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PAGE 001

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COL VP  
FOB:EURW

MESSAGE ANNOTATIONS:

NO MESSAGE ANNOTATIONS

MESSAGE:

ROUTINE  
DE RUEHRO #1500 0220827  
R 220827Z JAN 81  
FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE ASHDC 7677

UNCLAS ROME 01500  
FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT FROM AMBASSADOR GARDNER  
E.O. 12065IN/A  
TAGS: PPDC, IT  
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT OF ITALIAN SENATE  
- FANFANI TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO YOU FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY RECEIVED AT AMERICAN EMBASSY ROME ON JANUARY 21. LETTER BEING POUCHED TO YOU.

"ROME, JANUARY 20TH, 1981

"DEAR MR. VICE PRESIDENT,

- "AT THE INCEPTION OF YOUR FUNCTIONS AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE, LET ME CONVEY TO YOU MY GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE TASK WHICH HAS BEEN CONFERRED ON YOU.

- "I WILL AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OCCASION TO SEND TO YOU THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT WHICH I PRONOUNCED TODAY DURING THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE SENATE.

- "I WILL BE ALSO GRATEFUL TO YOU IF YOU COULD KINDLY INFORM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THAT PARTICULAR SECTION OF THE STATEMENT WHICH IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO HIM.

- "WITH KINDEST REGARDS,

"AMINTORE FANFANI

"ENCL."

2. ENCLOSURE:

- "AT THE OPENING OF THE SESSION, THE PRESIDENT OF

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

THE SENATE, SENATOR PANFANI, SAID:

- "FIFTY-TWO AMERICAN CITIZENS, AFTER A LONG AND ILLEGITIMATE DETENTION IN IRAN, ARE BEING RETURNED TODAY TO THEIR COUNTRY AND TO THEIR FAMILIES.

- "THE SENATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY SHARES A FEELING OF DEEP SATISFACTION FOR THE POSITIVE SOLUTION OF A SERIOUS PROBLEM WHICH HAS SO FAR COMPLICATED THE ALARMING CRISIS WHICH UNFORTUNATELY PREVAILS IN THE PERSIAN GULF AREA.

- "THE ITALIAN SENATE, MINDFUL OF THE REPEATED EVIDENCE OF SOLIDARITY OFFERED BY THE UNITED STATES TO ITALY IN THE SPIRIT OF A PROVEN FRIENDSHIP--THE LATEST ON THE OCCASION OF THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE--, JOINS ME IN SHARING THE FEELINGS OF JOY WHICH ARE TODAY IN THE HEARTS OF THE MEMBERS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

- "HAVING IN MIND THAT RONALD REAGAN IS AT THIS MOMENT BEGINNING HIS PRESIDENTIAL MANDATE, THE ITALIAN SENATE EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT HIS TERM OF OFFICE, IN COOPERATION WITH FRIENDLY NATIONS, MAY BRING ABOUT GREAT BENEFIT TO THE UNITED STATES AND MAY ALSO OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES WHICH TROUBLE DETENTE AND RETARD THE PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT OF ALL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD."

GARDNER

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EOB:ZURW

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MESSAGE:

IMMEDIATE  
DE RUEHRO #1934 0271719  
O 271717Z JAN 81  
FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7900

UNCLAS ROME 01934  
FODAG  
IO FOR ED PARSONS  
E.O. 12065: N/A  
TAGS: PORG, FAO  
SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL SAOUMA, WHICH WAS SENT COMMERCIALY ON 15 JANUARY 1981.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE HONORABLE  
RONALD REAGAN  
PRESIDENT-ELECT  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C

FOLLOWING THE BRILLIANT OUTCOME OF THE RECENT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, PLEASE ACCEPT ON YOUR CONFIRMATION IN OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS. YOUR COUNTRY, AS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF WHICH I HAVE THE HONOR TO DIRECT, HAS AT ALL TIMES BEEN ONE OF ITS DEPENDABLE AND GENEROUS SUPPORTERS. ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS OUR HOPE AND CONVICTION THAT YOU WILL BRING TO THE HIGH OFFICE YOU WILL SHORTLY ASSUME THE DEEP UNDERSTANDING REQUIRED IN THE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE AIMS OF THIS ORGANIZATION TO IMPROVE THE LEVELS OF FOOD PRODUCTION TO ELIMINATE HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION WHICH AFFECTS MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD.

