

# **United States Department of State**

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 28, 2022

Case No. FL-2022-00031

Reed Rubinstein America First Legal Foundation 600 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Rubinstein:

As we noted in our letter dated October 28, 2022, we are processing your request for material under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The Department of State has processed more than 300 pages of potentially responsive material since its last release and has identified an additional 20 responsive records subject to the FOIA. We have determined 1 record may be released in full and 19 records may be released in part.

An enclosure explains the FOIA exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made redactions, the applicable FOIA exemptions are marked on each record. All non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released and is enclosed.

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, your attorney may contact Stephen DeGenaro, Assistant U.S. Attorney, at Stephen.DeGenaro@usdoj.gov and/or (202) 252-7229. Please refer to the case number, FL-2022-00031, and the civil action number, 21-cv-02832, in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

Diamonece Hickson Chief, Litigation and Appeals Branch Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures: As stated.

### The Freedom of Information Act (5 USC 552)

#### **FOIA Exemptions**

- (b)(1) Information specifically authorized by an executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy. Executive Order 13526 includes the following classification categories:
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  - 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) Weapons of mass destruction
- (b)(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency
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ARMSEXP	Arms Export Control Act, 50a USC 2411(c)
CIA PERS/ORG	Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 USC 403(g)
EXPORT CONTROL	Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 USC App. Sec. 2411(c)
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IRAN	Iran Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 99-99, Sec. 505

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- (b)(6) Personal privacy information
- (b)(7) Law enforcement information whose disclosure would:
  - (A) interfere with enforcement proceedings
  - (B) deprive a person of a fair trial
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  - (D) disclose confidential sources
  - (E) disclose investigation techniques
  - (F) endanger life or physical safety of an individual
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CC:	(b)(6) NEA-Staff-Assistants <nea-staff-assistants< th=""><th>@state.gov&gt;</th></nea-staff-assistants<>	@state.gov>
Subject:	Status Check on NEA Congressional Reports	S
Date:	Fri, 4 Jun 2021 17:07:25 +0000	

 $H_{(b)(6)}$  – Happy Friday! I'm reviewing hotes to get up to speed on overdue and coming-due reports. Do you have updates on the below reports? The first two are overdue, the next two are past the Cascades deadline, and the last one is due to Cascades next week. Please let me know their current status. Thanks (b)(6)

Report Number	Report Title	Legislation	Bureau	Date Due to Cascades	Date Uploaded to Cascades	Date Due to Congress	Stat
004204	Steps Taken by the Palestinian Authority to Counter Incitement of Violence against Israelis and to Promote Peace and Coexistence with Israel	Section 7041(k)(5) of theConsolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Div. K, P.L. 116- 260)	NEA	(b)(5)		(b)(5)	Wit Draf
004109	PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989, as amended.	Section 803(b) and Section 804(b) of the Foreign RelationsAuthorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991 (P.L. 101-246) and Sections 603,604 and 699 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (P.L.107-228)	NEA				Wit Draf
004333	A Comprehensive Strategy to Stabilize and Rebuild Critical Institutions and Infrastructure in Iraq and Respond to the Heightening Tensions with Iran	Section 7019(e) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2021 (Div. K, P.L.116- 260) and the Joint Explanatory Statement	NEA				Wi Draf

004340	Iran's Compliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action	Section 7019(e) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2021 (Div. K, P.L.116- 260) and House Report 116-444	NEA	(b)(5)	(b)(5)	Wi Draf
004429	U.S. Compliance with the Authorization for Use of Military Force in Iraq	Section 4 of theAuthorization for the Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (P.L. 107-243) (50 USC 1541)	NEA			Wi Draf

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From:	(b)(6)	
То:		
Subject:	RE: PLOCCA question	
Date:	Thu, 1 Apr 2021 18:08:34 +0000	

Thanks!

SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED
From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday. April 1. 2021 7:25 PM
<b>To</b> <sup>(b)(6)</sup>
Subject: RE: PLOCCA question
Hi (b)(6) say stick to the phrase for now. Thanks! (b)(6)
SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED
From:(b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 8:09 AM
<b>To:</b> (b)(6)
Subject: PLOCCA question
H(b)(6)
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(b)(5) Thanks for any guidance. Promise
I will get this through post clearances asap.
(b)(6) Palestinian Affairs Unit / U.S. Department of State, Jerusalem / tel & WhatsApp (b)(6)
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Sender:	(b)(6)	
Recipient:		

From:	(b)(6)
To:	
Subject:	RE: IPA Congressional Reports
Date:	Thu, 12 Aug 2021 12:27:59 +0000

Will do! Thank (b)(6)

Best,

(b)(6)

From <sup>(b)(6)</sup>
<b>Sent:</b> <u>Thursday. August 12. 2021 8:27 AM</u> <b>To</b> <sup>(b)(6)</sup>
Subject: Re: IPA Congressional Reports
Not yet but please feel free to follow up with (b)(6)
Get <u>Outlook for iOS</u>
From <sup>(b)(6)</sup>
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 8:15:23 AM
To((b)(6)
<b>Cc</b> (b)(6)
Subject: RE: IPA Congressional Reports
Good Morning <sup>(b)(6)</sup>
I just wanted to check if RMA responded to this inquiry?

