING THE OFFICE, SINCE IT IS OPERATING AS A FOREIGN MISSION, BUT THAT WE COULD NOT CONSTITUTIONALLY PROHIBIT MEMBERS OF THE OFFICE FROM ORGANIZING AS A PRIVATE U.S. ENTITY IN SUPPORT OF THE PLO AND PERFORMING MANY OF THE SAME FUNCTIONS. IF PLO FUNDING IS PROSECUTED, WE BELIEVE A RECONSTITUTED OFFICE WOULD OBTAIN FUNDS FROM AMERICAN SOURCES. IN ANY EVENT, WE COULD EXPECT LITIGATION, WHICH THE PLO WOULD ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT. ON THE OTHER HAND, CLOSURE OF THE PIO AS A "FOREIGN ENTITY", ALLOWED UP TO NOW TO OPERATE AS SUCH BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, WOULD OF COURSE REPRESENT A SYMBOLIC SHIFT IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE OFFICE, UNDERSCORING OUR DISAPPROVAL OF THE PLO'S RETENTION OF ABU ADAS ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND UNDERMINING THE PIO/PLO POSITION AND TRAGE IN THE U.S. AND ELSEWHERE. SUCH A GAIN MAY BE SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACTION IN THIS REGARD AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME.

IN CONCLUSION, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT DETERMINING OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD FOREIGN MISSIONS IS UNIQUELY WITHIN THE PRESIDENT'S CONSTITUTIONAL PREROGATIVES, AND THAT LEGISLATION DIRECTING CLOSURE OF ANY FOREIGN MISSION WOULD VIOLATE OUR CONSTITUTIONAL SEPARATION OF POWERS. THUS, GIVEN ALL THE CONSIDERATION NOTED ABOVE, INCLUDING THE LEGAL, CONSTITUTIONAL, AND FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF THE BILL, WE DO NOT BELIEVE S-1207 IS AN EFFECTIVE VEHICLE FOR EXPRESSING OUR MUTUAL CONCERNS REGARDING EITHER TERRORISM AND THE PLO, AND WE THEREFORE OPPOSE THE LEGISLATION.

ASSISTANT SECRETARIES MURPHY AND KEYES WOULD OF COURSE BE FULLY WILLING TO MEET WITH YOU OR YOUR STAFF, AT YOUR CONVENIENCE, TO EXPLAIN OUR CONCERNS ABOUT ELEMENTS OF THE DRAFT LEGISLATION ON THIS MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IN GREATER DETAIL. SINCERELY YOURS, GEORGE P. SHULTZ.
END OF TEXT

3. THE FOLLOWING IS CLARIFIED PRESS GUIDANCE WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED FOLLOWING THE DELIVERY OF THE LETTER TO SENATOR BRASSLEY:

Q: WHAT IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEW ON THE PENDING LEGISLATION IN THE CONGRESS WHICH DIRECTS THE CLOSURE OF THE TWO PLO OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES?

A: WE SHARE MANY OF THE CONCERNS OF THE BILL'S SPONSORS CONCERNING TERRORISM AND THE PLO. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE PENDING LEGISLATION IS THE APPROPRIATE VEHICLE FOR EXPRESSING THESE CONCERNS. WE THEREFORE OPPOSE THE LEGISLATION.

Q: IS THE ADMINISTRATION WILLING TO CLOSE THE PLO WASHINGTON OFFICE IF THE BILL IS WITHDRAWN OR AMENDED?

A: WE ARE CONSULTING WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS CONCERNING: OUR OPPOSITION TO ANY LEGISLATION DIRECTING EXECUTIVE BRANCH CLOSURE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS; CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THIS PARTICULAR LEGISLATION; AND OUR VIEWS OF THE MOST APPROPRIATE MEANS OF EXPRESSING U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE PLO AND INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

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