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June 1, 2017

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

The Honorable Rex W. Tillerson
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Tillerson:

Recent news reports detail that Secretary Clinton and her staff allegedly pressured the government of Bangladesh, including its Prime Minister, Sheik Hasina, to terminate a corruption investigation into a Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) donor, Dr. Muhammad Yunus.¹ Reports also indicate that State Department officials threatened the Prime Minister's son, Sajeeb Wazed, with an IRS audit if he did not attempt to get his mother to terminate the investigation.² On May 11, 2017, Prime Minister Hasina confirmed that Mrs. Clinton called her office in March of 2011 and demanded that Yunus be restored to his position of chairman of the Grameen Bank.³ This new evidence of pay-to-play and special treatment reinforces the appearance that donations to the Clinton Foundation resulted in favorable treatment by Secretary Clinton's State Department.⁴

As I wrote in my August 2016 letter to Department of Justice, federal law requires that executive branch employees be disqualified from matters that have a direct and predictable effect on the employee's own financial interests or the financial interests of those persons or organizations with which the employee is affiliated, such as those of a spouse, unless the employee first obtains an individual waiver or a regulatory exemption applies.⁵ Once again, Secretary Clinton's actions have raised reasonable suspicions that she violated these rules and undermined the public's confidence in the integrity of the State Department.

Yunus' personal relationship with the Clintons stems from when Bill Clinton was the governor of Arkansas.⁶ For decades, Yunus has been heralded by the Clinton Foundation and

¹ Sara A. Carter, "Bangladesh prime minister says Clinton personally pressured her to help foundation donor," Circa (May 11, 2017). According to news reports 'the bank's nonprofit Grameen America, which Yunus chairs, has given between \$100,000 and \$250,000 to the Clinton Global Initiative. Grameen Research, which is chaired by Yunus, has donated between \$25,000 and \$50,000, according to the Clinton Foundation website. Richard Pollock, "Hillary Aides Threatened Prime Minister's Son With IRS Audit, He Says," Daily Caller (April 25, 2017).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ By way of example, in August of last year, I wrote a letter to then-Attorney General Loretta Lynch laying out 10 pages of examples where Clinton Foundation donors apparently received preferential treatment from the State Department. Letter from Chairman Grassley to the Justice Department, August 15, 2016.

⁵ 18 U.S.C. 208.

⁶ Richard Pollock, "Disgraced Clinton Donor Got \$13M in State Dept Grants Under Hillary," Daily Caller (April 17, 2016).

has been showcased at a number of foundation functions. Bill Clinton also personally lobbied the Nobel Committee on behalf of Yunus, and in 2006 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. According to reports, Yunus' companies donated between \$100,000 to \$250,000 to the Clinton Global Initiative and \$25,000 to \$50,000 to the Clinton Foundation.⁷ Upon Secretary Clinton's appointment as Secretary of State, the Clinton-Yunus relationship deepened. Secretary Clinton's Department of State reportedly awarded more than \$13 million in taxpayer funds to businesses aligned with Yunus.⁸

In 2011, the Bangladesh government removed Yunus from his position on the Grameen Bank Board of Directors, citing certain legal violations and statutory age limits on his position. During this time, emails between Yunus' associates, the Clinton Foundation, Hillary Clinton, Cheryl Mills, and other State Department staff appear to show a concerted effort to intercede in the Yunus investigation. The emails demonstrate Secretary Clinton and the Clinton Foundation closely monitored the investigation into Yunus. The emails also show an effort by the US Ambassador to Bangladesh to arrange meetings with the Prime Minister to apply pressure in an attempt to end the investigation into Yunus. These emails are attached.

According to the son of Prime Minister Hasina, Sajeed Wazed, he had a number of interactions with high-level State Department officials from 2010-2012. Mr. Wazed recalled that in almost every meeting the Yunus investigation would inevitably come up and that he faced pressure to end the investigation. Some of the individuals he met with include:

James Moriarty – US Ambassador to Bangladesh
Dan Mozena – US Ambassador to Bangladesh
Jon Danilowicz – Deputy Chief of Mission, Bangladesh
Rajiv Shah – Administrator, USAID

Specifically, Mr. Wazed recounted two conversations with then Deputy Chief of Mission to Bangladesh, Jon Danilowicz, during which Danilowicz mentioned that Wazed may be audited by the IRS if he failed to use his influence to get his mother to drop the investigation into Yunus. Mr. Wazed said that sometimes officials from the State Department were apologetic when repeatedly delivering the message concerning Yunus, and made clear that they were just acting as messengers from the highest levels of the State Department. Furthermore, he was told by these same officials that Yunus was communicating with Secretary Clinton and her staff for assistance and, in turn, Secretary Clinton's staff put pressure on the Embassy in Bangladesh to intercede on Yunus' behalf.

If the Secretary of State used her position to intervene in an independent investigation by a sovereign government simply because of a personal and financial relationship stemming from the Clinton Foundation rather than the legitimate foreign policy interests of the United States, then that would be unacceptable. Co-mingling her official position as Secretary of State with her family foundation would be similarly inappropriate. It is vital to determine whether the State

⁷ Sara A. Carter, "Bangladesh prime minister says Clinton personally pressured her to help foundation donor," Circa (May 11, 2017). Richard Pollock, "Hillary Aides Threatened Prime Minister's Son With IRS Audit, He Says," Daily Caller (April 25, 2017).

⁸ *Id.*

Department had any role in the threat of an IRS audit against the son of the Prime Minister in retaliation for this investigation.

