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**Re: *Thomas More Law Center v. U.S. Department of State***  
**Case No. 1:11-cv-02152-CKK**

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed please find a letter from the Department of State, as well as one document responsive to your Freedom of Information Act request dated October 20, 2009. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at 202-353-2325 or [laura.e.heim@usdoj.gov](mailto:laura.e.heim@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Eddleman Heim".

Laura Eddleman Heim  
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Case No.: 200908969 L001 & BAGH001

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Dear Mr. Muise:

In response to your request dated October 20, 2009 under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552), we initiated searches of the following Department of State record systems: the Central Foreign Policy Records (the principal record system of the Department of State), the Office of the Legal Advisor and American Embassy Baghdad.

A search of the Central Foreign Policy Records, the Office of the Legal Advisor and American Embassy Baghdad have been completed and resulted in the retrieval of two documents responsive to your request. After reviewing these documents, we have determined that one may be released with excisions. All released material is enclosed.

A decision on the remaining one document requires interagency coordination and has been referred to another government office for further review to assist us in making a final determination.

Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. 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.

As these records are subject to pending litigation, there is no administrative appeal available. See 22 CFR § 171.52(a).

We will keep you informed as your case progresses. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Heim at (202) 353-2325.

Sincerely,



*sl* Sheryl L. Walter, Director  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures:  
As stated.

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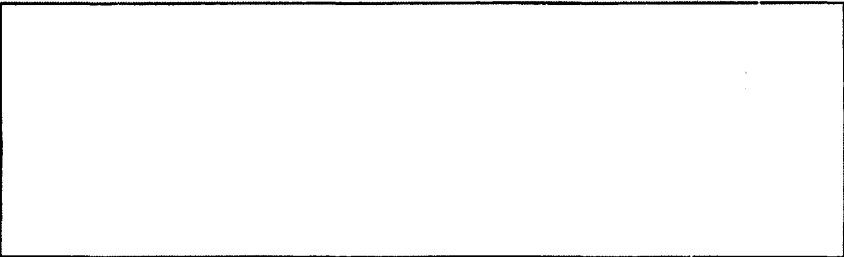
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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS MINISTER DISCUSSES TRAFFICKING,  
PRISON ABUSE, AND HADITHA

REF: A. STATE 85549  
B. BAGHDAD 01719

Classified By: Political Counselor Margaret Scobey for reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

1. C) On June 1, PolCouns delivered talking points (ref A) on the Trafficking in Persons (TIP) report to Human Rights Minister Wijdan Mikhail Salim. Salim expressed interest in the issue as well as in learning more about the data supporting the assessment on Iraq. PolCouns agreed to assist the Minister and to continue further discussion on this issue.



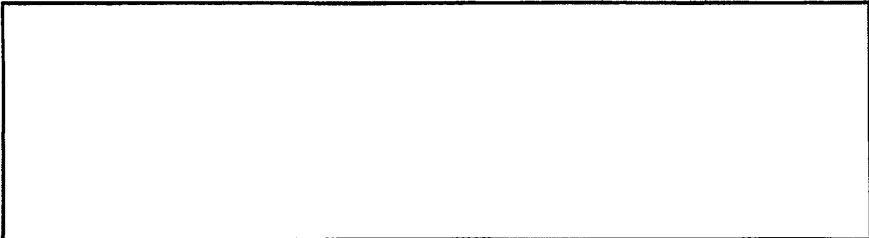
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3. (C) The Minister also expressed concern about the Haditha incident. Salim told PolCouns that, during the last Council of Ministers meeting May 30, the Prime Minister had raised the issue of Haditha and decided to establish a committee charged with looking at the event. PolCouns assured Salim that the USG takes very seriously the Haditha allegations and indicated that a vigorous investigation was underway. PolCouns promised that anyone found to have committed any crimes would be held accountable.



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