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Subject:

Erekat - Weissglass -meeting summary

Importance: High

Where:

Tel Aviv, Dan Hotel

Who:

Palestine: Erekat, Dahlan, Abu Libdeh, Hazzan Israel: Weisglass, Tourgmane, Shariv, Gila'ad

When:

6:30 PM to 11:45 PM - I briefed Maen at 1:00 AM.

Outcome: A proposed last draft of Israeli Palestinian understanding (subject to final approval). Hard copies of which are on my desk.

Questions we need answers for from the Israelis:

 Detailed Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) – from Amos Gilad, suggestion to be faxed today (apparently includes lifting closures, facilitating trade, permits for merchants, workers and students etc.)

2. The fate of deportees other than Nativity Church deportees, the Nativity Church deportees are allowed back but have to comply with the fugitives arrangements. The Israelis in the delegation thought the other deportees should also be included in the fugitives category but we refused since we are talking about deportees from West Bank to Gaza that enjoy regular life in Gaza and are not fugitives there. They understood and gave us a tentative answer that they might be allowed to return to their home towns with no other restrictions. They need to check the list of deportees and get guidance from the security forces if this arrangement should exclude some deportees.

Major Controversy:

1. Reference to the Road Map: The Israelis are willing to say this is a first step to return to the road map, we want to say these are major portions from the first phase of Road Map. The Israelis have no problem of referencing the Two States vision. The Israelis want to say that after the Gaza Evacuation is complete time would be ripe to return to the Road Map. We want to say this is the Road Map and Gaza Evacuation has to be part and synchronized with the Road Map.

Settlement freeze, Wall and outposts: Israelis refuse any reference to these any where in joint
understandings and the speeches and they said if such thing happens then Sharon will thank Bush
for his April 14 speech and reference the major settlement block and denial of right of return.

3. The Speeches: Israel wants every side to review the speech of the other (or in other words they want to censor Abu Mazen's speech). Abu Mazen and Abu Ala'a told Seab and Dahlan yesterday NO to review given Abu Mazen's bad experience in Aq'aba. The other possibilities are exchange or speeches before summit or every one goes on their own. This is yet to be decided. Apparently Condi has pressures to emphasize the positive agreement reached and leave for the future other issues that everyone knows are disputed and are there.

Next Steps:

Saeb asked us to do these in consortium and brain storm together but we can chose to task it other wise.

Review the proposed draft.

- 2. Prepare a suggested statement for Abu Mazen that:
 - a. Is no longer than one page
 - b. Mentions the settlements, wall, outpost etc.
 - c. Down plays this summit which was originally planned to be a cease fire meeting and was hijacked by the Egyptians to no body's pleasure but Mubarak.
 - d. Mentions the bigger goals of ending occupation, peace, two-state solution etc. that this meeting did not and is not intended to solve.

Due Time: ASAP

Regards

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