To better understand the involvement of former Secretary Clinton and her staff in the Yunus investigation, please provide the following information:

1. Did any State Department official directly or indirectly suggest Mr. Wazed might suffer any consequences, including an IRS audit, in relation to the Bangladesh investigation? If so, please provide all records relating to such communications.
2. Has this matter been referred to the Inspector General or Department of Justice for review? If not, why not?
3. Please provide unredacted copies of all State Department emails attached to this letter.

In addition, please make Mr. Danilowicz available for an interview with Committee staff.

I anticipate that your written reply and some responsive documents will be unclassified. Please send all unclassified material directly to the Committee. In keeping with the requirements of Executive Order 13526, if any of the responsive documents do contain classified information, please segregate all unclassified material within the classified documents, provide all unclassified information directly to the Committee, and provide a classified addendum to the Office of Senate Security. Although the Committee complies with all laws and regulations governing the handling of classified information, it is not bound, absent its prior agreement, by any handling restrictions or instructions on unclassified information unilaterally asserted by the Executive Branch.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this request. Please number your responses according to their corresponding questions and submit it no later than June 15, 2017. If you have questions, please contact Josh Flynn-Brown of my Committee staff at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary

cc:

The Honorable Steve A. Linick, Inspector General
State Department

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PART
B1,B5,1.4(D)

From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 10:35 PM
To: H
Subject: RE: Preliminary Readout of Grameen Bank Board Meeting

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-----Original Message-----

From: H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 9:16 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: Re: Preliminary Readout of Grameen Bank Board Meeting

-----Original Message-----

From: Mills, Cheryl D [mailto:MillsCD@state.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 08:19 AM
To: H
Subject: FW: Preliminary Readout of Grameen Bank Board Meeting

Fyi traffic from bottom up

-----Original Message-----

From: Pyatt, Geoffrey R
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 8:17 AM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Cc: Blake, Robert O.
Subject: RE: Preliminary Readout of Grameen Bank Board Meeting

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 7:48 AM
To: Pyatt, Geoffrey R
Cc: Blake, Robert O
Subject: RE: Preliminary Readout of Grameen Bank Board Meeting

Thanks for this - much appreciated!

-----Original Message-----

From: Pyatt, Geoffrey R
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 7:45 AM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Cc: Blake, Robert O
Subject: FW: Preliminary Readout of Grameen Bank Board Meeting

More to follow.

Welcome back!

Geoff

-----Original Message-----

From: Danilowicz, Jon F
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 7:33 AM
To: Ayres, Alyssa; Pyatt, Geoffrey R; Blake, Robert O; Keshap, Atul; Palaia, Thomas; Berry, Sheila G; Tranchina, Anthony M; Dean, Nicholas J; Lovelace, Lauren H; Gallego, Enrique R; Greene, Richard (USAID/Dhaka/DIR); Sharma, Dennis (USAID/Dhaka/DIR); Mauldin, Caroline P
Subject: Preliminary Readout of Grameen Bank Board Meeting

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Jon

From: Verveer, Melanne S <VerveerMS@state.gov>
Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2011 6:35 PM
To: H
Subject: Re: Yunus Resignation Letter

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From: H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2011 03:34 PM
To: Verveer, Melanne S
Subject: Re: Yunus Resignation Letter

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Sad, indeed. [Redacted]

From: Verveer, Melanne S [mailto:VerveerMS@state.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2011 10:27 PM
To: H
Subject: FW: Yunus Resignation Letter

[Redacted]

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From: lamiya [Redacted]
To: Danilowicz, Jon F; Variava, Heather C
Sent: Thu May 12 22:19:12 2011
Subject: Fwd: Resignation Letter
Jon

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We have sent this to the press now, as we had been planning for the last several days. Bangla original with English translation.

Regards

Lamiya

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From: Verveer, Melanne S <VerveerMS@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2011 3:02 PM
To: H
Subject: Fw: Latest Grameen Update

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Yunus is going to be in DC March 7-9 barring the unforeseen. I'm joining him for a press conference on how microcredit has lifted up millions of the world's poor women. [redacted]