Best,

(b)(6)

From<sup>(b)(6)</sup>

Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 10:58 AM

To: NEA-RMA-CONGRESSIONAL-DL <<u>NEA-RMA-CONGRESSIONAL-DL@state.gov</u>>

Cc: NEA-IPA-DL <<u>NEA-IPA-DL@state.gov</u>>

Subject: IPA Congressional Reports

Good morning RMAC colleagues

I just wanted to check on whether the following report has been tasked by H? The last one was initially due in March but was tasked late so we submitted it in June. It's a semiannual report.

# • PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989, as amended.

<u>Thanks,</u> (b)(6)	
(b)(6)	
Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs (NEA/IPA)	
U.S. Department of State	
Mobile:(b)(6)	
Office:	
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Sender: <sup>(b)(6)</sup>	
Recipient:	

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From:	"Price, Edward C"(b)(6)
То:	Amr, Hady A
Subject:	Re: GC on response to Free Beacon Article on Pal Congressional Report and Response to question on Abraham Fund
Date:	Thu, 8 Jul 2021 02:16:27 +0000

From: Amr, Hady A (D)(O)

Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 8:19:56 PM

To: Price, Edward C<sup>(b)(6)</sup>

**Subject:** RE: GC on response to Free Beacon Article on Pal Congressional Report and Response to question on Abraham Fund

Hi Ned,

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From: Price, Edward C (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 7:31 PM
<b>To</b> (b)(6)
Cc: NEA-Press <nea-press@state.gov>; (b)(6)</nea-press@state.gov>
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Subject: RE: GC on response to Free Beacon Article on Pal Congressional Report and Response to
question on Abraham Fund
Hi all,

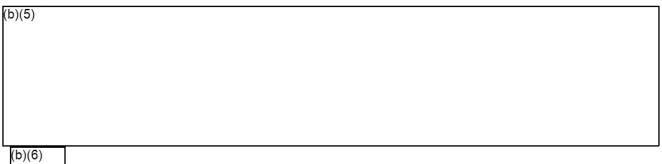
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From (b)(6)	
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 7:17 PM	
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Cc: NEA-Press (b)(6) (b)(6) SPOX2	
< <u>SPOX2@state.gov</u> >; Amr, Hady A (b)(6) (b)(6) (b)(6)	

**Subject:** RE: GC on response to Free Beacon Article on Pal Congressional Report and Response to question on Abraham Fund

Ned,



# Background: Biden Admin Deletes References to Palestinian Terror Incitement From Congressional Report

https://freebeacon.com/biden-administration/biden-admin-deletes-references-to-palestinianterror-incitement-from-congressional-report/

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Cc: NEA-Press < <u>NEA-Press@state.gov</u> (b)(6)
Subject: RE: GC on response to Free Beacon Article on Pal Congressional Report and Response to
question on Abraham Fund
Got it, in the book. V/r, Daniel
Got it, in the book. V/1, Daniel
(b)(6)
From <sup>(b)(6)</sup>
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 1:16 PM
To: GuidanceCollection < <u>GuidanceCollection@state.gov</u> >
Cc: SPOX2 < <u>SPOX2@state.gov</u> >; NEA-Press < <u>NEA-Press@state.gov</u> >(b)(6)
(b)(6)
Subject: GC on response to Free Beacon Article on Pal Congressional Report and Response to question
on Abraham Fund
Importance: High

Colleagues,

Please find attached the GC for the response to the FB article on the Pal congressional report and our response to the question on the Abraham Fund. We are still waiting on post's final clearance on the CG for the congressional report, but have received full clearance on the Abraham Fund response.

Thanks.

(b)(6)

Political Officer/Acting Press Officer Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs (IPA) Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA) U.S. Department of State Washington, D.C.

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Sender:	"Price, Edward C" (b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	Amr, Hady A (b)(6)

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То:		
CC:	(b)(6)	
Subject:	RE: FW: Flag - Wash Free Beacon: Biden Admin Deletes References to Palestinian Terror Incitement From Congressional Report	
Date:	Wed, 7 Jul 2021 01:02:24 +0000	

From <sup>(b)(6)</sup>	
Sent: Tuesday. July 6. 2021 8:18 PM	
<b>то:</b> <sup>(b)(6)</sup>	
Cc:	
Sub	

**Incitement From Congressional Report** 

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On July 6, 20	021 at 7:45:33 PM EDT <sup>(b)(6)</sup>	
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From: Amr, Hady A <<u>AmrHA@state.gov</u>>

Sent: Tuesday, July <u>6. 2021 7:02 PM</u> To: Price, Edward Q<sup>(b)(6)</sup>

NEA-Press <NEA-Press@state.gov>

Cc: SPOX2 <<u>SPOX2@state.gov</u>>; Durakoglu, Naz (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: Flag - Wash Free Beacon: Biden Admin Deletes References to Palestinian Terror Incitement From Congressional Report

+(b)(6) on the report.