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

OUR MISSION IS TRULY ONE OF UNIVERSAL IMPORTANCE AND I AM  
FIRM IN THE BELIEF THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP YOUR GREAT  
COUNTRY WILL CONTINUE ITS PERSISTENCE IN THE INTEREST  
OF MANKIND.  
MAY I AGAIN EXTEND TO YOU OUR MOST SINCERE GOOD WISHES  
FOR SUCCESS IN THE MISSION FACING YOU IN THIS HIGH OFFICE.  
EDOUARD SAOUMA  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
ROME  
END TEXT.

3. SO FAR AS FODAG IS AWARE, NO ACKNOWLEDGMENT HAS BEEN  
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## MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 3, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

Here are the delightful cables on the bogus interview.

## Attachments

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TO: THE WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. RICHARD ALLEN IMMEDIATE, PAGES 0-1

1. THANKS FOR YOUR HELPFUL MESSAGE. ON MONDAY MORNING JAN. 20 OUR PRESS OFFICE CONFRONTED "IL SETTIMANALE" WITH YOUR DENIAL THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN HAD EVER GIVEN AN INTERVIEW TO RICHARD ALLEN. "IL SETTIMANALE" EDITOR MASSIMO TOSTI REPLIED THE PRESIDENT HAD GIVEN AN INTERVIEW TO RICHARD ALLEN.

2. PIER CARPI ALL GELLY ATTENDED A DINNER PARTY FOR THE PRESIDENT AT 11:00 PM.

3. TOSTI CLAIMS THAT HE TALKED TO THE PRESIDENT FOR ONE HALF HOUR. AT THE END OF THE EVENING HE ASKED THE PRESIDENT FOR PERMISSION TO TURN THE CONVERSATION INTO AN INTERVIEW FOR "IL SETTIMANALE". THE PRESIDENT REFUSED.

TO COORDINATE THE INTERVIEW WITH EDWARD W. STEIN (TEL. 410-740-7000) AND ALLEN AT THE PARTY.

4. STEIN ALLEGEDLY PROVIDED CARPI WITH PRINTED MATERIAL TO FILL OUT THE INTERVIEW AND ASKED TO SEE THE TEXT BEFORE IT WAS PUBLISHED. CARPI AT FIRST REFUSED STEIN'S REQUEST TO DISCLOSE THE TEXT, WHICH WAS SET FOR PUBLICATION JANUARY 15 WITH SEVERAL CHANGES.

5. TOSTI CLAIMS THAT HE REQUESTED YOU MAY WISH TO LOOK FURTHER INTO THE MATTER BEFORE WE RELEASE A DENIAL SINCE TOSTI WILL CERTAINLY CHALLENGE IT AND USE THE OCCASION TO CARRY OUT ALLEGATIONS OF "REAGAN HAD GIVEN AN INTERVIEW" AT THE DINNER PARTY.

6. PLEASE ADVISE.

OR JAMES

JUNE 5, 1961

TO: AMBASSADOR GARDNER

FROM: JOHN ED ALLEN

CONTENTS OF "INTERVIEW" GARDNER FACILL AT LIGHT READING AT  
JUNE 5, 1961.

THE ITEM IS CLEARLY A FAKE. EVERYONE KNOWS THAT IT IS  
HEGEL, NOT ALBERT EINSTEIN, WHOM THE PRESIDENT ADMIRES MOST.  
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SUBJECT: ALL INFORMATION RELATIVE TO PRESIDENTIAL LEADERS  
REF: ROME 2126, BURNETT/MALONE TELCON 1/22

1. ROME WEEKLY "IL SETTIMANALE" OF JANUARY 27 CARRIES  
WHAT IS ALLIED TO THE "IL SETTIMANALE" OF JANUARY 27. IT  
REPORTS THAT THE INTERVIEW WAS BY THE NAME OF THE AUTHOR OF  
A CONTROVERSIAL BOOK CALLED "THE KENNEDY SLAP."

2. THE INTERVIEW WAS BY THE NAME OF THE AUTHOR OF THE BOOK  
BECAUSE OF STATEMENTS ABOUT ITALIAN POLITICAL LEADERS  
AND THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY. ADVISORS TO ITALIAN  
ALREADY ASKED EMBASSY WHETHER THE INTERVIEW IS GENUINE.

3. THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE ASKED BY THE INTERVIEWER  
OR NOT THE INTERVIEWER IS GENUINE.

Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE ITALIAN POLITICAL  
LEADERSHIP?

A. I DON'T KNOW ANY OF THEM PERSONALLY, BUT I  
HOPE TO...

Q. ONE OF THEM CLAIMS TO KNOW YOU WELL AND TO  
KNOW THE NAME OF THE INTERVIEWER?

A. YES, BUT I HAVE A VERY GOOD MEMORY. I  
DON'T KNOW ANY ITALIAN POLITICIANS BUT I HOPE TO...

Q. IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE INTERVIEWER IS NOT THE  
AUTHOR OF THE BOOK?

A. I DON'T KNOW. I ONLY KNOW THAT THE INTERVIEWER  
IS NOT THE AUTHOR OF THE BOOK.

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A. YOU MAY BE A GOOD WRITER, BUT YOU ARE A POOR POLITICIAN...

Q. THANK YOU, THAT'S A COMPLIMENT.

A. IT IS NOT CORRECT TO SAY THAT ITALY HAS THE STRONGEST COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE WEST. IN REALITY, IT IS THE WEAKEST. IT RECEIVES A LOT OF VOTES BUT THAT IS ITS PRINCIPAL WEAKNESS. OUTSIDE OF A FEW PARTY LEADERS AND A CERTAIN STRUCTURE, THOSE ITALIANS ARE NOT VOTING COMMUNIST. I WOULD SAY THAT THE PCI IS ILLERITIMATELY USING ITALIAN SOCIALIST VOTES, PROTEST VOTES, A KIND OF NATIONALISTIC VOTE AND A PURELY IRRATIONAL VOTE. BY BECOMING A GOVERNMENT PARTY, THE PCI WOULD ONLY LOSE ITS VARIED AND UNDEFINABLE ATTRACTIVENESS AND IT WOULD LOSE VOTES. THE COMMUNISTS ARE IN THE WEST, AND THAT'S IT. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE THE INTERNATIONALIST STATES AND REMAIN FAITHFUL TO MOSCO AND DISAPPOINT THOSE WHO ARE NOT WITH THEM, OR CHANGE AND THEN THEY WILL LOSE THE VOTES. I DON'T THINK THE PROTEST VOTES ARE EVER CREATED. IN ANY CASE, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE ITALIAN COMMUNISTS HAVE A REAL LEADER CAPABLE OF LEADING THEM TO ATTAIN THE STATUS OF A TITO.

Q. WHO IS THE PERSON THAT YOU MOST ADMIRE?

A. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THEM, BUT I ADMIRE HIS SYMPATHY FOR THE ROMAN PONTIFF... I ADMIRE HIM FOR THE THINGS THAT HE HAS SAID AND WRITTEN, WHICH SHOW GREAT HUMANITY.