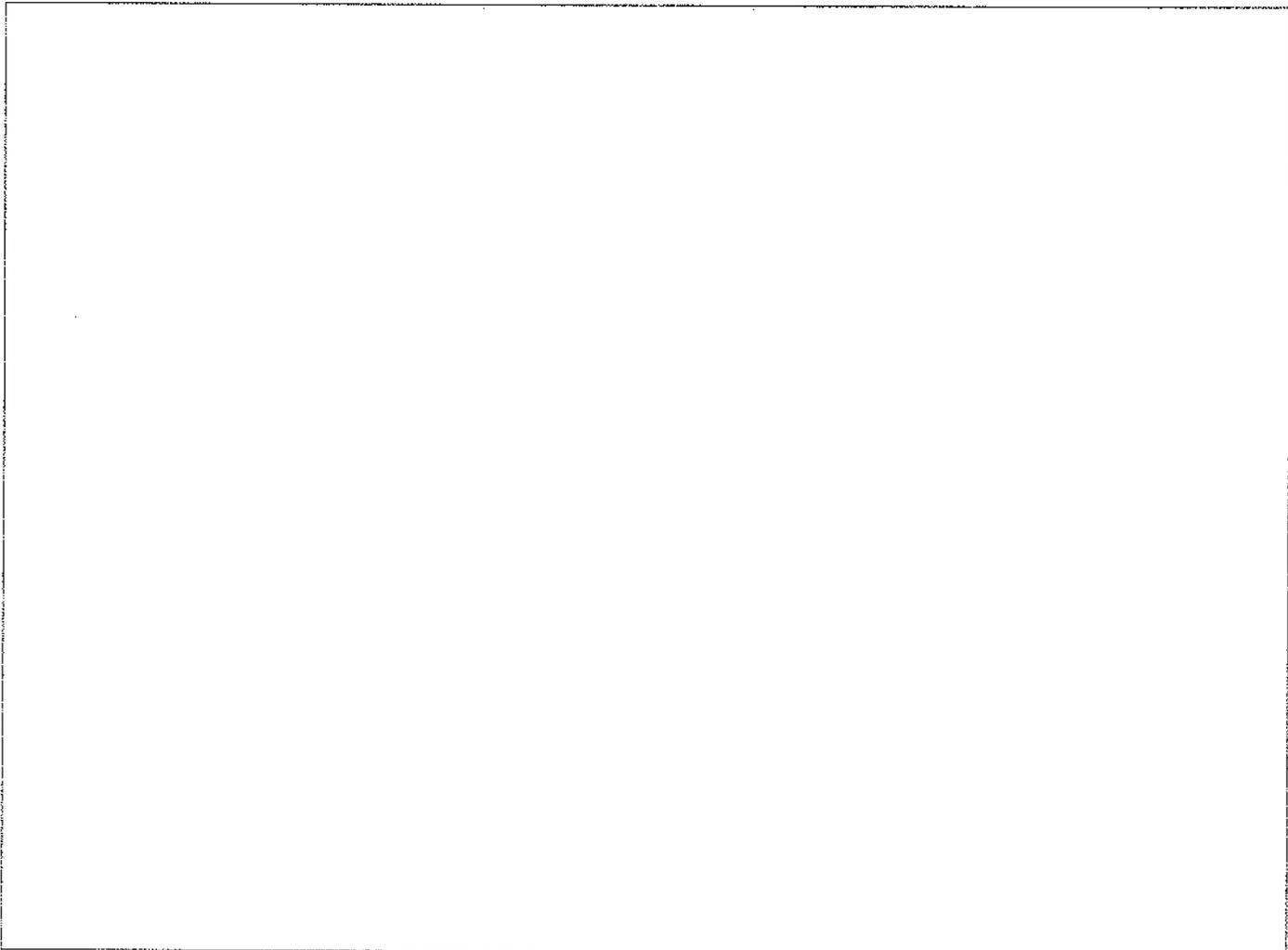
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From: Alex Counts [redacted]
To: Verveer, Melanne S
Sent: Sun Feb 06 15:14:16 2011
Subject: Latest Grameen Update

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Melanne,

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You have probably seen the New York Times article on this situation. It is largely factual.

Sincerely,

Alex Counts, President
Grameen Foundation

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From: H <hrod17@clintonemail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2010 4:40 AM
To: 'FuchsMH@state.gov'
Subject: Fw: [redacted]

Mike--pls look into this for me. I'd like to know what really is going on. Thx.

1.4(D)
B1

----- Original Message -----

From: Verveer, Melanne S <VerveerMS@state.gov>
To: H
Sent: Mon Dec 06 03:02:28 2010
Subject: Fw: [redacted]

Just when we thought thing had calmed down....

----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
To: Verveer, Melanne S
Sent: Mon Dec 06 02:20:02 2010
Subject: [redacted]

Dear Melanne



The allegation against Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus of 'diverting foreign aid from Grameen Bank to another company' should be investigated, the prime minister has said.
"Bangladesh has set many examples. Deceiving people by siphoning off their money is another such example. This is nothing but sucking out money from the people after giving them loans," she said replying to questions from journalists on Sunday.
"There has been no improvement in the lifestyle of the poor so far. They were just used as pawns to get more aids," Hasina added.
She was speaking at a press conference at her office on Sunday following her three-nation tour of Russia, Belgium and Japan.
"The people of Bangladesh have been made guinea pigs. I have never supported that. And now I protest," Hasina told journalists.

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From: H <hrod17@clintonemail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 6, 2010 7:10 AM
To: 'verveerms@state.gov'
Subject: Re: More [redacted]

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Are you back yet? Let's discuss w Bob Blake asap.