When did the questions come in?

From: Price, Edward (b)(6)	
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 6:40 PM	
To: NEA-Press < <u>NEA-Press@state.gov</u> >; Amr, Hady A <sup>(b)(6)</sup>	
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Subject: FW: Flag - Wash Free Beacon: Biden Admin Deletes References to Palestinian Terror Incitement From Congressional Report

From<sup>(b)(6)</sup>

Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 6:35 PM

To: SPOX2 <<u>SPOX2@state.gov</u>>

Cc: PA Press Duty <<u>PAPressDuty@state.gov</u>>

Subject: Flag - Wash Free Beacon: Biden Admin Deletes References to Palestinian Terror Incitement From Congressional Report

Biden Admin Deletes References to Palestinian Terror Incitement From Congressional Report State Dept silent on removing references to malign Palestinian behavior in congressionally mandated report Adam Kredo • July 6, 2021 5:15 pm <u>https://freebeacon.com/biden-administration/biden-admin-deletes-references-to-palestinian-terror-incitement-from-congressional-report/</u>

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Officials in Congress say it is notable that the State Department would omit two closely watched issues in the report, which is otherwise nearly identical to the Trump administration version, fueling accusations the Biden administration is whitewashing the Palestinians' bad behavior. The changes come amid a broader push by the Biden administration to renew hundreds of millions of dollars in taxpayer aid to the Palestinian government, even as it continues to call for Israel's destruction and lend support to the anti-Semitic BDS movement.

The Biden administration's pivot on the Palestinian issue has already been the subject of heightened criticism, including in Congress, as the governing Palestinian Authority continues to use international aid dollars to pay terrorists and their families. The Biden administration approved millions of dollars in U.S. aid to the Palestinians earlier this year over congressional objections and a law that prohibits America from sending aid until the PA stops paying terrorists as part of a program known as "pay to slay."

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Subject:	RE: for FO clearance PLOCCA report	
Date:	Tue, 20 Apr 2021 12:09:24 +0000	

Received. Thanks!

Best,

(b)(6) Front Office Staff Assistant US Embassy Jerusalem Ext: 7291 Cell: (b)(6)

From:(b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:04 PM

To: (b)(6)

Cc:

Jerusalem SA < EmbassyJerusalem SA@state.gov>

Subject: for FO clearance -- PLOCCA report

Hi[b](6), here is the semi-annual PLOCCA report for FO clearance. The reporting period is October to April.

It's due as soon as possible - but please let me know if more time is needed and I'll arrange that.

Thanks

Sender:	(b)(6)	>
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From	b)(6)
То:	(b)(6)
Subject:	RE: Flash Clearance: SPOX Lines on PLOCCA/MEPCA in response to Free Beacon Story (8PM deadline)
Date:	Wed, 7 Jul 2021 16:14:17 +0000

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Se	nt: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 6:53 PM
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**Subject:** Flash Clearance: SPOX Lines on PLOCCA/MEPCA in response to Free Beacon Story (8PM deadline)

All,

This is a longer one, so thanks in advance for your patience. SPOX has requested the following lines be cleared to deploy from the podium today, if needed, in response to a story that ran yesterday in the Free Beacon on PLOCCA/MEPCA. I've included the full text at the bottom for reference only.

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#### **Response:**

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## Article:

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U.S. Embassy Israel - Bra	nch Office Tel Aviv
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Yes, thank you <sup>(b)(6)</sup>	Please let me know if/when H agrees to an extension.	In the
meantime, I'll start work	ing on updating the PLOCCA.	

<u>Best,</u> (b)(6)	
From:(b)(6)	
Sept: Thursday. August 12, 2021 8:21 PM	
<b>To</b> (b)(6)	
<b>Cc</b> <sup>(b)(6)</sup>	
Subject: Re: Congressionally Mandated Report: 004462: PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1	1989, as
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Thank yot(b)(6)	
From (b)(6)	
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To: (h)(6)	
<b>Cc:</b> (b)(6)	
Subject: FW: Congressionally Mandated Report: 004462: PLO Commitments Compliance Act of	1989, as
amended	

PLOCCA tasker below.

