



governmentattic.org

"Rummaging in the government's attic"

Description of document: U.S. State Department Documents re: The Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM), 1986-2001

Requested date: 20-June-2010

Released date: 13-April-2011

Posted date: 16-May-2011

Date/date range of documents: March 1986 – January 2001

Source of documents: Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of Information Programs and Services
A/GIS/IPS/RL
US Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20522-8100
Fax: 202-261-8579
[Online FOIA Form](#)

The governmentattic.org web site ("the site") is noncommercial and free to the public. The site and materials made available on the site, such as this file, are for reference only. The governmentattic.org web site and its principals have made every effort to make this information as complete and as accurate as possible, however, there may be mistakes and omissions, both typographical and in content. The governmentattic.org web site and its principals shall have neither liability nor responsibility to any person or entity with respect to any loss or damage caused, or alleged to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by the information provided on the governmentattic.org web site or in this file. The public records published on the site were obtained from government agencies using proper legal channels. Each document is identified as to the source. Any concerns about the contents of the site should be directed to the agency originating the document in question. GovernmentAttic.org is not responsible for the contents of documents published on the website.



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

APR 13 2011

Case No.: 201003811 ER01

In response to your request dated June 20, 2010, under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552), we conducted a search of our Central Foreign Policy Records and retrieved eight documents responsive to your request.

After reviewing these documents, we have determined that six may be released in full, one may be released with excisions, and one must be withheld. All released material is enclosed.

An enclosure provides information on Freedom of Information Act exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. For the one document withheld in full, we have cited exemptions (b)(2) and (b)(6) .

In some cases, two or more exemptions may apply to the same document. In the case of a document released in part, all non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released.

With respect to material withheld by the Department of State, you have the right to appeal our determination within 60 days. A copy of the appeals procedures is enclosed.

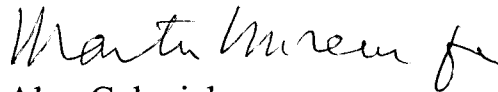
The Freedom of Information Act provides for the recovery of the direct costs of searching for and duplicating records requested for non-commercial use. However, no fee is charged for the first two hours of search time or for the first one hundred pages of duplication. Since less than two hours of search time

have been expended and fewer than one hundred pages have been duplicated in this case, your request has been processed without charge to you.

We have now completed the processing of your case. If you have any questions, you may write to the Office of Information Programs and Services, SA-2, Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-8100, or telephone us at (202) 261-8484. Please be sure to refer to the case number shown above in all correspondence about this case.

We hope that the Department has been of service to you in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Galovich".

Alex Galovich
Co-Director, Acting
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures:
As stated.

The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

FOIA Exemptions

- (b)(1) Withholding specifically authorized under an Executive Order in the interest of national defense or foreign policy, and properly classified. E.O. 12958, as amended, includes the following classification categories:
 - 1.4(a) Military plans, systems, or operations
 - 1.4(b) Foreign government information
 - 1.4(c) Intelligence activities, sources or methods, or cryptology
 - 1.4(d) Foreign relations or foreign activities of the US, including confidential sources
 - 1.4(e) Scientific, technological, or economic matters relating to national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(f) U.S. Government programs for safeguarding nuclear materials or facilities
 - 1.4(g) Vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to US national security, including defense against transnational terrorism
 - 1.4(h) Information on weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
- (b)(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than 5 USC 552), for example:
 - ARMEX Arms Export Control Act, 22 USC 2778(e)
 - CIA Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
 - EXPORT Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 App. USC 2411(c)(1)
 - FSA Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 USC 4003 & 4004
 - INA Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 USC 1202(f)
 - IRAN Iran Claims Settlement Act, Sec 505, 50 USC 1701, note
- (b)(4) Privileged/confidential trade secrets, commercial or financial information from a person
- (b)(5) Interagency or intra-agency communications forming part of the deliberative process, attorney-client privilege, or attorney work product
- (b)(6) Information that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
- (b)(7) Information compiled for law enforcement purposes that would:
 - (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
 - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy
 - (D) disclose confidential sources
 - (E) disclose investigation techniques
 - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
- (b)(8) Prepared by or for a government agency regulating or supervising financial institutions
- (b)(9) Geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells

Other Grounds for Withholding

- NR Material not responsive to a FOIA request, excised with the agreement of the requester

63934 Federal Register/Vol.69, No. 212

Rules and Regulations

Subpart F – Appeal Procedures

§171.52 Appeal of denial of access to, declassification of, amendment of, accounting of disclosures of, or challenge to classification of records.

- (a) *Right of administrative appeal.* Except for records that have been reviewed and withheld within the past two years or are the subject of litigation, any requester whose request for access to records, declassification of records, amendment of records, accounting of disclosure of records, or any authorized holder of classified information whose classification challenge has been denied, has a right to appeal the denial to the Department's Appeals Review Panel. This appeal right includes the right to appeal the determination by the Department that no records responsive to an access request exist in Department files. Privacy Act appeals may be made only by the individual to whom the records pertain.
- (b) *Form of appeal.* There is no required form for an appeal. However, it is essential that the appeal contain a clear statement of the decision or determination by the Department being appealed. When possible, the appeal should include argumentation and documentation to support the appeal and to contest the bases for denial cited by the Department. The appeal should be sent to: Chairman, Appeals Review Panel, c/o Appeals Officer, A/GIS/IPS/PP/LC, U.S. Department of State, SA-2, Room 8100, Washington, DC 20522-8100.
- (c) *Time Limits.* The appeal should be received within 60 days of the date of receipt by the requester of the Department's denial. The time limit for response to an appeal begins to run on the day the appeal is received. The time limit (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) for agency decision on an administrative appeal is 20 days under the FOIA (which may be extended for up to an additional 10 days in unusual circumstances) and 30 days under the Privacy Act (which the Panel may extend an additional 30 days for good cause shown). The Panel shall decide mandatory declassification review appeals as promptly as possible.
- (d) *Notification to appellant.* The Chairman of the Appeals Review Panel shall notify the appellant in writing of the Panel's decision on the appeal. When the decision is to uphold the denial, the Chairman shall include in his notification the reasons therefor. The appellant shall be advised that the decision of the Panel represents the final decision of the Department and of the right to seek judicial review of the Panel's decision, when applicable. In mandatory declassification review appeals, the Panel shall advise the requester of the right to appeal the decision to the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel under §3.5(d) of E.O. 12958.

