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FOR FRANK TUMMINIA, ARA/CAR

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TAGS: CASC (STOEN, JOHN)

SUBJECT: STOEN CUSTODY CASE: EMBASSY NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY

1. EMBASSY THIS MORNING, JANUARY 14, SENT THE FOLLOWING
NOTE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONCERNING THE IMMIGRATION
STATUS OF MR. AND MRS. TIMOTHY STOEN, HO ARE IN GUYANA
ATTEMPTING TO REGAIN CUSTODY OF THEIR CHILD, JOHN STOEN.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

-- THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF GUYANA AND WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS CONCERN ABOUT
THE STATUS IN GUYANA OF MR. AND MRS. TIMOTHY STOEN.

--TIMOTHY AND GRACE STOEN CAME TO GUYANA JANUARY 5 FOR THE
PURPOSE OF REGAINING CUSTODY OF THEIR CHILD, JOHN STOEN.
THEY ARE SEEKING TO DO THIS UNDER DUE PROCESS OF THE
GUYANESE LEGAL SYSTEM.

--THEY HAVE IN THEIR PASSPORTS PERMITS TO STAY IN
GUYANA FOR A TWO WEEK PERRIOD ENDING JANUARY 19. THEY
UNDERSTOOD AT THE TIME THEY WERE ISSUED THOSE PERMITS

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THAT IF THE LITIGATION IN WHICH THEY WERE INVOLVED WAS
NOT COMPLETED BY JANUARY 19 THEY COULD APPLY FOR AN
EXTENSION OF THEIR STAY. ON JANUARY 13, HOWEVER, AN
IMMIGRATION OFFICER CAME TO THEIR HOTEL AND INFORMED
THEM THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE GUYANA ON SATURDAY,
JANUARY 14. THEY WERE GIVEN NO REASON FOR THIS CURTAIL-
MENT OF THEIR PERMISSION TO STAY IN GUYANA.

-- THE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT TO BE A MATTER OF HUMANITARIAN
CONCERN THAT THE STOENS BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN
GUYANA UNTIL THE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS THEY HAVE INITIATED
TO REGAIN CUTODY OF THEIR SON HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND A
DECISION BY THE COURT MADE PUBLIC. ACCORDINGLY, AS A
MATTER OF URGENCY, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THAT
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INQUIRE INTO THIS MATTER
AND USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR THE
STOENS TO REMAIN IN GUYANA FOR THE TIME NECESSRY TO
COMPLETE THEIR LITIGATION.

--THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AVAILS
ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERA-
TION. END TEXT.

3. SEPTEL PROVIDING SITUATION REPORT FOLLOWS.

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