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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
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Reference: B11/415

Mr Philip Green
Chief of Staff to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

24 FEB 2011

Dear Mr Green

I refer to your letter of 23 February 2011 seeking approval for the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Kevin Rudd MP, to travel to South Africa, Egypt, Switzerland, the Middle East Area of Operations, Jordan, Palestine, Israel, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, Oman and Singapore. Mr Rudd will undertake a series of high-level discussions, and attend the 2nd UN High-Level Panel on Global Sustainability in South Africa, the High-Level Segment of the Human Rights Council in Switzerland, and the inaugural GCC-Australia Foreign Ministers' Strategic Dialogue in the United Arab Emirates.

Mr Rudd's travel from 24 February to 15 March 2011, accompanied by you has been approved, subject to pairing arrangements being agreed for his absence from Parliament from 28 February to 3 March 2011. It is noted that the estimated cost of the visit is $174,061. Mr Rudd should seek leave from the Chief Government Whip for his absence from Parliament and ask him to organise pairing arrangements. s34(3)

s34(3)

The ministerial overseas travel guidelines state that Ministers are generally entitled to be accompanied by one staff member only and that the staff member should accompany the Minister on the entire visit. On this occasion, given the scope of countries to be visited and the range of topics to be discussed, approval is given for Mr Rudd to be accompanied by you for the entire visit, and that Ms Rebecca Barton, Adviser, will return to Australia from Dubai. It is agreed that Ms Ranya Alkadamani, Senior Adviser, join Mr Rudd's party in Dubai and accompany Mr Rudd for the remainder of the visit.

Should Mr Rudd receive partial guest of government status during the visit, acceptance should be subject to the normal declaration of interests procedures.

It has been agreed that the Minister for Trade, the Hon Dr Craig Emerson MP, will act as the Minister for Foreign Affairs during Mr Rudd's absence overseas.

A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Dr Emerson's office for information.

Yours sincerely

Ben Hubbard
Chief of Staff

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OFFICE OF THE HON KEVIN RUDD MP

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
CANBERRA

23 FEB 2011

Mr Ben Hubbard
Chief of Staff
Office of the Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Hubbard

I am writing to seek the Prime Minister's approval for Mr Rudd to travel to South Africa, Egypt, Switzerland, Afghanistan, Jordan, the Palestinian Territories, Israel, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Tunisia, Oman and Singapore. Mr Rudd proposes to depart Australia on the evening of Thursday 24 February and return on Tuesday 15 March.

The focus of Mr Rudd's visit to South Africa (Cape Town), is to attend the second meeting of the UN High-Level Panel on Global Sustainability (GSP) on 25 February. This meeting will take place at a critical juncture in the GSP process, and is expected to make some key decisions on areas of focus for GSP members and their Sherpas for the final report due mid-November. Mr Rudd's attendance would enable Australia to contribute innovative ideas to shape the work of the Panel. s33(a)(iii)

s33(a)(iii)

s33(a)(iii) Mr Rudd's attendance would reinforce the importance that Australia attaches to engaging with the UN system, including preparations for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development ('Rio+20') in Rio de Janeiro in 2012. Mr Rudd would attend the closing dinner of the GSP, which would provide opportunities for bilateral engagement with key members of the GSP, including President Zuma.

Mr Rudd would visit Switzerland (Geneva) from 28 February to 1 March to represent formally the Australian Government at the High Level Segment (HLS) of the Human Rights Council. Practice in the past couple of years has seen Heads of Government and senior ministers from upwards of 50 countries attend and we anticipate a similar number this year. The meeting would represent an important opportunity for the Minister to make a major statement on our domestic and international human rights policy and the need for action on Libya, demonstrating our human rights credentials

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in the context of our overall engagement with the United Nations. He would also have the opportunity to meet with the Heads of UN agencies based in Geneva to which Australia is a major donor, thereby pursuing accountability on behalf of the aid program. Attendance in Geneva would also afford the opportunity for a multiple number of bilateral meetings at which the Minister could progress agendas of key one-on-one country relationships.