UNCLASSIFIED

E1

UNCLASSIFIED

PTQ6713

RELEASED IN FULL

PAGE 01 ROME 08775 031427Z
ACTION EUR-01

INFO LOG-00 AMAD-01 UTED-00 IMMC-01 IM-01 TEDE-00 ADS-00
FMP-00 MR-00 SAS-00 /004W
-----88B17E 031428Z /38

R 031413Z DEC 98
FM AMEMBASSY ROME
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8082

UNCLAS ROME 008775

FOR EUR/EX - EUGENE AARON AND EUR/WE - DEBORAH
GLASSMAN

EMBASSY VATICAN/MESSAGE NO. 282/98

E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: AMGT, ABUD, OTRA, VT
SUBJECT: TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FOR AMB. BOGGS
TO MALTA ON DECEMBER 4 FOR MEETING

1. POST REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION FOR AMBASSADOR BOGGS
TO TRAVEL TO VALETTA, MALTA FROM DECEMBER 4 THROUGH 8,
1998. THE SOVEREIGN ORDER OF MALTA HAS INVITED THE
AMBASSADOR TO ATTEND ITS MEETING OF THE NINTH
CENTENARY OF THE ORDER.

2. THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE THE
INTERESTS OF THE USG IN GENERAL AND THE MISSION IN
PARTICULAR. THE ORDER IS A DIPLOMATIC ENTITY THAT HAS
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 ROME 08775 031427Z
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH 80 OTHER NATIONS. ALTHOUGH
THE USG DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE
ORDER, THE USG DOES HAVE A RELATIONSHIP THAT IS
IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN.

3. POST REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION FOR POST-FUNDED
TRAVEL, OR IF POST-FUNDED TRAVEL IS NOT AUTHORIZED,
FOR PRIVATE TRAVEL. POST FUNDS ARE SUFFICIENT FOR
THIS TRAVEL.

4. THE DURATION OF THIS TRIP IS LIMITED TO A
REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME TO TRAVEL TO AND FROM, AND
PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ROBERT O HOMME
DATE/CASE ID: 25 FEB 2011 201003811

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

5. THIS IS NOT A SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT. THE AMBASSADOR
WILL ATTEND MEETINGS AND CEREMONIES.

8. THE POINT OF CONTACT FOR THE EVENT IS THE OFFICE
OF JOSEPH J. DEMPSEY, JR., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
ORDER'S FEDERAL ASSOCIATION, U.S.A. MR. DEMPSEY'S
OFFICE ADDRESS IS 1730 M STREET NW, SUITE 403,
WASHINGTON, DC 20036. HIS OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS
(202) 331-2494 AND THE OFFICE FAX NUMBER IS (202) 331-
1149. BOGGS

UNCLASSIFIED

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 092920
ORIGIN SS-00

RELEASED IN FULL

INFO LOG-00 ADS-00 SSO-00 AMAD-01 /001 R

DRAFTED BY: EAP/PHL: RHUSO
APPROVED BY: EAP/PHL:JCMONJO

EAP/PHL:JFMAISTO

INR/WEA:VASHER (SUBS)

EUR/WE:GPOWELL

S/S:KMQUINN

S/S-O:JANDRES

DESIRED DISTRIBUTION

S/S FOR EXDIS KENTUCKY DISTRIBUTION: MR. PLATT ONLY

-----315101 260937Z /38

O 260934Z MAR 86

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USCINCPAC OPEEN HICKHAM AFB HI IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY MANILA IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T STATE 092920

EXDIS KENTUCKY OPCEN HICKAM PASS ROBERT RICH DECAPTIONED

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PREL, PGOV, OVIP, RP, US

SUBJECT: A HOME FOR MARCOS WITH THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA

REFS: (A) USCINCPAC OPCEN HICKAM AFB 220440Z

- (B) USCINCPAC OPCEN HICKAM AFB 250450Z

1. (S) THE ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA IS A RELIGIOUS
COMMUNITY, NOT A FOREIGN STATE. THERE IS NO RPT NO
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA AND THE
ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA. (THE ISSUE OF A USG
APPROACH TO MALTA AND OTHER COUNTRIES CITED IN REF B WILL
BE ADDRESSED SEPTTEL). THE USG CANNOT ACT AS AN
INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN MARCOS AND THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA.
NEVERTHELESS, THE ORDER IS INFLUENTIAL IN CATHOLIC
CIRCLES AND COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE TO MARCOS IN FINDING A

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 092920

SAFE HAVEN.

2. (U) THE U.S. DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
THE ORDER AND DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE TRAVEL DOCUMEN

ISSUED BY THE ORDER. THE KNIGHTS DO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, AND THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN ROME ENJOYS EXTRATERRITORIAL STATUS. THE ORDER DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN ENTITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF

MALTA.

3. (U) THE SOVEREIGN MILITARY HOSPITALLER ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, OF RHODES AND OF MALTA, COMMONLY CALLED THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA, IS A RELIGIOUS AND KNIGHTLY ORDER DATING FROM ELEVENTH CENTURY FIRST CRUSADE. THE ORDER IS NOW A RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY OF LAY BROTHERS AND CHAPLAINS, WHOSE AIMS ARE SERVICE OF THE FAITH AND WELFARE WORK. AS AN ORDER, IT DEPENDS ON THE VATICAN'S CONGREGATION OF THE RELIGIOUS. IT MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SEE AND SEVERAL STATES WHICH RECOGNIZE IT AS SOVEREIGN. THE SOVEREIGN ASPECT OF THE ORDER ENABLES IT TO CARRY ON ITS RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES FREELY AROUND THE WORLD.