Report Number: 004462

Report Title: PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989, as amended

**Legislation:** Section 803(b) and Section 804(b) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991 (P.L. 101-246) and Sections 603, 604 and 699 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (P.L. 107-228)

Bureau: NEA

Delegation: S	S <sup>(b)(5)</sup>
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Frequency: Semiannual

**Page Limit:** Approximately 5 pages in 12 Times New Roman font or 7 pages in 14 Times New Roman font

**Recipients:** (Chairmen and Ranking Members only) House Foreign Affairs Committee Senate Foreign Relations Committee Speaker of the House of Representatives

Tasked to Bureau: May 24, 2021

Due to Cascades: August 31, 2021

Due to Congress: October 5, 2021

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Report Pursuant to Section 804 of the Palestine Liberation Organization Commitments Compliance Act of 1989 ("PLOCCA") (Title VIII, P.L. 101-246) and Sections 603-604 and 699 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, FY 2003 ("the Act") (Public Law 107-228) (P.L. 107-228)

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# **Executive Summary**

Major points in the report are as follows:

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

#### CONGRESSIONAL REPORT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Please find enclosed the following report from the Department of State.

#### Department Report Number: 004462

Report Title: PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989, as amended

**Legislation:** Section 803(b) and Section 804(b) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991 (P.L. 101-246) and Sections 603, 604 and 699 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003 (P.L. 107-228)

#### **Recipients**:

House Foreign Affairs Committee Senate Foreign Relations Committee Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sincerely,

Naz Durakoglu Acting Assistant Secretary

Enclosure: As Stated

From:	(b)(6)
To:	
Subject:	RE: PLOCCA and Incitement Reports
Date:	Wed, 11 Aug 2021 16:02:40 +0000

Thanks (b)(6)

From[(b)(6)	
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 12:02 PM	
<b>Το:</b> (b)(6)	
Cc:	
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Subject: Re: PLOCCA and Incitement Reports	

Hi, folks, greetings the	e park! <sup>(b)(5)</sup>		
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(b)(5) I c	an forward t	hose emails from <sup>(D)(D)</sup> shortly.	

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Hope this helps!

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O <u>n Augu</u> st 11, 2021 at 10:44:03 AM EDT <sup>(b)(6)</sup>	wrote:
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Looping in <sup>(b)(6)</sup>	who worked on the last two US Assistance Reports (b)(5)	
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Thanks,

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Fror<sup>(b)(6)</sup>

Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:10 PM To (b)(6)

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<b>Cc:</b> (b)(6)
Subject: RE: PLOCCA and Incitement Reports
Hi(b)(6)
I'm glad you asked. I'm just getting up to speed on these annual and semi-annual reports as well. After speaking with $(b)(6)$ she told me $(b)(5)$
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(b)(5) Please let me know if you have any questions and I will do my best to get the
information.
Best,
(b)(6)
From:(b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 10:54 AM
To: (b)(6) Cc:
Subject: Re: PLOCCA and Incitement Reports
(b)(6)
H(b)(6) and (b)(6)
Many thanks for these documents and for checking with H on the deadline/whether it's been
tasked (b)(5)
(b)(5) I want to make sure I'm not dropping
the ball on anything.
(b)(6)
Thanks again (and welcome, <sup>(b)(6)</sup> ),
(b)(6)
From(b)(6) >
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 6:19 PM
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Dea(b)(6) and $(b)(6)$
Please find attached the last reports and other relevant materials from our PLOCCA MEPCA and
Incitement shared drives –(b)(6) (b)(5)
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(5) Please let us know if y have any additional questions or need additional information/clarification. (b)(6) From:(b)(6) Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 3:28 AM To(b)(6) Cc Subject: PLOCCA and Incitement Reports H{b)(6) I'm new in the PAU POL section covering West Bank and PA issues(b)(6)(b)(5) (b)(5) (b)(5) Thanks, (b)(6) Political Officer Palestinian Affairs Unit (b)(6) Sender:(b)(6)		
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From:	(b)(6)	
То:		
CC:		
Subject:	RE: PLOCCA and Incitement Reports	
Date:	Mon, 9 Aug 2021 13:11:47 +0000	

Hell (b)(6) and (b)(6)

I'm looking into your questions and should have answers for you shortly.

Best,

(b)(6)

From (b)(6) Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 3:31 AM

(b)(6)

Subject: RE: PLOCCA and Incitement Reports

Sorry, jumping in here -

(b)(6) if you have copies of the last reports in final form, that would be great too, thanks!

Fron <sup>(b)(6)</sup>	
Sent: Monday August 9 2021 10:28 AM	
To	
Cc	

Subject: PLOCCA and Incitement Reports

H<sup>(b)(6)</sup> and (b)(6)

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Thanks,

(b)(6) **Political Officer** 

Palestinian Affairs + <sup>(b)(6)</sup>	Jnit	
Sender:	(b)(6)	
Recipient:		

From:	(b)(6)
To:	
Subject:	RE: Overdue Congressionally Mandated Reports
Date:	Fri, 4 Jun 2021 17:39:23 +0000

Here you go. (b)(5) (b)(5)

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From:(b)(6)

Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 1:35 PM

**To:**(b)(6)

Subject: RE: Overdue Congressionally Mandated Reports

Awesome! I'm aiming to have the PLOCCA/MEPCA to vou by Monday, but need clarification from H. H did clear on the package, but L asked if we are (b)(5)

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From<sup>(b)(6)</sup>

Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 1:31 PM

To: (b)(6)

Subject: RE: Overdue Congressionally Mandated Reports

Nope! Thank you!