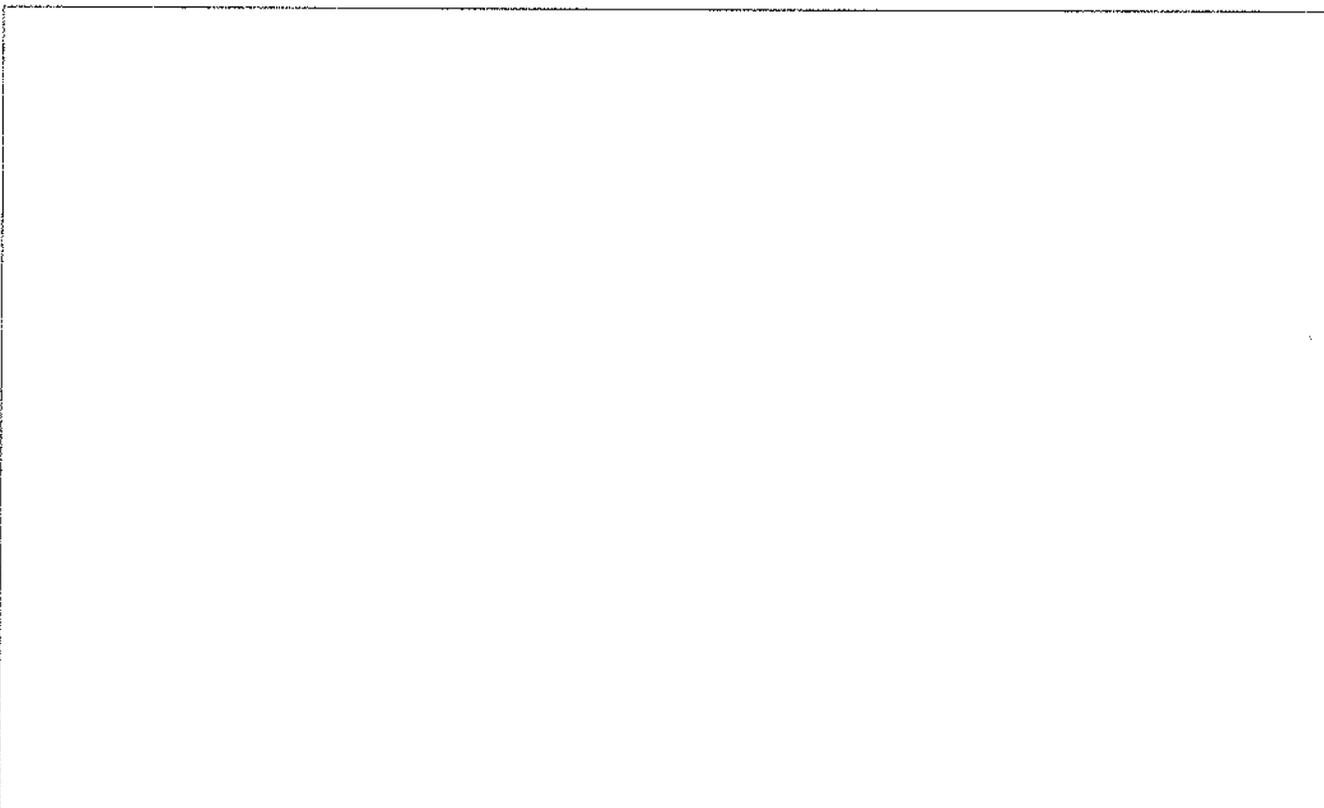
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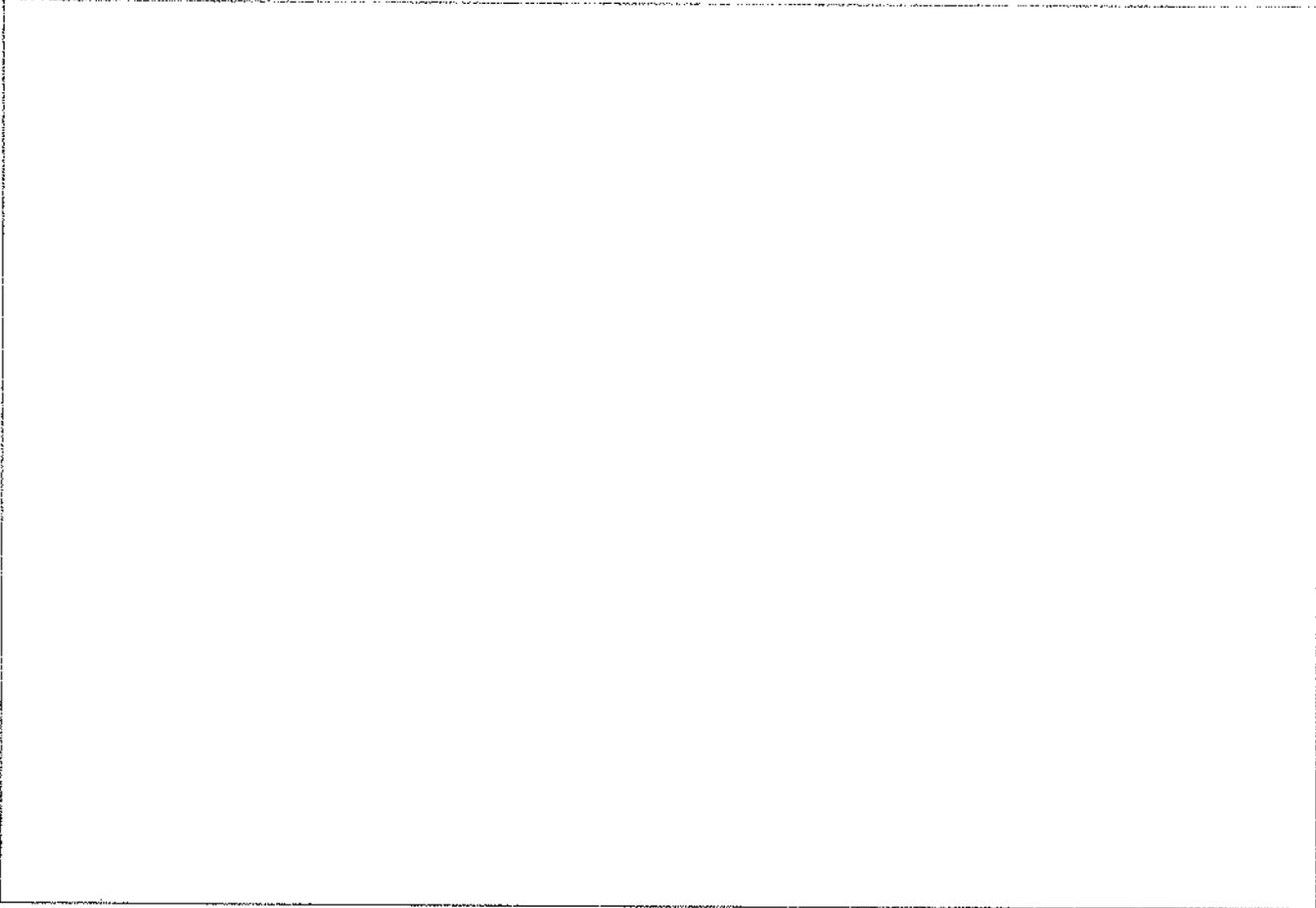
From: Verveer, Melanne S <VerveerMS@state.gov>
To: H
Sent: Mon Dec 06 06:01:07 2010
Subject: More [redacted]