3. (U) MEMBERS OF THE ORDER ARE DIVIDED INTO VARIOUS CLASSES OR GRADES. TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IS PERHAPS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 8,000 ORGANIZED IN 26 NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS. THE ORDER'S PRINCIPAL CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE HOSPITAL WORK AND RELIEF FOR REFUGEES AND THE NEEDY. WHITEHEAD

SECRET

NNNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ROME 08397 01 OF 02 070947Z
ACTION IO-19

RELEASED IN FULL

INFO	LOG-00	ADS-00	AMAD-01	CIAE-00	DODE-00	EUR-01	HA-09
	H-01	INRE-00	INR-01	L-03	NSAE-00	NSCE-00	OIC-02
	OMB-01	PA-01	PM-01	PRS-01	P-02	SNP-01	SP-01
	SS-01	TRSE-00	T-01	USIE-00	/047W		
				-----62E752	071028Z	/25	

P 070944Z MAY 91
FM AMEMBASSY ROME
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3008
INFO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK 0663

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 ROME 08397

USUN FOR BOB ROSENSTOCK

FROM EMBASSY VATICAN/MESSAGE NO. 0421/91

E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR
TAGS: PREL, UN, VT
SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF MALTA AND THE UNGA

REF: STATE 140585

CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST - SEE PARA 9

1. PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTTEL, THE CHARGE AND POLOFF
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ROME 08397 01 OF 02 070947Z
MET WITH AMB. LUCIANO KOCH OF THE SOVEREIGN MILITARY
ORDER OF MALTA (SMOM) MAY 6. CHARGE REFERRED TO THE
SMOM DELEGATION'S MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON LAST MONTH,
AND SAID THAT USG WANTED TO CLARIFY WHAT SMOM HAD IN
MIND REGARDING "OBSERVER STATUS" AT UNGA.

SMOM RELATIONS WITH U.S.

2. KOCH EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR FOLLOWUP TO HIS
CONVERSATION WITH A/S BOLTON, AND LAUNCHED INTO A
PRESENTATION ON THE SMOM'S INTEREST IN IMPROVING

BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. CHARGE NOTED THAT ACCORDING TO TRADITIONAL U.S. VIEWS SMOM LACKS CERTAIN BASIC ATTRIBUTES OF A SOVEREIGN STATE, SUCH AS A TERRITORY, AND THUS THE QUESTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WAS NOT ON THE TABLE. KOCH TOOK THE POINT AND REPEATED APPRECIATION FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

-

SMOM STATUS AT UNGA

3. CHARGE NOTED THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL CATEGORIES DESIGNATED FOR REPRESENTATIVES AT UNGA: FULL MEMBERS, OBSERVER STATES (SUCH AS THE HOLY SEE) WHICH DERIVE THEIR STATUS IN PART FROM MEMBERSHIP IN SPECIALIZED UN AGENCIES, OBSERVER DELEGATIONS SUCH AS THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES, AND LIBERATION GROUPS SUCH AS THE PLO. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAD THE LEAD ROLE IN DECISIONS ON OBSERVER STATUS.

4. KOCH REFERRED TO ACCEPTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS (ICRC) AS OBSERVER, SPONSORED BY ITALY AND

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 ROME 08397 01 OF 02 070947Z
APPROVED BY CONSENSUS VOTE IN THE UNGA. HE SAID THAT SMOM WOULD NOT ASK FOR EXACT EQUIVALENT STATUS BECAUSE THE ICRC VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A PRECEDENT. ADDITIONALLY, SMOM WAS "OF A DIFFERENT NATURE" THAN THE ICRC.

5. KOCH ALSO CONFIRMED THAT SMOM DID NOT WANT OBSERVER STATUS SUCH AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE GRANTED VIA ECOSOC. KOCH SAID THAT THE NATURE OF THE SMOM'S INTERNATIONAL PERSONALITY IS "SUI GENERIS." ELEMENTS OF A PRECEDENT STATUS COULD BE USED, BUT THE SMOM PERHAPS NEEDED SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO ESTABLISH A PRESENCE AT THE UNGA. THIS WAS NOT A TIME-SENSITIVE ISSUE; IT WAS IMPORTANT TO COME UP WITH THE APPROPRIATE FORMULA.

6. ASKING FOR INFORMAL ADVICE, KOCH SAID THAT THE SMOM WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN THE OAS. MOST MEMBERS HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE SMOM, AND ESTABLISHING SOME SORT OF OBSERVER STATUS PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT. KOCH ASKED IF A FORMAL SMOM RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OAS WOULD BE HELPFUL IN GETTING OBSERVER STATUS AT THE UNGA.

UNCLASSIFIED

7. CHARGE REPLIED PERSONALLY THAT OAS AFFILIATION
MIGHT HELP marginally. BUT THE KEY FOR SMOM LIES
WITH TWO OTHER TYPES OF COUNTRIES:

-- THOSE WHICH DO NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
THE SMOM WHICH MIGHT SUPPORT SOME KIND OF OBSERVER
STATUS AS LONG AS THAT DID NOT INVOLVE COMMENTING ON
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 ROME 08397 01 OF 02 070947Z
THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE SMOM. KOCH SAID THAT THE SMOM
DID NOT WANT SOVEREIGNTY TO BE AN ISSUE FOR UNGA
CONSIDERATION OF SMOM STATUS.

-- COUNTRIES WITHOUT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SMOM
WHICH MIGHT BE WARY OF, UNCOMFORTABLE WITH, OR AT
MINIMUM PUZZLED BY SMOM. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE
PEOPLE IN NEW YORK WHO COULD EXPLAIN WHAT SMOM WAS
AND WHAT IT WANTED AT UNGA. KOCH INDICATED THAT SMOM
WAS AWARE OF NEED TO EXPLAIN ITSELF AT THE UN AND
SAID THEY ARE LOOKING FOR APPROPRIATE
REPRESENTATIVES. HE NOTED THAT THE SMOM HAS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ROME 08397 02 OF 02 070947Z
ACTION IO-19

INFO	LOG-00	ADS-00	AMAD-01	CIAE-00	DODE-00	EUR-01	HA-09
	H-01	INRE-00	INR-01	L-03	NSAE-00	NSCE-00	OIC-02
	OMB-01	PA-01	PM-01	PRS-01	P-02	SNP-01	SP-01
	SS-01	TRSE-00	T-01	USIE-00	/047W		

-----62E767 071028Z /25

P 070944Z MAY 91

UNCLASSIFIED

FM AMEMBASSY ROME
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3009
INFO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK 0664

