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SUBJECT: A/S CONSTABLE'S CALLS ON PRESIDENT RAMOS AND
FOREIGN AFFAIRS: IRAN EMBARGO ISSUE

- 1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.
 - 2. DURING THE COURSE OF CALLS ON PRESIDENT RAMOS AND SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DOMINGO SIAZON ON MAY 26, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS ELINOR CONSTABLE, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR
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NEGROPONTE, TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE IRAN EMBARGO ISSUE WITH BOTH SENIOR PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS.

3. IN THE CALL ON SECRETARY SIAZON, A/S CONSTABLE NOTED THAT SHE, AND OTHER SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS, HAD BEEN ASKED BY THE WHITE HOUSE TO EXPLAIN DURING CALLS ON KEY FOREIGN OFFICIALS THE IMPORTANCE THE USG ATTACHES TO AN ECONOMIC EMBARGO OF IRAN AND TO SOLICIT SUPPORT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. IF THE GOP CANNOT LEND OUTRIGHT SUPPORT TO THIS EFFORT, SHE STRESSED, WE HOPED AT A MINIMUM THAT THEY WOULD NOT INCREASE THEIR CURRENT LEVEL OF TRADE IN IRANIAN OIL. SIAZON VOICED UNDERSTANDING FOR THE U.S. VIEW, BUT SUGGESTED THAT UNLESS THE U.S. CAN ENLIST THE FULL COOPERATION OF ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES, THERE IS LITTLE PROSPECT OF THE EMBARGO WORKING. HE NOTED THAT EUROPEAN BUSINESSMEN ARE DOING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF BUSINESS IN IRAN AND WILL NOT CURTAIL THESE PROFITABLE ACTIVITIES UNLESS THEIR GOVERNMENTS ACT DECISIVELY TO RESTRAIN THEM.

4. DURING HER SUBSEQUENT CALL ON PRESIDENT RAMOS, A/S CONSTABLE RAISED THE IRAN EMBARGO ISSUE WITH THE PRESIDENT ALONG SIMILAR LINES TO WHICH SHE HAD RAISED IT WITH SECRETARY SIAZON. THE PRESIDENT RESPONDED THAT THE PHILIPPINES MAINTAINED SOME CONTACT WITH IRAN, PRINCIPALLY IN THE INTEREST OF TRYING TO ENCOURAGE COOPERATION IN PHILIPPINE EFFORTS TO FIGHT TERRORISM AND IN FURTHERING THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE PHILIPPINES. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE U.S. POINT OF VIEW AND WISHED US WELL.

5. SEPTEL REPORTS ON OTHER TOPICS RAISED BY A/S CONSTABLE IN HER CALLS IN MANILA MAY 26.

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6. A/S CONSTABLE HAS SEEN THIS CABLE.

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