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Sent:

Thursday, 16 September 2010 4:58 p.m.

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Subject:

RE: Visit to Parwan Detention Centre

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PSR(IC)3

Thanks for running this past us. It is fine for you to accept this invitation to the DFIP. You are as aware as anyone of NZ's perspectives and the sensitivities around the 'issue' from the briefing you received from ISED; you will obviously be in listening mode. We would expect a report next week from London following PSR(IC)3 attendance at tomorrow's detainees conference. This and your visit will be useful preparation for your meeting with the NDS.

PSR(IC)3

From: PSR(IC)3

(KBL)

Sent: Tuesday, 14 September 2010 8:07 p.m. (MEA)

To: PSR(IC)3

Subject: Visit to Parwan Detention Centre

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PSR(IC)3.

I have been invited to visit the Parwan Detention Centre (better known as the DFIP - Detention Facility in Parwan) at Bagram on 29 Sep.

I would not normally come back to you on such a visit, but given that the subject of detainees is topical at present, thought I should let you know.

The Centre is in the process of transitioning from US control to Afghan control, and is regarded as a model detention centre.

The main benefit of the visit is to increase my understanding of how detainees are handled in Afghanistan.

I assume you will have no difficulties with me visiting, but let me know if there are reservations.

Regards

PSR(IC)3

From: PSR(IC)3 (ISED)

Sent: Thursday, 16 September 2010 8:15 a.m.

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(TEH)

Subject: RE: NDS/Detainees

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Sounds good PSR(IC)3, thanks for keeping us in the loop.

From: PSR(IC)3 (KBL)

Sent: Wednesday, 15 September 2010 9:46 p.m.

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Subject: RE: NDS/Detainees

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PSR(IC)3

I have spoken to the Services man. He plans to meet with the NDS Head of Foreign Liaison to follow up at that level on the points raised in ISED C10-4560 - para 21. He will also seek to visit the (one) CRU detention facility and the (several?) NDS facilities.

After this meeting has taken place, I will arrange a meeting with the Head of NDS and take up NZ's concerns. I will follow up on your points below and the thrust of my meeting will be influenced by the result of that earlier meeting between the NZSIS rep and NDS Head of Foreign Liaison.

With regards to the next steps outlined in as in ISED C10-4560, I have initiated membership of the embassy working group on detainees and I will be meeting with ICRC next week.

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From: PSR(IC)3 (ISED)

Sent: Thursday, 9 September 2010 9:33 a.m.

To: PSR(IC)3 (KBL)

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PSR(IC)3 (TEH) Subject: RE: NDS

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PSR(IC)3

Further to PSR(IC)3 message below and following a discussion on this in Wellington, you should wait for a briefing from the Service's "man in Kabul" before following up and seeking a call on PSR(IC)3. We would also be looking to you to go in on the basis of "seeking information about how he/the NDS is/are dealing with these issues and noting a high level of political interest in NZ on the treatment of detainees". There is still scope, as per para 21, for you to advise that we will be taking a closer interest in the welfare of detainees transferred to the NDS by the CRU, consistent with this new level of interest.

Regards

16/09/2010

From: PSR(IC)3 (ISED)

Sent: Friday, 3 September 2010 12:28 p.m.

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Subject: NDS Importance: High

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PSR(IC)3

Further to the detainees report on MinDef's visit (ISED C10-4560 - para 21 in particular), NZSIS have requested that you please hold off arranging any meeting with the new NDS Director General until further notice. We will be meeting with NZSIS on Monday to discuss this.

Thanks PSR(IC)3