UNCLASSIFIED

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 02 OF 02 ROME 08397

USUN FOR BOB ROSENSTOCK

FROM EMBASSY VATICAN/MESSAGE NO. 0421/91

E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR
TAGS: PREL, UN, VT
SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF MALTA AND THE UNGA

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS NOT ONLY WITH CATHOLIC COUNTRIES
BUT ALSO WITH "THE LAST COMMUNIST COUNTRY" CUBA, AND
MUSLIM COUNTRIES INCLUDING EGYPT. KOCH SAID THE SMOM
HAD GOOD RELATIONS WITH AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

8. KOCH OFFERED TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTS WHICH EXPLAINED
SMOM'S UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL PERSONALITY. HE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ROME 08397 02 OF 02 070947Z
CONCLUDED THE MEETING BY REPEATING GRATITUDE FOR USG
INTEREST IN SMOM AT THE UNGA. HE EMPHASIZED THAT
ALTHOUGH IT "WAS NOT ON YOUR AGENDA" THE SMOM IS ALSO
INTERESTED IN IMPROVING BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. CHARGE SAID HE WOULD PASS
THE MESSAGE.

9. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUEST: NATURE OF SMOM'S
REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS IS NOT SET IN CONCRETE.
KOCH GAVE IMPRESSION HE WANTS TO KNOW FIRST EXACTLY
HOW ONE DECIDES ON SPECIFIC OPTIONS AND THEN WHAT THE
MARKET WOULD BEAR. WE NEED DETAILED GUIDANCE ON
POSSIBLE OPTIONS IN ORDER TO GET FURTHER
CLARIFICATION FROM SMOM.
HUME

CONFIDENTIAL

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

NNNN

UNCLASSIFIED

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 USUN N 03054 251732Z
ACTION IO-16

RELEASED IN FULL

INFO	LOG-00	AMAD-01	CIAE-00	SMEC-00	OASY-00	DODE-00	EUR-01
	H-01	TEDE-00	INR-00	L-01	ADS-00	NSAE-00	NSCE-00
	OIC-02	OMB-01	PA-01	PM-00	PRS-01	P-01	SNP-00
	SP-00	SS-00	TRSE-00	T-00	USIE-00	PMB-00	DRL-09
	G-00	/035W					

-----603A08 251929Z /38

R 251718Z JUL 94
FM USMISSION USUN NEW YORK
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7948
INFO AMEMBASSY VALLETTA
USMISSION GENEVA
AMEMBASSY ROME

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE USUN NEW YORK 003054

E.O.12356: N/A
TAGS: PREL, UNA, AORC, IT
SUBJECT: GENERAL COMMITTEE CONSIDERS INSCRIPTION OF AN
ITEM ON OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER
OF MALTA (SMOM)

REF: STATE 195994 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY - THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MET JULY 22 AND DECIDED TO INSCRIBE A NEW ITEM ON THE
AGENDA OF THE 48TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENTITLED, "OBSERVER
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 USUN N 03054 251732Z
STATUS FOR THE SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA IN THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY". IT WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE
PLENARY. THE DECISION, WITHOUT A VOTE, FOLLOWED
AMENDMENT OF THE TITLE AT UK REQUEST. END SUMMARY.

1. THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MET JULY 22 TO CONSIDER
INSCRIPTION OF AN ITEM ENTITLED "OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE
SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA IN CONSIDERATION OF
ITS SPECIAL ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN
RELATIONS". INSCRIPTION OF THE ITEM HAD BEEN REQUESTED
BY: ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, BENIN, BURKINA FASO, COTE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ROBERT O HOMME
DATE/CASE ID: 25 FEB 2011 201003811

DECONTROLLED/UNCLASSIFIED

D'IVOIRE, CROATIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, GUATEMALA, HUNGARY, ITALY, LEBANON, LITHUANIA, MALTA, MOROCCO, NICARAGUA, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, PORTUGAL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ROMANIA, SAN MARINO, SPAIN, THAILAND, TOGO, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA AND ZAIRE (A/48/957). THE TITLE OF THE ITEM WAS AMENDED AFTER THE UK OBJECTED THAT THE DESCRIPTION IN THE TITLE OF THE SMOM'S SPECIAL ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS PREJUDGED CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM. THE UK ALSO RAISED DOUBTS ABOUT THE UNIQUENESS OF "THIS NGO" AND QUESTIONED WHETHER THERE WAS AN IMPORTANT AND URGENT REASON FOR INCLUSION OF THE ITEM ON THE 48TH UNGA BUT SAID THEY WERE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH INSCRIPTION ON THE AGENDA OF THE 48TH UNGA. CHINA EXPRESSED SIMILAR CONCERNS. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NO REFERENCE WAS MADE TO THE REAL REASON FOR RUSHING TO ADD THE ITEM TO THE AGENDA AT THIS SESSION, ITALIANS HAVE INDICATED PRIVATELY THAT THE SMOM WANTS TO HAVE OBSERVER STATUS WHEN THE POPE VISITS THE ASSEMBLY THIS FALL. IF INSCRIBED ON THE AGENDA OF THE 49TH, ACTION ON ADMISSION WOULD PROBABLY NOT TAKE PLACE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 USUN N 03054 251732Z
UNTIL AFTER THE VISIT. END COMMENT.

2. SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL THE ITALIAN PERM REP, ITS MAIN SPONSOR, REITERATED THE ARGUMENTS THEY HAVE MADE REGARDING THE UNIQUE STATUS OF THE SMOM WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS NOT A STATE, NOT AN NGO, BUT RATHER WHAT THE "ROMANS IN THEIR WISDOM CALLED A SUI GENERIS INSTITUTION". HE POINTED OUT THAT THE ICRC IS CLEARLY AN ORGANIZATION BUT THE SMOM IS MUCH MORE. IT ACTUALLY HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH 64 UNITED NATIONS MEMBERS.