Mr Rudd's proposed travel to the Middle East and North Africa region takes place at a critical juncture. Political developments in Egypt and Tunisia have triggered further widespread protest activity across the region and the situation remains fluid. There are potential implications for the regional and international security environment s33(s33(a)(iii) [redacted]

Australia has a strong interest in supporting peaceful transition to democratic civilian rule in Egypt, s33 [redacted] within a clear timeframe. This will be key for regional stability, including progress in the Middle East peace process and regional security arrangement including deployment of 25 ADF troops at the MFO. His visit to Egypt would allow him to discuss these issues with key interlocutors.

Mr Rudd's proposed visits to Jordan, Israel, and the Palestinian Territories will enable us to further underline these messages directly with the parties and other regional leaders. Peaceful transition to democratic government in Egypt is also important in terms of advancing the Middle East peace process. Mr Rudd will meet key interlocutors to register these key messages and to gain a better grasp of how Australia, as part of the international community, can best assist this process of democratic transition in Egypt.

Mr Rudd will visit the UAE principally to attend the inaugural Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)-Australia Foreign Minister's Strategic Dialogue in Abu Dhabi on 8 March.

The Strategic Dialogue is an important initiative with the GCC states to foster our growing and strategically important links with the region, including in the trade and investment sphere. The Dialogue also presents a timely opportunity to discuss the recent unrest in the region, including in Bahrain, a GCC member state. It will also allow opportunity for bilateral meetings with attending GCC Foreign Ministers to strengthen our ties with these countries, as well as a brief bilateral visit to the UAE, to deepen relations with a s33 [redacted] partner for Australia, s33 [redacted] s33 [redacted]

There has not been a Foreign Minister-level visit to Tunisia in recent memory. Mr Rudd's visit will present a timely opportunity to engage the transitional government on developments and seek to identify how Australia can contribute to broader international efforts to support Tunisia's transition.

As with Tunisia, there has not been a bilateral Foreign Minister-level visit to Oman in recent memory. Australia has a strategic interest in bolstering its ties with Oman, a GCC member state. We have developing trade and investment links and broader interests including in the defence sphere. The Omanis have extended an official invitation and have promised an extensive program, including a meeting with Oman's ruler, Sultan Qaboos.

Mr Rudd's proposed visit to Tarin Kowt in Afghanistan comes at an important time, as the Afghan Government and international community increasingly turn their focus to supporting the process of transition to an Afghan lead on security, governance and development. It would allow Mr Rudd to assess developments on the ground following the establishment of the multinational Combined Team - Uruzgan (CT-U); to discuss the progress of our civilian efforts on the development, governance and policing fronts; and to underline to representatives of the Afghan Government and our coalition partners our commitment to stabilisation efforts in Uruzgan and to the transition process.

Singapore is our largest trading partner in ASEAN and an important regional partner. The last Foreign Minister visit to Singapore was in 2009 (Singaporean Foreign Minister Yeo visited Australia in 2010) s33(a)(iii) [redacted] A visit would help build confidence and transparency on our regional objectives and s33(a)(iii) [redacted] Against this background Singapore would welcome a visit by the Foreign Minister. Depending on the timing and availability of interlocutors, the visit would include calls on Mr Rudd's counterpart, Mr Yeo, as well as possibly Prime Minister Lee.

It is proposed that Mr Rudd be accompanied by Ms Rebecca Barton, Adviser and Ms Ranya Alkadamani, Media Adviser, for the visit to South Africa. Ms Barton would then return to Australia. I would travel to Dubai to join the Minister's party. Ms Alkadamani and I would accompany Mr Rudd for the remainder of the visit. I would be grateful for your approval for Mr Rudd to be accompanied by two advisers on all legs of the visit on this occasion given the breadth of issues to be covered in this visit.