----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
To: Verveer, Melanne S
Sent: Mon Dec 06 05:31:39 2010
Subject: Re: [redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Verveer, Melanne S" <VerveerMS@state.gov>

Date: Mon, 6 Dec 2010 04:41:49

To: [Redacted]

Subject: Re: [Redacted]

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----- Original Message -----

From: [Redacted]

To: Verveer, Melanne S

Sent: Mon Dec 06 02:20:02 2010

Subject: [Redacted]

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From: H <hrod17@clintonemail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2010 5:53 AM
To: 'verveerms@state.gov'
Subject: Re: latest [redacted]

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----- Original Message -----

From: Verveer, Melanne S <VerveerMS@state.gov>
To: H
Sent: Tue Dec 07 16:51:53 2010
Subject: Fw: latest [redacted]

----- Original Message -----

From: [redacted]
To: Verveer, Melanne S
Sent: Tue Dec 07 13:15:18 2010
Subject: Re: [redacted]

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From: "Verveer, Melanne S" <VerveerMS@state.gov>
Date: Tue, 7 Dec 2010 08:06:47
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: [redacted]

[redacted] We understand that the Norwegians may be putting out a statement.

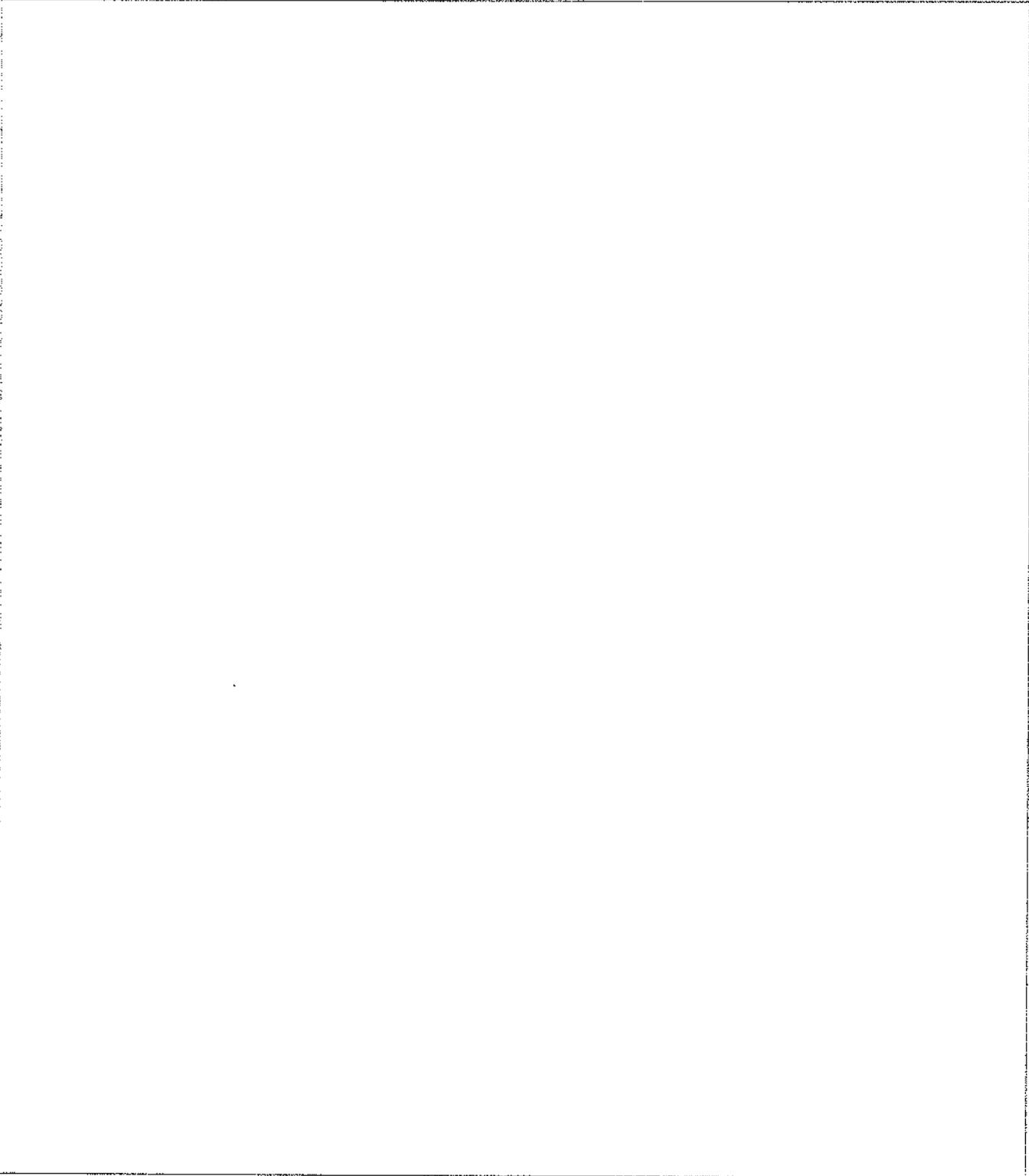
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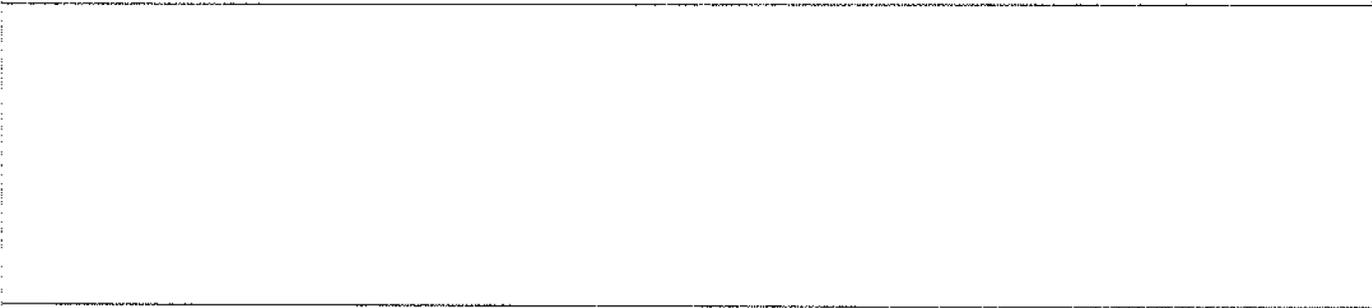
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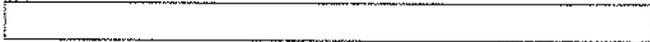
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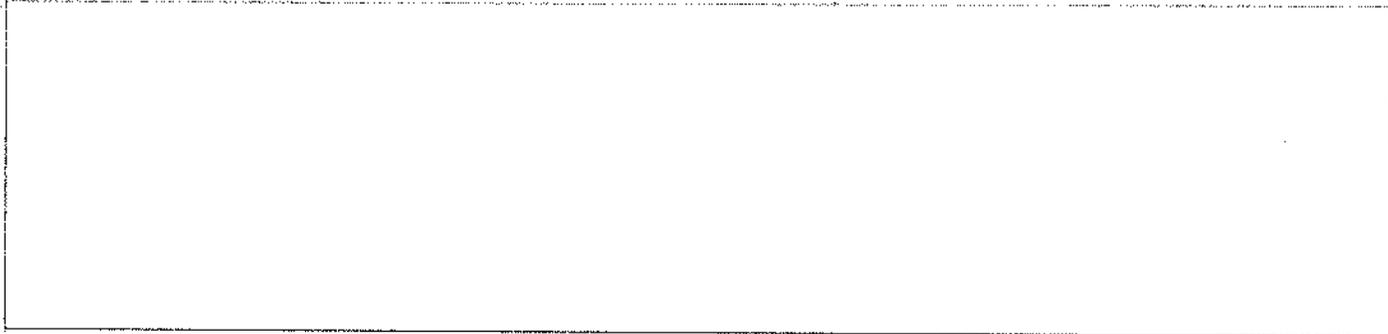
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From: H <hrod17@clintonemail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2011 5:53 AM
To: 'millscd@state.gov'
Cc: 'verveerms@state.gov'
Subject: [Redacted]