3. THE TWENTY-EIGHT CO-SPONSORS OF THIS ITEM ARE DRAWN FROM ALL REGIONAL GROUPS. IN ADDITION TO THE SPONSORS THOSE WHO HAVE INDICATED SUPPORT INCLUDE: YEMEN, EGYPT, ALGERIA, GRENADA, UAE, LIBERIA, AND BURKINA FASO. THE ITALIANS CLAIM THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT SUPPORT FOR ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND HAVE BEEN WORKING THE ISSUE ENERGETICALLY FOR WEEKS. THE U.S. POSITION ON OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE SMOM HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR TO THE ITALIAN MISSION AND THEY UNDERSTAND THAT U.S. ACQUIESCENCE TO INSCRIPTION OF THE ITEM WAS BASED ON OUR LONGSTANDING POLICY OF LIBERAL INSCRIPTION RATHER THAN SUPPORT FOR SMOM OBSERVER STATUS. NEVERTHELESS, THEY EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR U.S. COOPERATION IN THE

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

ALBRIGHT

DECONTROLLED/UNCLASSIFIED

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNNN

DECONTROLLED/UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

E6

CONFIDENTIAL

PTQ5479

RELEASED IN FULL

PAGE 01 STATE 231064 160241Z
ORIGIN EUR-01

INFO LOG-00 TEDE-00 ADS-00 ONY-00 SSO-00 SS-00 SAS-00
/001R

231064

SOURCE: KODAKB.016084

DRAFTED BY: EUR/SA:ASHORTER-LAWRENCE:ASL -- 12/15/98 7 1559

APPROVED BY: EUR/SA:ASHORTER-LAWRENCE

EUR/SA:ASHORTER-LAWRENCE

-----8D4385 160242Z /38

R 160237Z DEC 98

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO ALL EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS

AMCONSUL ADANA

AMCONSUL BELFAST

USOFFICE BERLIN

AMCONSUL CALGARY

AMCONSUL THESSALONIKI

AMEMBASSY SARAJEVO

AMCONSUL PONTA DELGADA

AMCONSUL ISTANBUL

AMCONSUL MARSEILLE

AMCONSUL MILAN

AMCONSUL MONTREAL

AMCONSUL MUNICH

AMCONSUL NAPLES

AMCONSUL QUEBEC

AMCONSUL VANCOUVER

AMEMBASSY TIRANA

INFO

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 231064 160241Z
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK
USMISSION UNVIE VIENNA

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 231064

STADIS

OFFICIAL INFORMAL

E.O. 12958: DECL: (01 JUL 2008)

TAGS: AMGT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ROBERT O HOMME
DATE/CASE ID: 25 FEB 2011 201003811

UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFIED BY FUR STAFF ASSISTANT ALL SON SHORTER-LAWRENCE
FOR REASONS 1.5 (D) AND (F)

1. (U) HUNGARY: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FAILS CRUCIAL
VOTE

THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT WOULD HAVE
DELEGATED PARLIAMENT'S AUTHORITY TO APPROVE DEPLOYMENT OF
HUNGARIAN AND NATO TROOPS IN AND OUT OF HUNGARY 5
FRONTIERS TO THE GOVERNMENT FAILED A CRUCIAL VOTE FIDESZ
AND THEIR COALITION PARTNER, THE SMALLHOLDERS, VOTED IN
SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT BUT WITH SOCIALISTS ABSTAINING
FAILED TO GET THE TWO-THIRDS NECESSARY TO PASS. HOWEVER
THE FULL PARLIAMENT OVERWHELMINGLY PASSED TWO PACKAGES OF
LEGISLATION REQUIRED TO MAKE HUNGARIAN LAW COMPATIBLE WITH
NATO REQUIREMENTS. THE FIRST OF THESE PACKAGES INCLUDED
LEGISLATION THAT WILL IMPLEMENT NATO-STANDARD PROCEDURES
ON SECURITY CLEARANCES AND PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED
MATERIALS.

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 231064 160241Z

2. (U) SLOVAKIA: CSIS ROUNDTABLE CALLS FOR REALISTIC
EXPECTATIONS, SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED AID
CSIS HOSTED A ROUNDTABLE ON SLOVAKIA'S NEW GOVERNMENT
DECEMBER 15, CHAIRED BY FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SLOVAKIA
TED RUSSELL. PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED EUR/NCE STAFF, SLOVAK
EMBOFFS, NOD OFFICIALS, ACADEMICS, AND SLOVAK-AMERICAN
LEADERS. THE MEETING WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO AN OCTOBER
ROUNDTABLE IN BRATISLAVA. PANELISTS STRESSED THE NEED FOR
SLOVAKIA AND ITS SUPPORTERS TO HAVE REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS
ABOUT INTEGRATION, NOTING SLOVAKIA SHOULD FOCUS ON SOLVING
ITS DOMESTIC PROBLEMS, WHICH WOULD THEN YIELD
INTERNATIONAL BENEFITS. MANY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT
SLOVAKIA HAD MISSED THE NATO TRAIN, DESPITE EXPLICIT
ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE U.S. EARLIER IN THE NATO
ENLARGEMENT PROCESS. SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS STRESSED THE
NEED TO CONTINUE USO ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS BEYOND SEED AND
AID MISSION CLOSE-OUTS IN 1999. CSIS PLANS THE NEXT
ROUNDTABLE IN EARLY 1999 AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF MARTIN
BUTORA AS SLOVAK AMBASSADOR. (EBJOHNS)

3. (C) SLOVAKIA: 005 REQUESTS AGREEMENT FOR MARTIN BUTORA
AS NEW SLOVAK AMBASSADOR
SLOVAK CHARGE JAN GABOR DELIVERED A DIPLOMATIC NOTE
DECEMBER 11 REQUESTING AGREEMENT FOR MARTIN BUTORA TO BE
ACCREDITED AS SLOVAK AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. BUTORA IS

CURRENTLY THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, THE COUNTRY'S LEADING PUBLIC POLICY THINK TANK, AND IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF PM DZURINDA AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE GOVERNING COALITION. HE AND HIS WIFE, WRITER ZORA BUTOROVA, ARE WELL RESPECTED IN WASHINGTON AND HAVE MANY

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 STATE 231064 160241Z
 FRIENDS IN THE U.S. THE BUTORAS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN DC BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY. THE SLOVAK EMBASSY WILL ALSO WELCOME A NEW DCM AND A NEW POLITICAL COUNSELOR IN THE NEXT MONTH OR TWO. WE ARE STILL WORKING WITH THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE TO SCHEDULE A VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY FM KUKAN FOR JANUARY. (EBJOHNS)

