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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S JANUARY 22 DISCUSSION OF DETAINEES  
WITH MFA STATE SECRETARY PLEUGER

CLASSIFIED BY: GLOBAL AFFAIRS COUNSELOR RICHARD RORIVIG FOR REASONS 1.5  
(B) AND (D)

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SUMMARY

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1. (SBU) AMBASSADOR COATS MET JANUARY 22 WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS STATE SECRETARY GUNTER PLEUGER, AT THE LATTER'S REQUEST, TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF DETAINEES AT GUANTANAMO NAVAL BASE. PLEUGER EXPLAINED HE HAD REQUESTED THE URGENT MEETING BECAUSE THE ISSUE OF THE TREATMENT OF THE DETAINEES WAS NOT ONLY UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE BUNDESTAG AND BECAUSE OF HEIGHTENED INTEREST IN THE INTERNATIONAL MEDIA, BUT BECAUSE FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER WAS TO APPEAR AT A MEETING BEFORE THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 23 TO

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DISCUSS THE MATTER.

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MINISTER FISCHER CALLS FOR POW TREATMENT OF DETAINEES  
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2. (C) AFTER POINTING OUT HEIGHTENED INTEREST ON THE PART OF THE MEDIA AND HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF THE DETAINEES, PLEUGER SUMMARIZED A PRESS STATEMENT FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER HAD MADE THAT AFTERNOON. MINISTER FISCHER HAD STATED THAT THE DETAINEES SHOULD BE TREATED AS PRISONERS OF WAR (POWS) AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GENEVA CONVENTION, WITH CONSIDERATION FOR HUMANE TREATMENT, PROTECTION OF HUMAN DIGNITY, PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE, ACCESS TO MEDICAL TREATMENT, AND DUE PROCESS IN COURT. IN HIS SUMMARY OF HIS MINISTER'S COMMENTS, PLEUGER ALSO MENTIONED THAT FISCHER HAD STATED THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE DETAINEES HAD TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS.

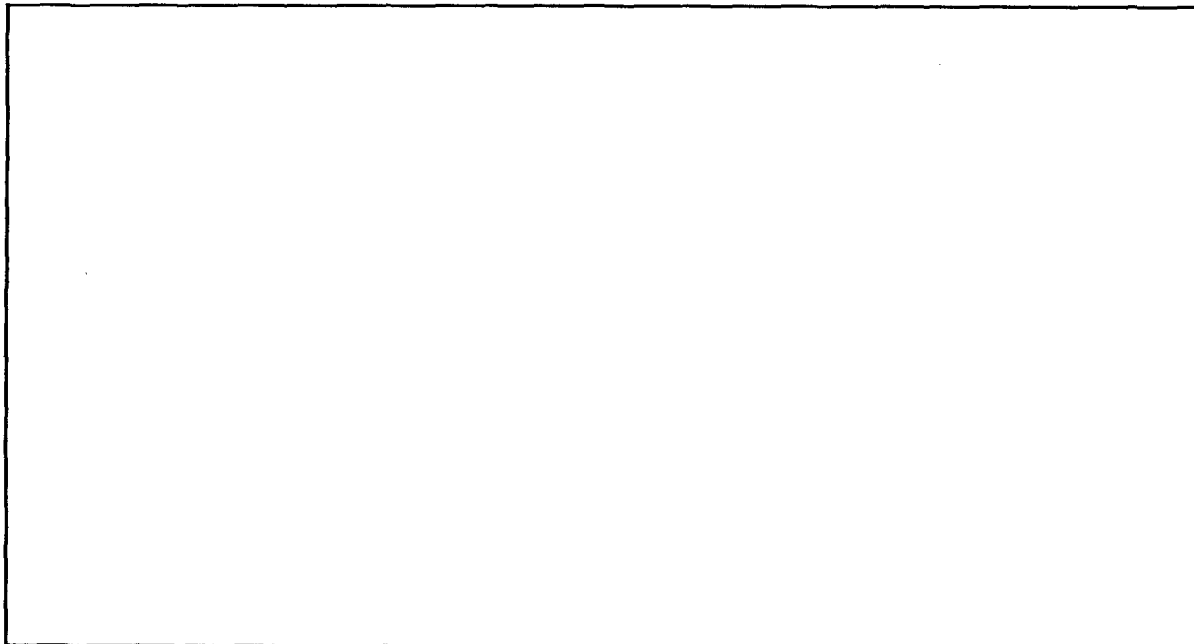
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