Q. WHO ARE THE STATESMEN WHOM YOU MOST ADMIRE?

A. DE GAULLE, DEFESSION AND PITI.

Q. AND THE PEOPLE THAT YOU MOST LOVE?

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THE EMBASSY IN TEHRAN?  
 IT IS CLEAR. IT IS EVEN  
 CLEARER THAT WE DO NOT INTEND TO GIVE IN TO BLACKMAIL,  
 NOR TO DEAL WITH COMMON PIRATES. YOU WILL REMEMBER  
 HOW JULIUS CAESAR, KIDNAPPED BY PIRATES, AFTER THE  
 PAY OFF CAME, HE SAID, I WILL EXECUTE THEM ALL.  
 WELL, FOR US, EVERY AMERICAN CITIZEN IS CAESAR AND WE  
 CANNOT AND WILL NOT PAY RANSOM, THUS ENDORSING A  
 HYPOCRITICAL AND CRIMINAL POLICY WHICH SOME MIGHT  
 FEEL JUSTIFIED IN IMITATING.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY REQUESTS SOONEST POSSIBLE  
 CONFIRMATION WHETHER THE INTERVIEW DID IN FACT TAKE PLACE  
 FOR WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION TO NEWS MEDIA AND GOV  
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SUBJECT: ALLEGED INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN  
REF: ROME 01208, BURNETT/MALONE TELCON 1/22  
1. ROME WEEKLY "IL SETTIMANALE" OF JANUARY 27 CARRIES  
WHAT IS ALLEGED TO BE AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH  
PRESIDENT REAGAN CONDUCTED BY PIER CARPI, THE AUTHOR OF  
A CONTROVERSIAL BOOK CALLED "THE KENNEDY CLAN."  
2. THE INTERVIEW HAS ATTRACTING HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION  
BECAUSE OF STATEMENTS ABOUT ITALIAN POLITICAL LEADERS  
AND THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY. ADVISORS TO ITALIAN  
PRESIDENT PERTINI AND SENATE PRESIDENT FANFANI HAVE  
ALREADY ASKED EMBASSY WHETHER THE INTERVIEW IS GENUINE.  
3. THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS MAY HELP ESTABLISH WHETHER  
OR NOT THE INTERVIEW IS GENUINE.  
- Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE ITALIAN POLITICAL  
- LEADERSHIP?  
- A. I DON'T KNOW ANY OF THEM PERSONALLY, BUT I  
- HOPE TO...  
- Q. ONE OF THEM CLAIMS TO KNOW YOU WELL AND TO  
- HAVE MET YOU WHEN HE WAS FOREIGN MINISTER.  
- A. I'M SORRY, BUT I HAVE A VERY GOOD MEMORY. I  
- DON'T KNOW ANY ITALIAN POLITICIANS BUT I HOPE TO  
- GET TO KNOW THEM SOON. I'M SURE THAT WE'LL HAVE A  
- CLEAR EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WHICH WILL LEAD TO A  
- REINFORCEMENTS OF THE ALREADY VERY GOOD RELATIONS  
- WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.  
- Q. HOW DO YOU LOOK UPON A POSSIBLE ENTRANCE OF THE  
- COMMUNISTS INTO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT?  
- A. THE U.S. DOES NOT INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL  
- AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, NOT EVEN ITS FRIENDS.  
- NATURALLY I WOULD NOT LOOK UPON IT FAVORABLY BUT

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I THINK THAT IT'S REALLY IMPROBABLE.

Q. IN ITALY IT'S TALKED ABOUT SERIOUSLY AND OUR COUNTRY HAS THE STRONGEST COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE WEST...

A. YOU MAY BE A GOOD WRITER, BUT YOU ARE A POOR POLITICIAN...

Q. THANK YOU, THAT'S A COMPLIMENT.

A. IT'S NOT CORRECT TO SAY THAT ITALY HAS THE STRONGEST COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE WEST. IN REALITY, IT IS THE WEAKEST. IT RECEIVES A LOT OF VOTES BUT THAT IS ITS PRINCIPAL WEAKNESS. OUTSIDE OF A FEW PARTY LEADERS AND A CERTAIN STRUCTURE, THOSE ITALIANS ARE NOT VOTING COMMUNIST. I WOULD SAY THAT THE PCI IS ILLEGITIMATELY USING ITALIAN SOCIALIST VOTES, PROTEST VOTES, A KIND OF NATIONALISTIC VOTE AND A PURELY IRRATIONAL VOTE. BY BECOMING A GOVERNMENT PARTY, THE PCI WOULD ONLY LOSE ITS VARIED AND UNDEFINABLE ATTRACTIVENESS AND IT WOULD LOSE VOTES. THE COMMUNISTS ARE COMMUNISTS, AND THAT'S IT. ONCE IN POWER THEY MUST FOLLOW INTERNATIONALIST DICTATES AND REMAIN FAITHFUL TO MOSCOW AND DISAPPOINT THOSE WHO VOTED FOR THEM, OR CHANGE AND THEN THEY WOULD NO LONGER BE COMMUNISTS AND THE DISAPPOINTMENT WOULD BE EVEN GREATER. IN ADDITION, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE ITALIAN COMMUNISTS HAVE A REAL LEADER CAPABLE OF PLAYING AN ALTERNATIVE ROLE, WHICH IS POSSIBLE ONLY FOR SOMEONE OF THE MYTHICAL STATURE OF A TITO.

Q. WHO IS THE PERSON THAT YOU MOST ADMIRE?

A. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THEM. BUT I HAVE GREAT SYMPATHY FOR THE ROMAN PONTIFF...I ADMIRE HIM FOR THE THINGS THAT HE HAS SAID AND WRITTEN, WHICH SHOW GREAT MORAL TENSION.

