EXHIBIT 1-27

Redactions Made by Respondents Redactions Pursuant to ECF 470 From: <u>King, Matthew</u>

To: <u>Dougherty, Michael</u>; <u>Petyo, Briana</u>; <u>Holt, Kenneth</u>

Cc: Simmons, Timothy
Subject: RE: Update

Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 9:27:51 AM

Plus Ken.

From: Dougherty, Michael

Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 1:34:00 PM

To: King, Matthew; Petyo, Briana

Cc: Simmons, Timothy Subject: FW: Update

Hi guys, should have looped you in earlier, can we discuss?

Michael T. Dougherty

A/S for Border, Immigration and Trade Policy

Office of Policy

Department of Homeland Security

From: Pineiro, Marlen

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 6:33 PM

To: Dougherty, Michael <

Cc: Hamilton, Gene <

Subject: RE: Update

Hi and thank you. We have exhausted all our efforts at our level. We haven't even been able to get a new tentative date for the flight.

Thanks MP

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From: Dougherty, Michael < **Date:** Wednesday, Jun 28, 2017, 2:37 PM **To:** Pineiro, Marlen < Cc: Hamilton, Gene Subject: FW: Update Marlen, please advise if PLCY can render any assistance. Regards, Michael T. Dougherty A/S for Border, Immigration and Trade Policy Office of Policy Department of Homeland Security From: Riedmann, Scott R (Baghdad) [mailto: **Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2017 3:47 PM **To:** Dougherty, Michael >; Pineiro, Marlen >; Schultz, John A < >; Fenzel, Andrew D >; Lewis, Poonam < >; McEvoy, Meredith C >; Koontz, Bryan K < >; Farmer, Floyd S **Cc:** Pennington, Joseph S < >; Weiller, Brigid R (Baghdad) < >; Hankinson, Simon R < >; King, Karin M < >; King, Matthew Subject: RE: Update Hi John, point out, the GOI definitely knew of the date and never objected to it. We have an email from them about this. the GOI basically told us they would not accept the flight until the PM signed off on it. We never promised to delay the flight; we merely acknowledged their decision and said we would relay it. The only concerns they raised at that time were the numbers and the timing of this particular flight. They also told us they wanted to establish a procedure for handling the rest of the deportees, and that they had already sent a memo for

The Amb met with the PM yesterday and this was the first issue the Amb raised. The PM said he

month as a durable solution.

approval to the PMs office with a proposal for handling future flights. They actually suggested 60 per

wasn't sure why he even had to decide this issue again. To him, the issue had already been decided and the relevant ministries should work out. He also said he had not received a memo about this,

Best,

Scott

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From: Dougherty, Michael [mailto:

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 7:43 PM

To: Pineiro, Marlen; Schultz, John A; Fenzel, Andrew D; Lewis, Poonam; McEvoy, Meredith C; Riedmann,

Scott R (Baghdad); Koontz, Bryan K

Cc: Pennington, Joseph S; Farmer, Floyd S; Weiller, Brigid R (Baghdad); Hankinson, Simon R; King, Karin

M; King, Matthew **Subject:** RE: Update

Thanks for the SA

Michael T. Dougherty Assistant Secretary Border, Immigration and Trade Policy Department of Homeland Security

From: Pineiro, Marlen

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 5:35:48 PM

To: Schultz, John A; Fenzel, Andrew D (); Lewis, Poonam (); Koontz, Bryan K

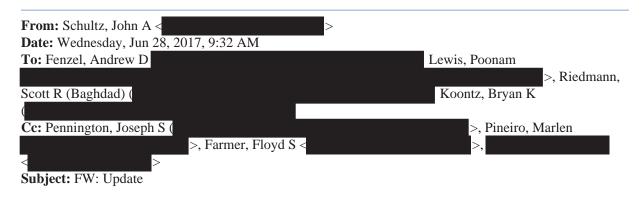
Cc: Pennington, Joseph S (; 'Hankinson, ; Farmer, Floyd S;

Simon R'; 'King, Karin M'; Dougherty, Michael; King, Matthew

Subject: RE: Update

+Karen/Mike/Matt/Simon

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Scott/Andrew/Bryan-

I wanted to share with you an email that Ambassador Yasseen sent to the Acting ICE Director on Monday. There are a number of items within this email which we find to be concerning:

- That the Embassy says that we had not consulted with the GoI regarding the date of flight.

 When provided with the presentation packages on May 25 the GoI had been informed of the scheduled date and didn't indicate that there would be an issue.
- That the removal is court ordered- a removal order could be rendered by an Immigration Judge, the Board of Immigration Appeals, an Immigration Officer, or other judicial authority authorized under the Immigration and Nationality Act
- Limits removal cases to only criminals- we expect all countries to accept their nationals, who have been ordered removed, regardless of criminality

Our Acting Director did point out these concerns to the Ambassador who in turn said he would communicate them to Baghdad.

John A Schultz Jr.

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From: Fareed Yasseen [mailto]

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 12:10 PM

To: Homan, Thomas; King, Matthew; Schultz, John A

Cc: Ahmed Utaifa; Chalkley, Marie; Mohamad Jawad; Pineiro, Marlen

Subject: Update

Dear friends,

I forwarded the information to Baghdad and I heard from them this morning. I think that the fact that the deputy foreign minister would respond on this issue in spite of the holiday underlines the importance we attach to this issue.

The lists and documentation that you provided is being circulated among related Iraqi agencies, in particular the Justice Ministry. Because of the large number of returnees and the logistics required, the Deputy FM requested clearance from the PM's office, and we are awaiting the response. The US embassy had inormed the Forign Ministry that the batch of returnees would arrive on June 29. That date was determined by the US embassy and other US agencies without consultation with the Iraqi agencies involved. As things stand, we will not be able to receive the returnees on the date mentioned (time too short to guarantee receipt of PM's clearance or to arrange for the logistics required for such a large number of returnees). On this issue, our working group met in Baghdad with the US Consul and his deputy or assistant and explained these issues, the Consul in turn promised to delay the trip until after receipt of the PM's clearances on a later date to be agreed to by both sides.

With regard to the names on the list, Iraq can only admit:

- 1. Those whose Iraqi citizenship is confirmed through the agreed to procedures for this issuse utilized previously by both Iraqi and US sides;
- 2. That they have completed their sentences;
- 3. That the removal procedure is court-ordered;
- 4. That their crime be different from illegal entry into the USA as these fall into the category of asylum seekers and their removal could be considered an enforced repatriation.

As you can see, the response of the ministry is quite consistant with what I anticipated during our phone conversation. In all cases, I will keep you apprised of all/any developments.

With best regards,

Fareed Yasseen