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From: Mills, Cheryl D [mailto:MillsCD@state.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2011 03:29 AM
To: H
Subject: [Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2011 12:38 AM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Cc: Verveer, Melanne S; 'ToivNF@state.gov' <ToivNF@state.gov>; [Redacted]; Yu, Wenchi; 'Sam Daley-Harris' [Redacted]; 'Joanne Carter' [Redacted]; 'Dr. Muhammad Yunus' [Redacted]

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Subject: [Redacted]

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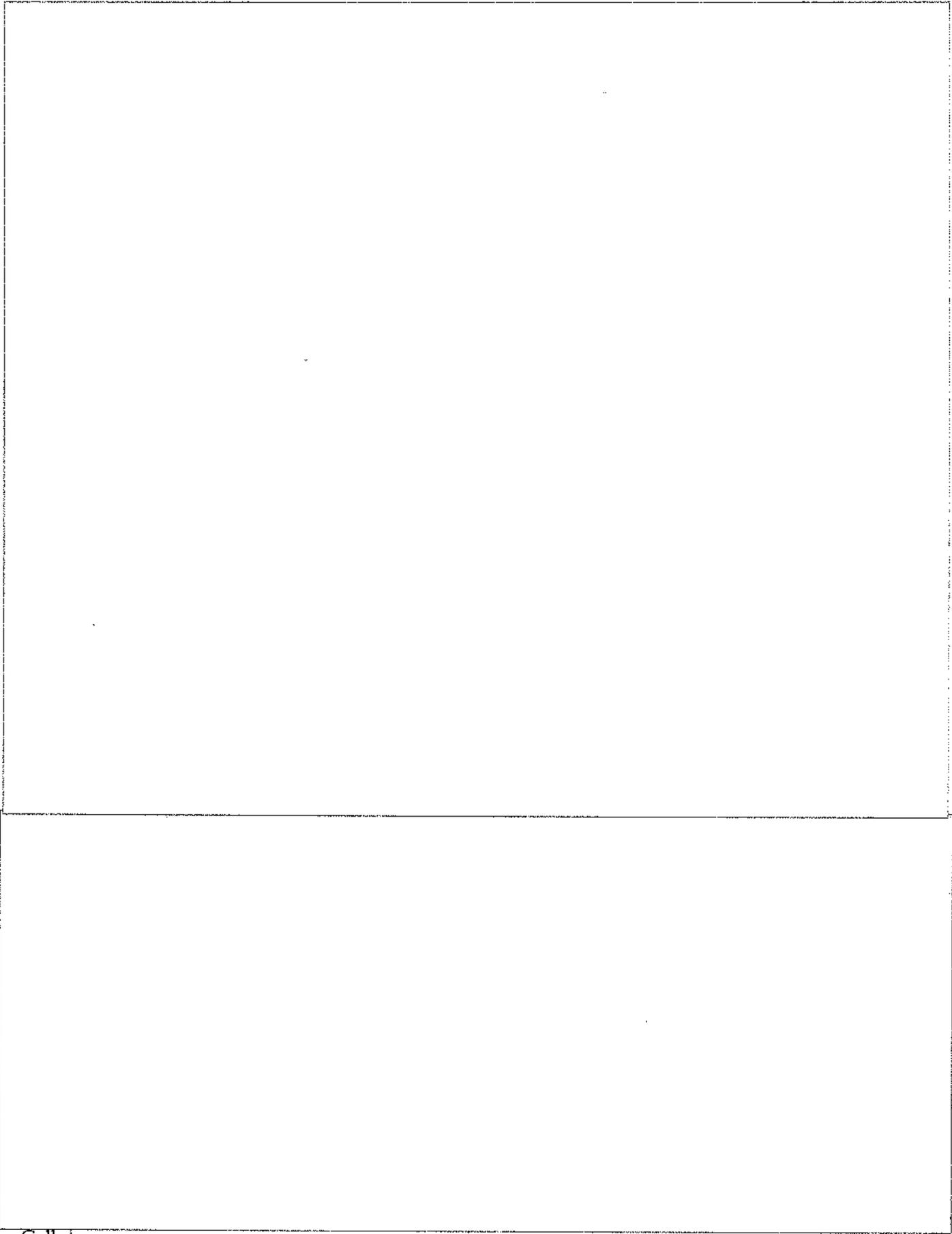
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Dear Secretary Clinton,

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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Sunday, January 9, 2011 10:13 AM
To: H
Subject: FW: Grameen Update: FM's Meeting for COMs [redacted]

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Second email (see first)

From: Seiden, Maya D
Sent: Sunday, January 09, 2011 9:54 AM
To: Nides, Thomas R; Mills, Cheryl D; Sullivan, Jacob J; Campbell, Piper
Subject: Fw: Grameen Update: FM's Meeting for COMs [redacted]