4. (SBU) SLOVAKIA: WAIT-AND-SEE ON TREASURY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
 A DELEGATION FROM TREASURY HEADED BY DAS JIM FALL, VISITED SLOVAKIA NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 3 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE NEW COS. TREASURY OFFERED THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING A-FULL-TIME ADVISORS IN THE AREAS OF BUDGET, DEBT, BANKING, OR TAXATION. THE GOS, GRAPPLING WITH AN UNCERTAIN BUDGET SITUATION AND POORLY MANAGED MINISTRIES INHERITED FROM THE MECIAR GOVERNMENT, REQUESTED A DELAY OF SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE REPLYING WITH A FORMAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. THE GSO IS VERY RELUCTANT TO NEGOTIATE ANY STAND-BY AGREEMENTS WITH THE IFIS FOR FEAR IT WILL DAMAGE INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE IN SLOVAKIA. THE NEW-GOVERNMENT TOLD THE TREASURY TEAM THEY WANTED TO PRIVATIZE STATE-OWNED BANKS, BUT COULD NOT MOVE FORWARD UNTIL PROPER AUDITS REVEALED HOW MUCH THE TROUBLED BANKS ARE ACTUALLY WORTH. (EBJOHNS)

5. (U) SPAIN: CHILE TAKES MEASURES AGAINST SPAIN AND THE UK
 CHILE IS IMPLEMENTING PROTEST MEASURES AGAINST SPAIN AND THE UK IN RESPONSE TO THE DECISION TO ARREST AND PROSECUTE PINOCHET. ALL OFFICIAL BILATERAL VISITS AND MEETINGS WITH

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 05 STATE 231064 160241Z
 SPAIN AND THE UK HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED. THE GOC ALSO ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO ASK THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND TO ITS MEMO REQUESTING THE JUDICIAL PRECEDENTS FOR THE SPANISH NATIONAL COURT'S DECISION THAT IT HAD JURISDICTION IN THE PINOCHET CASE. PRESS REPORTS NOTED THAT CHILE WAS SUSPENDING A SATELLITE CONTRACT AND DELAYING PURCHASE OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT FROM SPAIN.
 (GLASSMAN: PEIS WA1412185198)

UNCLASSIFIED

6. (C) SPAIN: DEPUTY SECRETARY TALBOTT SUPPORTS MED INITIATIVE DURING A 12/14 VISIT TO BARCELONA, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY ENCOURAGED THE CONSULATE TO PLAY A ROLE IN PROMOTING U.S. INITIATIVES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. CC DOUG SMITH SUGGESTED INCLUDING ADMIRAL MURPHY AND A LOCAL THINK TANK IN THE DIALOGUE IF DAS' GADSDEN AND NEUMANN VISIT IN 1999. (CLASSMAN/SMITH TELCON)

7. (U) FRANCE: FRENCH ECONOMIC/FINANCE MINISTER ON FRANCE AND RAE/DASA MERGER
FRENCH ECONOMIC/FINANCE MINISTER DOMINIQUE STRAUSS-KAHN PUBLICLY STATED WHAT HAS BEEN KNOWN TO BRITAIN'S BAE AND GERMANY'S DASA MANAGEMENT FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS, THAT THE

GOP IS AMENABLE TO REDUCING ITS SHARE IN THE PROPOSED MERGER OF INDUSTRIAL/AVIATION GIANTS BAE, DASA, AEROSPATIALE-MATRA. THE MOVE IS WELCOMED BY THE BRITISH AND GERMANS AND ADDRESSES ANY HESITANCY BAE AND DASA HAD REGARDING THE EXTENT OF THE FRENCH STATE'S "STAKE" IN AEROSPATIALE. THE PROPOSED MERGER OF THE BRITISH, GERMAN AND FRENCH COMPANIES WILL FACILITATE THE CREATION OF A
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 06 STATE 231064 160241Z
MAJOR EUROPEAN AVIATION/DEFENSE ENTITY. WHILE THE BAE-DASA MERGER IS EXPECTED SHORTLY, AEROSPATIALE IS PRIMED TO JOIN THE GROUP AT A LATER DATE. (SULLIVAN/PARMLY 12/15/98 TELCON; PSIS)

8. (U) FRANCE: FRENCH PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY REPORT ON RWANDA
A FRENCH PARLIAMENTARY REPORT ON GOP ACTIONS LEADING UP TO THE 1994 MASSACRE IN RWANDA WAS ISSUED TODAY. ACCORDING TO INITIAL SOUNDING FROM EMBASSY PARIS, THE REPORT POINTS FINGERS AT EVERYONE EXCEPT FRANCE, AND PURPORTEDLY NOTES THAT THE TRAGEDY IN RWANDA COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED HAD THE "INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY" -- INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES -- TAKEN/SUPPORTED NECESSARY ACTIONS. (SULLIVAN/WILLIAMS 12/15/98 TELCON)

9. (U) MALTA: SOVEREIGN ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA: RETURN TO MALTA
AFTER TEN YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS, THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA WILL TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR OLD HEADQUARTERS IN MALTA AT PORT ST. ANGELO. THE KNIGHTS RULED MALTA FROM 1566 TO 1798, WHEN THE ISLANDS WERE INVADDED AND TAKEN OVER BY THE FRENCH ARMY. WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE FINAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KNIGHTS AND VALLETTA, AND DO NOT KNOW IF THE GOM WILL BE

UNCLASSIFIED

CEDING FULL SOVEREIGNTY TO THE ORDER. THE ORDER IS
CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE BY OVER 80
NATIONS. THE UNITED STATES HAS CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO
CONSIDER ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE
KNIGHTS BECAUSE OF THEIR LACK OF TERRITORY. IF, HOWEVER,
THE KNIGHTS ARE OBTAINING ACTUAL TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY,
WE SHOULD EXPECT PRESSURE FROM SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 07 STATE 231064 160241Z
REVISIT THE ISSUE. (MCYOUTH/PRESS REPORTS)

10. (U) TIRANA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
PICKERING

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

1 of 3

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 140585 302253Z
ORIGIN IO-19

RELEASED IN FULL

INFO	LOG-00	ADS-00	AMAD-01	CIAE-00	DODE-00	EUR-01	HA-09
	H-01	INRE-00	INR-01	L-03	NSAE-00	NSCE-00	OIC-02
	OMB-01	PA-01	PM-01	PRS-01	P-02	SNP-01	SP-01
	SS-01	TRSE-00	T-01	USIE-00	/047R		