From: (b)(6)

Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 1:25 PM

**To:**(b)(6)

Subject: RE: Overdue Congressionally Mandated Reports

It's good to go! Is there anything else I need to do?

From <sup>(b)(6)</sup>	
Sept: Friday. June 4. 2021 1:24 F	
To <sup>(b)(6)</sup>	; NEA-IPA-DL < <u>NEA-IPA-DL@state.gov</u> >
Subject: RE: Overdue Congression	onally Mandated Reports
	to hold transmittal of the incitement report, or is it good to go?
From(b)(6)	l>
Sept: Friday_lune 4_2021 1:22 F To <sup>(b)(6)</sup>	
	NEA-IPA-DL < <u>NEA-IPA-DL@state.gov</u> >
Subject: RE: Overdue Congression	onally Mandated Reports

Hi,(b)(6)

The Incitement report was cleared by the NEA/FO earlier this week. As for the PLOCCA/MEPCA, that is with us pending a clarification from H on the type of transmittal letter required for a determination. Otherwise, we have all other laterals for it.

Best, (b)(6)

From:(b)(6) Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 1:19 PM To: NEA-IPA-DL <<u>NEA-IPA-DL@state.gov</u>> Subject: Overdue Congressionally Mandated Reports

Hi IPA, could I get a status update on these reports, please? Thanks!

Report Number	Report Title	
004204	Steps Taken by the Palestinian Authority to Counter Incitement of Violence against Israelis and to Promote Peace and Coexistence with Israel	Section 704 K, P.L. 116-
004109	PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989, as amended.	Section 803( RelationsAu and Sections Act, Fiscal Y

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Congressional Advisor   RMA	
Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs	
U.S. Department of State	

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Sender:	(b)(6)	
<b>Recipient:</b>		

From:	(b)(6)	
То:		
CC:		
Subject:	RE: CLEARANCE: FW: Flag - Wash Free Beacon: Big to Palestinian Terror Incitement From Congressiona	den Admin Deletes References al Report
Date:	Wed, 7 Jul 2021 13:58:54 +0000	

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Fron <sup>(b)(6)</sup> Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 9:55 AM
<b>To</b> (b)(6)
Cc:
Subject: CLEARANCE: FW: Flag - Wash Free Beacon: Biden Admin Deletes References to Palestinian
Terror Incitement From Congressional Report
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Below for your review and clearance is a response to the Free Beacon article on the PLOCCA/MEPCA report.

Thank you.



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From: Amr, Hady A(b)(6)	
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 8:31 AM	
To: Price, Edward (b)(6) (b)(6)	NEA-Press < <u>NEA-</u>
Press@state.gov>	
Cc: SPOX2 < <u>SPOX2@state.gov</u> >; Durakoglu, Naz (b)(6)	; Bonine, David N
(b)(6)	

Subject: RE: Flag - Wash Free Beacon: Biden Admin Deletes References to Palestinian Terror Incitement From Congressional Report

That works, Ned.

Thanks team, and sorry for the late night effort.

From: Price, Edward C (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 11:04 PM
To: (b)(6) Amr, Hady A <(b)(6) NEA-Press < <u>NEA-</u>
Press@state.gov>
Cc: SPOX2 <spox2@state.gov>; Durakoglu, Naz (b)(6); Bonine, David N</spox2@state.gov>
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Subject: Re: Flag - Wash Free Beacon: Biden Admin Deletes References to Palestinian Terror Incitement
From Congressional Report
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From:(b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 10:11:30 PM To: Amr, Hady A $\binom{(b)(6)}{}$ ; Price, Edward C $\binom{(b)(6)}{}$ : NEA-Press < <u>NEA-</u>
Press@state.gov>
Cc: SPOX2 <spox2@state.gov>; Durakoglu, Naz<sup>(b)(6)</sup>; Bonine, David N</spox2@state.gov>
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From Congressional Report
Pardon the delayed response (b)(6) and I went through all the reports. (b)(5)
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(b)(5) Of note, we have a separate, congressionally mandated report on
instances of BDS that we're currently working on.
From: Amr, Hady A(b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July <u>6. 2021 7:02 PM</u>
To: Price, Edward C <sup>(b)(6)</sup> ; NEA-Press < <u>NEA-Press@state.gov</u> >
Cc: SPOX2 <spox2@state.gov>; Durakoglu, Naz ∢(b)(6) ; Bonine, David N</spox2@state.gov>
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Subject: RE: Flag - Wash Free Beacon: Biden Admin Deletes References to Palestinian Terror Incitement
From Congressional Report
$+^{(b)(6)}$ and $^{(b)(6)}$ on the report.
When did the questions come in?
From: Price, Edward C(b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 6:40 PM
To: NEA-Press < <u>NEA-Press@state.gov</u> >; Amr, Hady A (b)(6)
Cc: SPOX2 < <u>SPOX2@state.gov</u> >; Durakoglu, Naz (b)(6) Bonine, David N
(b)(6)
Subject: FW: Flag - Wash Free Beacon: Biden Admin Deletes References to Palestinian Terror Incitement
From Congressional Report
(b)(5)
From:(b)(6)

Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 6:35 PM

To: SPOX2 <<u>SPOX2@state.gov</u>>

Cc: PA Press Duty <<u>PAPressDuty@state.gov</u>>

**Subject:** Flag - Wash Free Beacon: Biden Admin Deletes References to Palestinian Terror Incitement From Congressional Report

Biden Admin Deletes References to Palestinian Terror Incitement From Congressional Report State Dept silent on removing references to malign Palestinian behavior in congressionally mandated report

Adam Kredo • July 6, 2021 5:15 pm

https://freebeacon.com/biden-administration/biden-admin-deletes-references-to-palestinian-terror-incitement-from-congressional-report/

The State Department deleted references to the Palestinian government's terror incitement in a report sent last week to Congress, highlighting what some see as an effort by the Biden administration to downplay Palestinian violence as it restarts U.S. taxpayer aid to the government.

The Biden State Department's latest report to Congress, issued under a mandatory reporting statute included in the 1990 Palestine Liberation Organization Commitments Compliance Act, omits specific references to the Palestinian government's ongoing calls for violence, as well as its support for the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement, which wages economic warfare on Israel. Both issues, which are being closely tracked in Congress, were included in the outgoing Trump administration's October report, according to copies of both reports viewed by the Washington Free Beacon.

Officials in Congress say it is notable that the State Department would omit two closely watched issues in the report, which is otherwise nearly identical to the Trump administration version, fueling accusations the Biden administration is whitewashing the Palestinians' bad behavior. The changes come amid a broader push by the Biden administration to renew hundreds of millions of dollars in taxpayer aid to the Palestinian government, even as it continues to call for Israel's destruction and lend support to the anti-Semitic BDS movement.

The Biden administration's pivot on the Palestinian issue has already been the subject of heightened criticism, including in Congress, as the governing Palestinian Authority continues to use international aid dollars to pay terrorists and their families. The Biden administration approved millions of dollars in U.S. aid to the Palestinians earlier this year over congressional objections and a law that prohibits America from sending aid until the PA stops paying terrorists as part of a program known as "pay to slay."

The Free Beacon obtained copies of both reports and found the Biden administration deleted information about terror incitement and Palestinian support for the BDS movement. The State Department declined to comment on the changes.

Dave Vasquez, press secretary for Sen. Ted Cruz (R., Texas), said the State Department wants to downplay Palestinian incitement in order to stifle debate in Congress. Cruz has been an outspoken critic of U.S. aid to the Palestinian government and the Biden administration's decision to send it.

"The Biden administration is committed to pouring money into Palestinian areas, in defiance of U.S. laws that restrict funding because the Palestinian Authority incites and subsidizes acts of terrorism against Israel," Vasquez said. "It's no wonder this administration would try to downplay that behavior to limit public debate over their controversial policy."

In the latest report, the Biden State Department removed a section of text detailing how Palestinian schools and media outlets routinely employ violent rhetoric.

"Some PA schools and media outlets continue to promote the idea that Israel does not have a right to exist and support the elimination of Israel on maps that show 'Palestine' covering over Israel with indication 'Palestine' will be 'liberated' in the future," the Trump administration's October report stated in a now-removed section.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken promised in June to condition U.S. aid to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, which oversees education in the Palestinian territories, on the agency removing calls for Israel's destruction from its textbooks. By omitting reporting on this issue from its latest report to Congress, the State Department could be trying to bypass oversight on Blinken's vow.

Another portion on the Arab League's boycotts of Israel omits an entire paragraph detailing how the Palestinian government is undermining regional peace with Israel.

"The PA expressed its strong disapproval of Arab states normalizing relations with Israel," the October report stated in a now-deleted paragraph. "Referring to the [United Arab Emirates'] diplomatic normalization agreement with Israel, [Palestinian president Mahmoud] Abbas said, 'We consider this a stab in the back and we absolutely reject it.'"

The Trump administration's report also stated: "PA diplomats also worked [to] encourage statements, including from the Arab League, condemning normalization. The PA also expressed support for the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement against Israel."

These findings are omitted from the Biden administration's version of the report.