FYI - the situation with Yunus and Grameen appears to be getting worse. [redacted]

The Ambassador is heavily involved, is pushing for a meeting with the Prime Minister. The Embassy will report back tomorrow morning with an update.

See details below from Embassy Bangladesh. (Sending initial email under separate cover bc its cut off below.)

From: Dean, Nicholas J
To: [redacted] Blake, Robert O; Ayres, Alyssa; Keshap, Atul; Palaia, Thomas; Berry, Sheila G; Verveer, Melanne S; Seiden, Maya D
Cc: Variava, Heather C; Moriarty, James F
Sent: Sun Jan 09 07:27:04 2011
Subject: Re: Grameen Update: FM's Meeting for COMs [redacted]

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The FM's meeting for COMs was a reiteration of familiar GOB charges against Grameen/Yunus to a larger audience. Reading from a prepared text, the FM also noted the impending GOB announcement of an investigation committee. The Norwegian Ambassador pointed out that her government had cleared Grameen/Yunus of charges resurfaced in the earlier Norwegian TV documentary. [redacted]

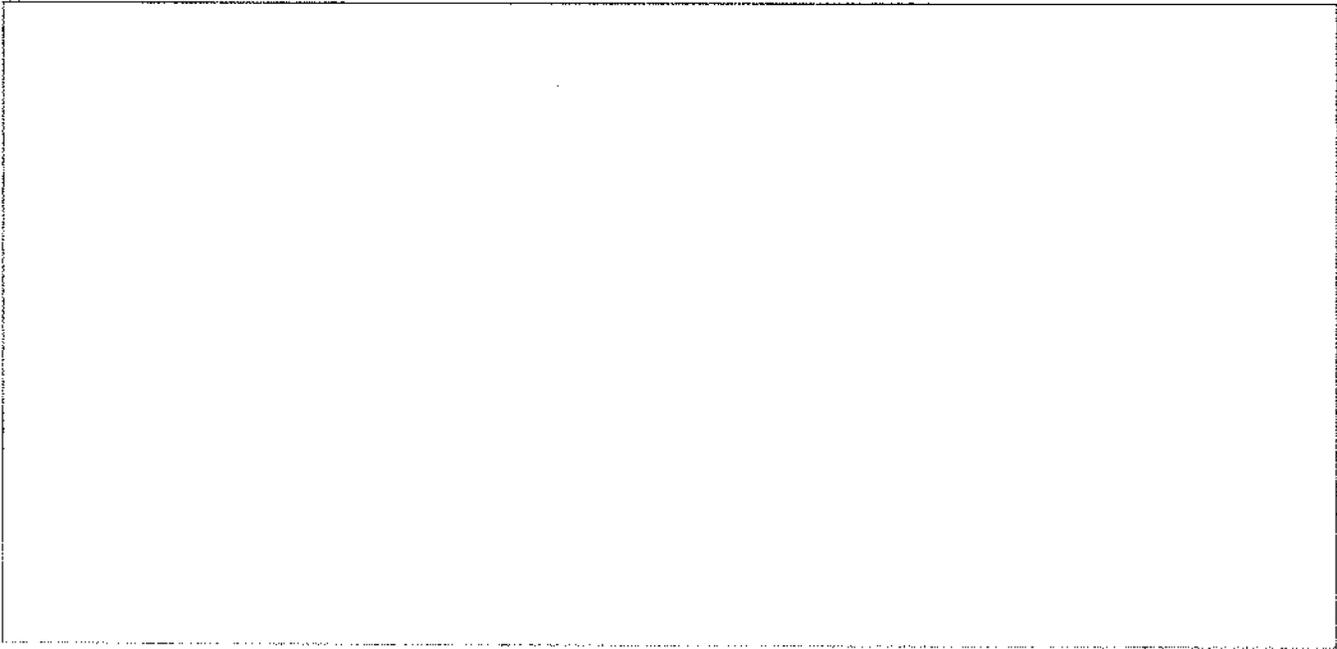
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[redacted] We will continue pressing for an appointment with the Prime Minister. Regards, Nick