DRAFTED BY: IO:JRBOLTON:CES

APPROVED BY: IO:JRBOLTON

IO/UNP:MKWILLIAMSON

EUR/WE:JMADDEN

-----608E84 302254Z /38

P 302253Z APR 91

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY ROME PRIORITY

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK PRIORITY 4890

INFO AMEMBASSY VALLETTA PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 140585

ROME FOR VATICAN

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PREL, UN

SUBJECT: A/S BOLTON'S CONVERSATION WITH AMB. LUCIANO KOCH
OF MALTA

1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN AN APRIL 19 LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF GRAND MASTER FRA
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 140585 302253Z
ANDREW BERTIE, OF THE SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA
("THE ORDER"), GIVEN BY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL JOSEPH REED, THE
ORDER'S SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR LUCIANO
KOCH, RAISED SEVERAL ISSUES WITH IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY
BOLTON. KOCH (A RETIRED ITALIAN AMBASSADOR) DISCUSSED TWO
ISSUES: FIRST, THE ORDER'S DESIRE FOR AN ENHANCED
BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES; AND SECOND,
OBTAINING OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE ORDER AT THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY.

3. KOCH DESCRIBED THE ORDER'S STATUS AS "A SUPRANATIONAL

CONFIDENTIAL

1 of 3

CONFIDENTIAL

2 of 3

ORGANIZATION," NOT A SOVEREIGN STATE OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION. ACCORDINGLY, THE ORDER DID NOT SEEK DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION AS SUCH FROM THE UNITED STATES, ALTHOUGH KOCH STRESSED THAT SOME FIFTY-SIX NATIONS HAD EXTENDED FULL RECOGNITION. INSTEAD, THE ORDER HOPED THAT

CONFIDENTIAL

ONE OF OUR AMBASSADORS IN ROME WOULD BE GIVEN AN ADDITIONAL "PERSONAL" REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTION. KOCH DESCRIBED THIS AS SIMILAR TO THE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE HOLY SEE BEFORE FULL AMBASSADORS WERE EXCHANGED.

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, KOCH OPENED BY NOTING THAT THE ORDER IS ALREADY AN OBSERVER IN SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS WHO AND UNESCO. ALTHOUGH KOCH RESISTED A COMPARISON OF THE ORDER'S STATUS WITH THAT OF THE ICRC, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE ORDER WAS NOT LIKELY TO BE FUSSY ABOUT EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF OBSERVER STATUS THE ORDER ACTUALLY OBTAINED. BECAUSE OF THE USG'S OBVIOUS AND

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 140585 302253Z
CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE PLO'S EFFORTS IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS KOCH MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE ORDER HAD NO DESIRE TO BECOME AN OBSERVER STATE.

5. THE U.S. DOES NOT WISH TO EXPAND DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS WITH THE ORDER AT THIS TIME.

6. DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING POSSIBILITY OF SUPPORTING PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS AT THE UN FOR THE ORDER.

7. FOR EMBASSY VATICAN DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION AS TO WHETHER ORDER IS SEEKING PERMANENT OBSERVER STATUS OR OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONLY. BAKER

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

2 of 3

CONFIDENTIAL

PTQ8556

RELEASED IN PART
B1, 1.4(B), 1.4(D)PAGE 01 ROME 00212 01 OF 02 121526Z
ACTION EUR-00

INFO	LOG-00	AID-00	CIAE-00	DODE-00	SRPP-00	DS-00	EAP-00
	EB-00	VC-00	H-01	TEDE-00	INR-00	IO-00	L-00
	AC-01	NSAE-00	NSCE-00	OIC-02	OMB-01	PA-00	PM-00
	PRS-00	ACE-00	P-00	SP-00	SSO-00	SS-00	STR-00
	TRSE-00	T-00	USIE-00	PMB-00	DSCC-00	PRM-02	DRL-02
	G-00	SAS-00	/009W				

-----B59348 121526Z /75

O 121551Z JAN 01
FM AMEMBASSY ROME
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5168
INFO AMEMBASSY BEIJING
USEU BRUSSELS 1906

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 ROME 000212

DEPT. FOR H; DRL/IRF (FARR); EUR/WE; EUR/ERA; EAP/CM

FROM EMBASSY VATICAN/MESSAGE NO. 296/01

E.O. 12958: DECL. 01/11/11
TAGS: PREL, PHUM, PGOV, KIRF, CM, VT

SUBJECT: VATICAN: CODEL HASTERT PRESENTS POPE MEDAL,
DISCUSS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, COOPERATION WITH VATICAN

CLASSIFIED BY AMB. BOGGS, REASON E.O. 12958 1.5 (B), (D).
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ROME 00212 01 OF 02 121526Z

1. (U) SUMMARY: SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE DENNIS HASTERT
LED A DELEGATION OF 8 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND 7 SENATORS
(SEE PARA NINE). DELEGATION PRESENTED POPE JOHN PAUL II
WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL, DISCUSSED RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM WITH PRIME MINISTER SODANO, WAS RECEIVED BY THE
COMMUNITY OF SAINT'EGIDIO AND LATER THE GRAND MASTER OF
THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA, AND DISCUSSED JOINT EMBASSY
VATICAN/CONSULATE FLORENCE ANTI TRAFFICKING PROPOSALS
WITH NGOS. END SUMMARY

MEETING THE POPE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
CLASSIFIED BY DEPT. OF STATE, M. GRAFELD, DAS, A/GIS
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ROBERT O HOMME
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL REASON: 1.4(B), 1.4(D)
DECLASSIFY AFTER: 11 JAN 2020
DATE/CASE ID: 01 MAR 2011 201003811

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

2. (U) SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE J. DENNIS HASTERT LED A 15 MEMBER JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE DELEGATION TO VATICAN CITY JANUARY 8-9. PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO PRESENT THE POPE THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL "IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY AND ENDURING CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEACE AND RELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING". THE SENATE SIDE WAS LED BY SENATOR BROWNBACK (R-K) WHO, ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 8, READ THE PROCLAMATION AWARDING THE CONGRESSIONAL HONOR TO THE POPE; THE ACTUAL PRESENTATION OF THE MEDAL WAS MADE BY SPEAKER HASTERT. IN HIS REMARKS, THE POPE STRESSED THE NEED TO FIGHT FOR A "CULTURE OF LIFE", BUT DID NOT MENTION ABORTION OR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT DIRECTLY. AFTER THE PRESENTATION, THE POPE PERSONALLY RECEIVED ALL MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION, SPOUSES AND STAFF.