One GOP congressional aide who works on Middle East issues said the Biden administration is attempting to downplay the Palestinian government's anti-Israel actions.

"The Biden administration is shoveling taxpayer money toward the Palestinians, even though the Palestinians use their money to pay for terrorists and attack Israel," said the source, who was not authorized to speak on record. "The American people oppose terrorism and support Israel, so, of cours<u>e, the State Department wouldn't want to talk about Palestinian behavior.</u>"

Sender:	(b)(6)	
Recipient:		

From:	(b)(6)	
To:		>
Subject:	RE: CLEARANCE: AM to D on PLOCCA/ME	EPCA Report; Clear by 6/3 at 3 p.m.
Date:	Thu, 3 Jun 2021 19:55:49 +0000	

Thanks<sup>(b)(6)</sup>, Best<sup>(b)(6)</sup>

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From<sup>(b)(6)</sup> Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 3:49 PM

To:(b)(6)

A Duty Officer <P-NEADuty@state.gov>; D-MR\_StaffAssistants <D-MR\_StaffAssistants@state.gov>(b)(6) NEA-Egypt <NEA-Egypt@state.gov> (b)(6)

**Subject:** Re: CLEARANCE: AM to D on PLOCCA/MEPCA Report; Clear by 6/3 at 3 p.m.

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Ok for NEA/NA, Egypt Desk. Thanks.

Fron <sup>(b)(6)</sup>			
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<pre>Egypt &lt;<u>NEA-Egypt@state.gov</u>&gt;</pre>			
Subject: FW: CLEARANCE: AM to D on PLOCCA/MEPCA Report; Clear by 6/3 at 3 p.m.			

Colleagues,

Just a reminder of the clearance request below.

Thank you.

Best, (b)(6)

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**From**(b)(6)

Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 10:29 AM To: D-MR\_StaffAssistants < <u>D-MR\_StaffAssistants@state.gov</u>>; C\_Special Assistants

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Miller, <sup>(D)(6)</sup>	
Subject: FW: CLEARANCE: AM to D on PLOCCA/MEPCA Report; (	Clear by 6/3 at 3 p.m.
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Colleagues,

Just a reminder to have your clearance on this by today at 3 p.m.

Thank you.

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From: Pardo, Greg

Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 3:57 PM

 To: C Special Assistants <</th>
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 Importance: High

Colleagues,

Attached for your clearance is the AM to D for the PLOCCA/MEPCA report. Please provide your clearances by **Thursday, June 3 no later than 3 p.m.** 

Thank you.

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(b)(6) Political Officer Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs (IPA) Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA) U.S. Department of State Washington, D.C. (O)(b)(6) (b)(6)

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Sender:	(b)(6)	
<b>Recipient:</b>		

From:	b)(6)	>
	RE: Clarification needed on PLOCCA/MEPCA repo	ort
Date:	Mon, 14 Jun 2021 13:10:30 +0000	

Thanks, (b)(6) (b)(5); (b)(6)

Best,

(b)(6)

Acting Political Unit Chief and Political-Military Officer Office of Israel and Palestinian Affairs Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs U.S. Department of State Office: (b)(6) (b)(6)

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From<sup>(b)(6)</sup>

Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 8:53 AM

To: (h)(6)

Subject: FW: Clarification needed on PLOCCA/MEPCA report

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<u>Best,</u> (b)(6)

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From <sup>(b)(6)</sup>	
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 2:58 AM	
To:(b)(6)	
Cc: <sup>(D)(O)</sup>	

Subject: RE: Clarification needed on PLOCCA/MEPCA report

H(b)(6)

Thanks for yours and fo(b)(6) query. We rewrote the paragraph in question. Please let me know if this draft works or if more information is needed. Thanks!

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From<sup>(b)(6)</sup>

Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 7:33 PM

To:(b)(6)

Subject: Clarification needed on PLOCCA/MEPCA report

Hi <sup>(b)(6)</sup>
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I hope you're doing well. We're finally trying to push the PLOCCA/MEPCA report to the finish line, but we have one question. Can you check the one comment fron(b)(6) on the attached report?

Best.	_
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Sender:	(b)(6)
<b>Recipient:</b>	

From:	(b)(6)	>
То:		
CC:		
Subject:	RE: Archived : PLO Commitments Compliance (PLOCCA/MEPCA report) : PLO Commitments amended. (PLOCCA/MEPCA report)	
Date:	Wed, 23 Jun 2021 16:47:43 +0000	

Fantastic, thank you!

(b)(6)		
Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs	(b)(6)	
U.S. Department of State	mobile: <sup>(b)(6)</sup>	

From <sup>(b)(6)</sup> Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 12:47 PM To:<sup>(b)(6)</sup> Cc:

**Subject:** RE: Archived : PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989, as amended. (PLOCCA/MEPCA report) : PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989, as amended. (PLOCCA/MEPCA report)

Submitted to the line.