Q. WHO ARE THE STATESMEN WHOM YOU MOST ADMIRE?

A. METTERNICH, JEFFERSON AND PITT.

Q. AND THE PEOPLE THAT YOU MOST LOVE?

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- A. THERE ARE THREE THAT I COULD NEVER IMITATE:  
- ST. FRANCIS, HENRY THE IV OF NAVARRA AND GIUSEPPE  
- GARIBALDI.  
- Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY MUSICAL FAVORITES?  
- A. IN ADDITION TO MODERN MUSIC, JAZZ IN PARTICULAR,  
- I HAVE SOME GREAT LOVES. MY HEART IS WITH VIVALDI,  
- MY INTELLECT WITH WAGNER AND MY EAR WITH OFFENBACH.  
- I HAVE ALSO KNOWN TWO GREAT CONDUCTORS, TOSCANINI  
- AND VICTOR DE SABATA. I FIND THE LATTER ONE OF THE  
- GREATEST.  
- Q. WHAT IS THE MOST RECENT BOOK YOU HAVE READ?  
- A. I RECENTLY REREAD A NEW TRANSLATION OF "THE  
- MASTER AND MARGERITA" BY MICHAEL BULGANOV, A GREAT  
- AUTHOR. I AM ALSO A GREAT FAN OF POETRY AND NARRA-  
- TION: POE, BAUDELAIRE, TENNYSON, BORGES. I THINK  
- YOUR DANTE IS SOMETHING SUBLIME, ESPECIALLY IN THE  
- HYMN TO ULYSSES IN THE "DIVINE COMEDY."  
- Q. AND WITH ADVERSARIES THAT STAB YOU IN THE BACK?  
- I AM REFERING TO THE PROBLEM OF TERRORISM WHICH  
- AFFECTS MINE AND MANY OTHER COUNTRIES.  
- A. IT'S A PLAGUE WHICH MUST BE AND WILL BE DESTROYED.  
- FREE PEOPLE AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS MUST USE EVERY MEANS  
- TO DESTROY THIS CRIME. EVERY COUNTRY HAS ITS PROB-  
- LEMS, OFTEN DIFFERENT, BUT THERE ARE SOME WHICH HAVE  
- BEEN IN THE EYE OF THE CYCLONE FOR TOO LONG: ITALY,  
- TURKEY, SPAIN...THERE ALSO CLEARLY EXIST AN INTER-  
- NATIONAL DESIGN, COUNTRIES, HIDDEN CENTERS, MEN WHO  
- ORGANIZE, FINANCE AND PROTECT TERRORISM.  
- Q. IS THERE A REAGAN DOCTRINE?  
- A. YOU BET THERE IS. IT'S BASED ON TWO FUNDAMENTAL  
- POINTS. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE U.S. AND THE  
- DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN. I DON'T THINK THAT  
- ANY PRESIDENT COULD ADD ANYTHING TO THEM. IT'S  
- DIFFICULT ENOUGH TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THOSE TWO.

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Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF "COUPS DE MAIN" LIKE THAT IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, THE USE OF CUBAN MERCENARIES IN REVOLTS AND LOCAL CONFRONTATIONS IN MANY COUNTRIES?

A. THE U.S. WILL NOT TOLERATE SUCH CRIMES AND I'M SURE THAT OUR ALLIES WOULD AGREE.

Q. WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO DURING YOUR ADMINISTRATION ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN THE EMBASSY IN TEHRAN?

A. WE'LL DO SOMETHING, THAT'S CLEAR. IT'S EVEN CLEARER THAT WE DO NOT INTEND TO GIVE IN TO BLACKMAIL, NOR TO DEAL WITH COMMON PIRATES. YOU WILL REMEMBER HOW JULIUS CAESAR, KIDNAPPED BY PIRATES, AFTER THE PAYMENT OF THE RANSOM, RETURNED TO EXECUTE THEM ALL. WELL, FOR US, EVERY AMERICAN CITIZEN IS CAESAR AND WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT PAY RANSOM, THUS ENDORSING A PIRATICAL AND CRIMINAL POLICY WHICH SOME MIGHT FEEL JUSTIFIED IN IMITATING.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY REQUESTS SOONEST POSSIBLE CONFIRMATION WHETHER THE INTERVIEW DID IN FACT TAKE PLACE FOR WIDEST POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION TO NEWS MEDIA AND GOI OFFICIALS.

5. FULL TEXT OF INTERVIEW FOLLOWS SEPTEL. GARDNER

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