I confirm that the most cost effective arrangements have been sought for the proposed travel. An itinerary and cost estimates for the proposed travel are attached at A and B. A draft program is also provided at Attachment C.

I note that the letter of 20 December 2010 from Ms Amanda Lampe, former Chief of Staff, Office of the Prime Minister advised that the Prime Minister had given in-principle approval for Mr Rudd to travel to Switzerland (visit number 7), and also to attend the Australia-GCC Foreign Ministers' Dialogue (originally planned for Saudi Arabia) in addition to several other Middle East locations in March (visit 6).

Ms Lampe's letter also advised of the Prime Minister's in-principle approval for Mr Rudd to travel to Afghanistan (visit 22). I note that a visit to South Africa for Mr Rudd to attend the United Nations Global Sustainability Panel and a visit to Singapore was not foreseen at the time of preparation of the forward travel bids and was therefore not included in the bids.

Dr Craig Emerson will be available to act as Minister for Foreign Affairs from the afternoon of Thursday 24 February until Tuesday 14 March.

I would be grateful if you could obtain the Prime Minister's agreement to the proposed travel as set out above.

Yours sincerely

Philip Green
Chief of Staff

ATTACHMENT A

VISIT BY MR RUDD TO SOUTH AFRICA, EGYPT, SWITZERLAND, AFGHANISTAN, JORDAN, THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES, ISRAEL, SAUDI ARABIA, THE UAE, TUNISIA, OMAN AND SINGAPORE

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ITINERARY

Local time	**Thursday 24 February**
1930	Depart Canberra – Qantas QF719
2105	Arrive Perth
2345	Depart Perth – Qantas QF303
	Friday 25 Feburary
0500	Arrive Johannesburg
0700	Depart Johannesburg – British Air BA6401
0910	Arrive Cape Town
1810	Depart Cape Town – Emirates EK771
	Saturday 26 February
0525	Arrive Dubai
	Note: Rebecca Barton will return to Australia from Dubai and Philip Green will travel Canberra to Dubai on QF485 on Friday 25 February to connect with EK407 to Dubai to travel on the remainder of the itinerary
0955	Depart Dubai– Singapore Air SQ492
1205	Arrive Cairo
	Sunday 27 February
1600	Depart Cairo – Swiss Air LX237
1915	Arrive Zurich
2035	Depart Zurich – Swiss Air LX2816
2125	Arrive Geneva
	Wednesday 2 March
0705	Depart Geneva – KLM Dutch Air KL1924
0855	Arrive Amsterdam

1020	Depart Amsterdam KLM Dutch Air KL449
1945	Arrive Abu Dhabi
TBA	Depart Al Minhad Air Base – RAAF flight
TBA	Arrive Tarin Kowt
	Thursday 3 March
AM	Depart Tarin Kowt
AM	Arrive Al Minhad Air Base
	Friday 4 March
0810	Depart Abu Dhabi - Etihad EY513
0940	Arrive Amman
1400	Depart Amman by vehicle
TBA	Arrive Ramallah
TBA	Depart Ramallah by vehicle
TBA	Arrive Jerusalem
	Sunday 6 March
TBA	Depart Jerusalem by vehicle
TBA	Arrive Tel Aviv
2230	Depart Tel Aviv – Royal Jordanian RJ341
2315	Arrive Amman
	Monday 7 March
0159	Depart Amman – Royal Jordanian RJ720
0500	Arrive Jeddah
1650	Depart Jeddah – EY312
2025	Arrive Abu Dhabi
	Thursday 10 March
0600	Depart Abu Dhabi – Qatar Air QR121
0600	Arrive Doha
0705	Depart Doha – Qatar Air QR568
1135	Arrive Tunis