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 ROME 00212 01 OF 02 121526Z
FORGING COMMON GROUND WITH VATICAN PM

3. (C) SPEAKER HASTERT OPENED THE 50 MINUTE MEETING WITH VATICAN PM EQUIVALENT ARCHBISHOP SODANO BY OUTLINING AREAS WHERE USG INTERESTS COINCIDE WITH THOSE OF THE HOLY SEE (E.G. DEBT RELIEF IN THE POOREST COUNTRIES AND FIGHTING AIDS IN AFRICA). HE NOTED THAT THE U.S. AND THE HOLY SEE HAVE HAD GOOD COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION IN MANY AREAS, AND PLEDGED TO CONTINUE TO SEEK WAYS TO EXPAND OUR GOOD RELATIONSHIP.

B1

UNCLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04

ROME 00212 01 OF 02 121526Z

B1

SANT'EGIDIO AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROJECTS

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PTQ8560

PAGE 01

ROME 00212 02 OF 02 121526Z

ACTION EUR-00

INFO	LOG-00	AID-00	CIAE-00	DODE-00	SRPP-00	DS-00	EAP-00
	EB-00	VC-00	H-01	TEDE-00	INR-00	IO-00	L-00
	AC-01	NSAE-00	NSCE-00	OIC-02	OMB-01	PA-00	PM-00
	PRS-00	ACE-00	P-00	SP-00	SSO-00	SS-00	STR-00
	TRSE-00	T-00	USIE-00	PMB-00	DSCC-00	PRM-02	DRL-02
	G-00	SAS-00	/009W				

-----B5935D 121526Z /75

O 121551Z JAN 01

FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5169

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIJING

USEU BRUSSELS 1907

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 02 OF 02 ROME 000212

UNCLASSIFIED

FROM EMBASSY VATICAN/MESSAGE NO. 296/01

E.O. 12958: DECL. 01/11/11

TAGS: PREL, PHUM, PGOV, KIRF, CM, VT

SUBJECT: VATICAN: CODEL HASTERT PRESENTS POPE MEDAL,
DISCUSS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, COOPERATION WITH VATICAN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ROME 00212 02 OF 02 121526Z

5. (SBU) AFTER A TOUR OF THE BASILICA OF SANTA MARIA IN TRASTEVERE, THE CODEL WAS OFFERED A COFFEE AT THE NEARBY HEADQUARTERS OF THE SANT'EGIDIO COMMUNITY. IN HIS WELCOMING REMARKS THE COMMUNITY'S FOUNDER, ANDREA RICCARDI, OFFERED A SKETCH OF THE COMMUNITY'S WORK IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PREVENTION, AND WELCOMED FUTURE COLLABORATION WITH THE USG ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS (NOTE: EMBASSY VATICAN IS COLLABORATING WITH SANT'EGIDIO ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROJECTS IN KOSOVO AND MOZAMBIQUE). MEMBERS OF THE CODEL LATER EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM FOR CONTINUING THIS COLLABORATION, BUT SEN. MIKULSKI (D-MD) CAUTIONED EMBOFF THAT SANT'EGIDIO SHOULD NOT BECOME TOO DEPENDENT ON USG ASSISTANCE LEST IT LOSE ITS INDEPENDENT SPIRIT.

KNIGHTS OF MALTA

6. (U) ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TOURED THE PROPERTIES OF THE SOVEREIGN ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA (SMOM). THESE PROPERTIES, WHILE LOCATED IN THE HEART OF ROME, ARE EXTRATERRITORIAL IN WHICH, ACCORDING TO A TREATY WITH THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY, THE ORDER EXERCISES "SOVEREIGN AUTHORITY". AFTER THE TOUR, CODEL HASTERT WAS RECEIVED BY THE GRAND MASTER OF THE ORDER, PRINCE ANDREW BERTIE AND BY "PRIME MINISTER" MERULO. PRIOR TO THE MEETING, EMBASSY STAFF BRIEFED THE CODEL AND STRESSED THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE SMOM AS A SOVEREIGN ENTITY, AND THAT WE DO NOT MAINTAIN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 ROME 00212 02 OF 02 121526Z

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ORDER. THE MEETING CENTERED ON THE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WHICH THE

ORDER PROVIDES IN AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON HOW THE U.S. AND THE SMOM MIGHT WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY IN PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, AS WELL AS HOW TO HAVE BETTER CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION.

B1

AT THE SANT'EGIDIO MEETING, SANT'EGIDIO'S VIGOROUS AND VOCAL OPPOSITION TO THE DEATH PENALTY DID NOT COME UP. OUR INTERLOCUTORS CLEARLY SHARED THE CODEL'S WISH TO KEEP THE FOCUS OF THIS VISIT ON THE POSITIVE.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 ROME 00212 02 OF 02 121526Z

9. (U) FROM THE HOUSE:
SPEAKER DENNIS HASTERT
REP. SHERWOOD BOELHERT
REP. CHRISTOPHER COX
REP. ROBERT "BUD" CRAMER
REP. JAMES LEACH
REP. JOSEPH MOAKLEY
REP. DONALD SHERWOOD
REP. CHRISTOPHER SMITH
CHAPLAIN DANIEL COUGHLIN

FROM THE SENATE:

SEN. SAM BROWNBACK
SEN. SUSAN COLLINS
SEN. FRANK MCKOWSKY
SEN. BARBARA MIKULSKI
SEN. MARY LANDRIEU

UNCLASSIFIED

SEN. RICK SANTORUM
SEN. BOB SMITH
DR. LLOYD OGILVIE, CHAPLAIN

UNCLASSIFIED

BOGGS

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

UNCLASSIFIED

U.S. State Department Documents

re:

The Sovereign Military Order of Malta
(SMOM)