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ONLY TO THE WIVES AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE REQUESTED IT. EMBASSY MAY ALSO SHARE THEIR RESPONSE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF	
AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE.	B7(A), B7(C)
3. (SBU/REL) GUIDANCE FOR POST'S USE IN RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES FROM FAMILY MEMBERS:	
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS STATED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS	•
THAT WORKING IN CLOSE COOPERATION	
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF TOOK CONTROL LAST	
JANUARY OF NATIONALS WHO POSED A CREDIBLE SECURITY	
THREAT TO US PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES HERE AS WELL AS TO THE	
PEOPLE OF THE ON JANUARY 19 TO GUANTANAMO BAY.	B7(A), B7(C)

-- WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO ADDRESS THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DETENTION OR THE ACTIVITIES THAT LED TO THE DETENTION OF ANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS AT GUANTANAMO.

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-- INDIVIDUALS DETAINED IN GUANTANAMO ARE ENEMY COMBATANTS
CAPTURED IN CONNECTION WITH AN ON-GOING ARMED CONFLICT AND
RELATED ATTACKS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, ITS CITIZENS AND
CITIZENS OF NUMEROUS OTHER NATIONS. ENEMY COMBATANTS CONTINUE TO
POSE A SERIOUS SECURITY THREAT TO UNITED STATES AND COALITION
PARTNERS. THEY ARE BEING HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
INTERNATIONAL LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT, WHICH PERMIT THE UNITED
STATES TO HOLD ENEMY COMBATANTS AT LEAST FOR THE DURATION OF
HOSTILITIES.

- -- THE UNITED STATES IS TREATING THESE INDIVIDUALS HUMANELY AND IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE THIRD GENEVA CONVENTION OF 1949. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS ARE AT GUANTANAMO AND MEET WITH DETAINEES INDIVIDUALLY AND PRIVATELY.
- -- ALL DETAINEES ARE PROVIDED THREE MEALS A DAY THAT MEET MUSLIM DIETARY LAWS (IF DESIRED), AS WELL AS MEDICAL CARE, CLOTHING, SHELTER, SHOWERS, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP.
- -- UNDER THE LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT, CAPTURED ENEMY COMBATANTS HAVE NO RIGHT TO COUNSEL OR TO THE COURTS TO CHALLENGE THEIR DETENTION. IF AND WHEN A DETAINEE IS CHARGED WITH A CRIME, HE WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO COUNSEL AND FUNDAMENTAL PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS.

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-- TO DATE, NO DETAINEE AT GUANTANAMO HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH A CRIME.

--AS FOR COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILY MEMBERS, DETAINEES ARE ALLOWED TO CORRESPOND BY MAIL WITH FAMILY MEMBERS, SUBJECT TO SCREENING UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONAL PURPOSES. NOT ALL DETAINEES HAVE
BEEN SENT MAIL, AND NOT ALL ELECT TO WRITE LETTERS HOME.

TELEPHONE CALLS AND VISITS ARE NOT POSSIBLE FOR OPERATIONAL
REASONS.

4. (SBU) BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR POST ONLY: FAMILY MEMBERS OF DETAINEES OF MANY NATIONALITIES HAVE PRESSED FOR MORE INFORMATION AND OFTEN THREATENED LEGAL ACTION IF THE USG FAILS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH SUCH. AT THIS TIME, IT IS DEEMED STILL TOO SENSITIVE TO THE ONGOING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUALS DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO. POWELL

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