	Friday 11 March
1325	Depart Tunis – Qatar Air QR569
2030	Arrive Doha
2140	Depart Doha – Oman Air WY670
	Saturday 12 March
0010	Arrive Muscat
	Sunday 13 March
2010	Depart Muscat – Qatar Air WY365
2115	Arrive Abu Dhabi
	Monday 14 March
0115	Depart Abu Dhabi – Singapore Air SQ455
1230	Arrive Singapore
	Tuesday 15 March
0035	Depart Singapore – Singapore Air SQ231
1125	Arrive Sydney
1255	Depart Sydney – Qantas QF1479
1345	Arrive Canberra

ATTACHMENT B

VISIT BY MR RUDD TO SOUTH AFRICA, EGYPT, SWITZERLAND, AFGHANISTAN, JORDAN, THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES, ISRAEL, SAUDI ARABIA, THE UAE, TUNISIA, OMAN AND SINGAPORE

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COST ESTIMATES

ITEM	ESTIMATE (AUD)
Air Fares	
Mr Rudd (First, business and economy class)	$36,800
Mr Green, Chief of Staff (Business and economy class)	$30,000
Ms Barton, Adviser (Business and economy class)	$14,000
Ms Alkadamani, Assistant Adviser (Business and economy class)	$34,000
Accommodation^ (see next page for Hotel details)	
Mr Rudd	$13,353
Mr Green	$5,529
Ms Barton	$604
Ms Alkadamani	$6,133
^approx cost advised by post, some early check-in and late check-out fees not included	
Meals and incidentals	
Mr Rudd	$3,637
Mr Green	$2,364
Ms Barton	$199
Ms Alkadamani	$2,442
Transport	$20,000
Hospitality	$ 5,000*
Mr Rudd	*Please note this amount is a contingency. No non-portfolio hospitality anticipated at this stage
TOTAL	**$174,061**

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Mr Rudd

Cape Town (2 nights due to check-in and check-out times)	$970
s37(1)(c) – Suite (breakfast included)	
Cairo (1 night)	$1,200
s37(1)(c) Suite	
Geneva (3 nights)	$3,053
s37(1)(c) Suite	
Tarin Kowt (1 night)	No cost
s37(1)(c)	
Abu Dhabi (1 night)	$481
s37(1)(c) - Suite	
Jerusalem (2 nights)	$4,200
s37(1)(c) - Suite	
Abu Dhabi (3 nights)	$1,446
s37(1)(c) - Suite	
Tunis (1 night)	$380
s37(1)(c) Club business room	
Muscat (1 night)	$755
s37(1)(c) - King executive	
Singapore (1 night)	$868
s37(1)(c) – Club suite	

Mr Green

Cairo (1 night)	$796
s37(1)(c) – Superior room	
Geneva (3 nights)	$1,317
s37(1)(c) – Deluxe room	
Tarin Kowt (1 night)	No cost
s37(1)(c)	
Abu Dhabi (1 night)	$864
s37(1)(c) – Standard room	
Jerusalem (2 nights)	$1,222
s37(1)(c) – Deluxe room	
Abu Dhabi (3 nights)	$288
s37(1)(c) – Standard room	
Tunis (1 night)	$278
s37(1)(c) Superior room	
Muscat (1 night)	$394
s37(1)(c) - King bed club room	
Singapore (1 night)	$370
s37(1)(c) – Club room	

Ms Barton

Cape Town (2 nights due to check-in and check-out times) s37(1)(c) - Club room (breakfast included)	$604

Ms Alkadamani

Cape Town (2 nights due to check-in and check-out times) s37(1)(c) – Club room (breakfast included)	$604
Cairo (1 night) s37(1)(c) – Superior room	$796
Geneva (3 nights) s37(1)(c) – Deluxe room	$1,317
Tarin Kowt (1 night) s37(1)(c)	No cost
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Muscat (1 night) s37(1)(c) – King bed club room	$394
Singapore (1 night) s37(1)(c) – Club room	$370

ATTACHMENT C

VISIT BY MR RUDD TO SOUTH AFRICA, EGYPT, SWITZERLAND, AFGHANISTAN, JORDAN, THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES, ISRAEL, SAUDI ARABIA, THE UAE, TUNISIA, OMAN AND SINGAPORE