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Sent: Wednesday. June 23. 2021 12:02 PM	
To: <sup>(b)(6)</sup>	
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**Subject:** FW: Archived : PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989, as amended. (PLOCCA/MEPCA report) : PLO Commitments Compliance Act of 1989, as amended. (PLOCCA/MEPCA report)

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Can you pull this report from the one paper archives and upload to Cascades?

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Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs U.S. Department of State

(b)(6)			

From: <u>NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL@state.gov</u> <<u>NEA-Staff-Assistants-DL@state.gov</u>>

Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 9:39 AM

To: NEA-RMA-CONGRESSIONAL-DL <<u>NEA-RMA-CONGRESSIONAL-DL@state.gov</u>>

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Biden Admin Deletes References to Palestinian Terror Incitement From Congressional Report State Dept silent on removing references to malign Palestinian behavior in congressionally mandated report

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https://freebeacon.com/biden-administration/biden-admin-deletes-references-to-palestinianterror-incitement-from-congressional-report/

The State Department deleted references to the Palestinian government's terror incitement in a report sent last week to Congress, highlighting what some see as an effort by the Biden administration to downplay Palestinian violence as it restarts U.S. taxpayer aid to the government.

The Biden State Department's latest report to Congress, issued under a mandatory reporting statute included in the 1990 Palestine Liberation Organization Commitments Compliance Act, omits specific references to the Palestinian government's ongoing calls for violence, as well as its support for the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement, which wages economic warfare on Israel. Both issues, which are being closely tracked in Congress, were included in the outgoing Trump administration's October report, according to copies of both reports viewed by the Washington Free Beacon.

Officials in Congress say it is notable that the State Department would omit two closely watched issues in the report, which is otherwise nearly identical to the Trump administration version, fueling accusations the Biden administration is whitewashing the Palestinians' bad behavior. The changes come amid a broader push by the Biden administration to renew hundreds of millions of dollars in taxpayer aid to the Palestinian government, even as it continues to call for Israel's destruction and lend support to the anti-Semitic BDS movement.

The Biden administration's pivot on the Palestinian issue has already been the subject of heightened criticism, including in Congress, as the governing Palestinian Authority continues to use international aid dollars to pay terrorists and their families. The Biden administration approved millions of dollars in U.S. aid to the Palestinians earlier this year over congressional objections and a law that prohibits America from sending aid until the PA stops paying terrorists as part of a program known as "pay to slay."

The Free Beacon obtained copies of both reports and found the Biden administration deleted information about terror incitement and Palestinian support for the BDS movement. The State Department declined to comment on the changes.

Dave Vasquez, press secretary for Sen. Ted Cruz (R., Texas), said the State Department wants to downplay Palestinian incitement in order to stifle debate in Congress. Cruz has been an outspoken critic of U.S. aid to the Palestinian government and the Biden administration's decision to send it.

"The Biden administration is committed to pouring money into Palestinian areas, in defiance of U.S. laws that restrict funding because the Palestinian Authority incites and subsidizes acts of terrorism against Israel," Vasquez said. "It's no wonder this administration would try to downplay that behavior to limit public debate over their controversial policy."

In the latest report, the Biden State Department removed a section of text detailing how Palestinian schools and media outlets routinely employ violent rhetoric.

"Some PA schools and media outlets continue to promote the idea that Israel does not have a right to exist and support the elimination of Israel on maps that show 'Palestine' covering over Israel with indication 'Palestine' will be 'liberated' in the future," the Trump administration's October report stated in a now-removed section.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken promised in June to condition U.S. aid to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, which oversees education in the Palestinian territories, on the agency removing calls for Israel's destruction from its textbooks. By omitting reporting on this issue from its latest report to Congress, the State Department could be trying to bypass oversight on Blinken's vow.

Another portion on the Arab League's boycotts of Israel omits an entire paragraph detailing how the Palestinian government is undermining regional peace with Israel.

"The PA expressed its strong disapproval of Arab states normalizing relations with Israel," the October report stated in a now-deleted paragraph. "Referring to the [United Arab Emirates'] diplomatic normalization agreement with Israel, [Palestinian president Mahmoud] Abbas said, 'We consider this a stab in the back and we absolutely reject it.'"

The Trump administration's report also stated: "PA diplomats also worked [to] encourage statements, including from the Arab League, condemning normalization. The PA also expressed support for the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement against Israel."

These findings are omitted from the Biden administration's version of the report.

One GOP congressional aide who works on Middle East issues said the Biden administration is attempting to downplay the Palestinian government's anti-Israel actions.

"The Biden administration is shoveling taxpayer money toward the Palestinians, even though the Palestinians use their money to pay for terrorists and attack Israel," said the source, who was not authorized to speak on record. "The American people oppose terrorism and support Israel, so, of course, the State <u>Department wouldn't want</u> to talk about Palestinian behavior."

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