From: [redacted]
To: Blake, Robert O; Ayres, Alyssa; Keshap, Atul; Palaia, Thomas; Berry, Sheila G; Verveer, Melanne S; Seiden, Maya D
Cc: Variava, Heather C; Dean, Nicholas J; Moriarty, James F
Sent: Sun Jan 09 17:45:33 2011
Subject: Grameen Update: [redacted]

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From: Verveer, Melanne S <VerveerMS@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 7:59 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: How Wonderful to meet Bill

Fyi

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----- Original Message -----

From: Muhammad Yunus [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 01:44 AM
To: Verveer, Melanne S
Subject: How Wonderful to meet Bill

B6

I am in NY.

I was at the Rockefeller Foundation Award ceremony where Bill Clinton was awarded the life-time achievement award. He gave a very inspiring and insightful speech. He elaborately mentioned my relationship with him and his commitment to microcredit since Arkansas days.

I was amazed by his detailed memory of those years and his actions for promoting microcredit when he became President.

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I hope I can see Hillary when I come to DC in about two weeks.

Best

Yunus
Sent wirelessly via BlackBerry

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From: Verveer, Melanne S <VerveerMS@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2011 10:27 PM
To: H
Subject: FW: Yunus Resignation Letter
Attachments: Bangla Resign Letter of Prof. Yunus.jpg; Resigned Letter of Prof. Yunus.doc; Bangla Resign Letter of Prof. Yunus.jpg; Resigned Letter of Prof. Yunus.doc

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From: lamiya [redacted]
To: Danilowicz, Jon F; Varlava, Heather C
Sent: Thu May 12 22:19:12 2011
Subject: Fwd: Resignation Letter
Jon

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We have sent this to the press now, as we had been planning for the last several days. Bangla original with English translation.

Regards

Lamiya

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From: Verveer, Melanne S <VerveerMS@state.gov>
Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2011 6:35 PM
To: H
Subject: Re: Yunus Resignation Letter

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[Redacted]

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From: H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2011 03:34 PM
To: Verveer, Melanne S
Subject: Re: Yunus Resignation Letter

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Sad, indeed. [Redacted]

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Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2011 10:27 PM
To: H
Subject: FW: Yunus Resignation Letter

[Redacted]

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From: lamiya [Redacted]
To: Danilowicz, Jon F; Variava, Heather C
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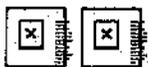
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From: Verveer, Melanne S <VerveerMS@state.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 6, 2011 9:56 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: US Visit Cancelled

[Redacted]

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----- Original Message -----

From: Muhammad Yunus [Redacted]
To: Sam [Redacted]; Vidar Jorgensen [Redacted]; Alex Counts [Redacted];
<[Redacted]> Kamal Ahmad [Redacted];
Cc: Lamiya [Redacted]; Emmanuel Faber [Redacted]
Sent: Sun Mar 06 02:34:00 2011
Subject: US Visit Cancelled

B6

Sorry, I have to cancel my trip to the US. Situation does not allow me to leave the country.

Sorry for the inconveniences.

Yunus.

Sent wirelessly via BlackBerry

RELEASE IN PART B5,B6

From: Verveer, Melanne S <VerveerMS@state.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 6, 2011 12:05 PM
To: H
Subject: RE: US Visit Cancelled

We were to have a press conference with him tom'w morning at the Press Club to release the Microcredit campaign's (which you inaugurated in 1907) 2011 report on the state of microfinance. The press event will go forward (and I'm participating) and Yunus will be either on live video (if they can make it work) or on phone hook-up. He would like to keep his appointment with you on Tuesday via a phone call.

In the meantime, we are trying to deal with the aftermath of the front page Post story on Afghanistan, USAID and women. We are sure to be asked about it over and over this week, and typically no one clued us in even with efforts to be more strategic.

The NEWSWEEK cover is great. I haven't had a minute to read the article yet.

-----Original Message-----

From: H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2011 11:58 AM
To: Verveer, Melanne S
Subject: Re: US Visit Cancelled

[Redacted]

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-----Original Message-----

From: Verveer, Melanne S [mailto:VerveerMS@state.gov]
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2011 09:55 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: US Visit Cancelled

[Redacted]

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