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TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR INFO C]

FOR: LIMITED DISSEM OPA INFO NE/SMETFRE, EUR/NGRR

SLUGS: WNINTEL INTEL

SUBJECT: U.S. AMBASSADOR/ISRAEL REQUEST ON RAOUL WALLENBERG

REF:NONE

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE ADVISE WHAT INFORMATION CAN BE GIVEN TO U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL REGARDING RELEASE OF ALLEGED 'FILES' ON WORLD WAR II-ERA SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG.

2. ON 14 MAY 2002, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL DANIEL KURTZER MADE A "VERY LOW PRIORITY" REQUEST TO STATION TO INQUIRE WHAT INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE ABOUT ALLEGED C] FILES DEALING WITH WORLD WAR II-ERA SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG. WALLENBERG IS NOTED FOR HIS ASSISTANCE TO EUROPEAN JEWS DURING THE HOLOCAUST AND WAS GRANTED HONORARY U.S. CITIZENSHIP VIA ACT OF CONGRESS IN 1981.

3. THE AMBASSADOR BECAME INVOLVED WHEN A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RAOUL WALLENBERG HONORARY CITIZEN COMMITTEE IN ISRAEL APPROACHED HIM WITH A REQUEST THAT HE "INVESTIGATE THE REASON WHY THE C] FILES REMAIN CLOSED...." THE AMBASSADOR WAS ALSO GIVEN A COPY OF A LETTER SENT TO THE ISRAELI COMMITTEE ON UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM LETTERHEAD NOTING THAT THE "NAZI WAR CRIMES RECORDS INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP" IS "WORKING TO OPEN C] RECORDS ABOUT RAOUL WALLENBERG" THAT "HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE PUBLIC."

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT INFORMATION CAN BE PASSED ON TO THE AMBASSADOR REGARDING WHAT FILES MAY BE KNOWN TO EXIST AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY MAY BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IF POSSIBLE, A TEARLINE THAT THE AMBASSADOR CAN USE IF QUERIED IN PUBLIC AGAIN WOULD BE APPRECIATED. MANY THANKS.

5. FILE: NONE. CL BY: C D CL REASON: 1.5(C), DECL ON: X1,
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