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DRAFT PROGRAM

Thursday 24 February

1930	Depart Canberra – Qantas QF719
2105	Arrive Perth
2345	Depart Perth – Qantas QF303

Friday 25 Feburary

0500	Arrive Johannesburg
0700	Depart Johannesburg – British Air BA6401
0910	Arrive Cape Town
TBA	Bilateral meetings TBC
1230-1400	Welcome lunch for UN Global Sustainability Panel members and Sherpas
1430-1800	Presentations to the Panel of the WG reports by the respective co-facilitators Discussion on the WG reports, the interlinkages of issues and common themes as outlined in the Synthesis Report prepared by the Secretariat, as well as gaps that require further work and options regarding the future of the WGs
1900-2130	Informal drinks followed by dinner TBC
1810	Depart Cape Town – Emirates EK771

Saturday 26 February

0525	Arrive Dubai Rebecca Barton returns to Australia and Philip Green joins the Minister's party in Dubai for the remainder of the program
0955	Depart Dubai – Singapore Air SQ492

1205	Arrive Cairo
TBA	Meeting with Prime Minister Shafik TBC
TBA	Meeting with Foreign Minister Gheit TBC
TBA	Visit to Australian Embassy TBC

Sunday 27 February

1600	Depart Cairo – Swiss Air LX237
1915	Arrive Zurich
2035	Depart Zurich – Swiss Air LX2816
2125	Arrive Geneva

Monday 28 February

TBA	Attend High Level Segment of the Human Rights Council
TBA	Bilateral meetings TBC

Tuesday 1 March

TBA	Attend High Level Segment of the Human Rights Council
TBA	Bilateral meetings TBC

Wednesday 2 March

0705	Depart Geneva – KLM Dutch Air KL1924
0855	Arrive Amsterdam
1020	Depart Amsterdam – KLM Dutch Air KL449
1945	Arrive Abu Dhabi
TBA	Depart Al Minhad Air Base – RAAF flight
TBA	Arrive Tarin Kowt

Thursday 3 March

TBA	Program in Tarin Kowt TBC
TBA	Depart Tarin Kowt – RAAF flight
TBA	Arrive Al Minhad Air Base

Friday 4 March

0810	Depart Abu Dhabi – Etihad EY513
0940	Arrive Amman
TBA	Bilateral meeting with King Abdullah TBC
TBA	Bilateral meeting with Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh TBC
1400	Depart Amman by vehicle
TBA	Arrive Ramallah
TBA	Bilateral meetings TBC
TBA	Depart Ramallah by vehicle
TBA	Arrive Jerusalem

Saturday 5 March

TBA	Bilateral meetings TBC

Sunday 6 March

TBA	Depart Jerusalem by vehicle
TBA	Arrive Tel Aviv
TBA	Bilateral meetings TBC
2230	Depart Tel Aviv – Royal Jordanian RJ341
2315	Arrive Amman

Monday 7 March

0159	Depart Amman – Royal Jordanian RJ720
0500	Arrive Jeddah
TBA TBC	Bilateral meeting with OIC Secretary General and visit OIC Headquarters
TBA	Bilateral meetings with Governors of Jeddah and Mecca TBC
TBA	Attend event to showcase Australian-built cars
TBA	Possible visit to King Abullah University of Science and Technology TBC

1650	Depart Jeddah – Etihad EY312
2025	Arrive Abu Dhabi

Tuesday 8 March

TBA	Attend inaugural Australia-GCC Foreign Ministers' Dialogue
TBA	Bilateral meetings TBC

Wednesday 9 March

TBA	Bilateral meetings TBC

Thursday 10 March

0600	Depart Abu Dhabi – Qatar Air QR121
0600	Arrive Doha
0705	Depart Doha – Qatar Air QR568
1135	Arrive Tunis
TBA	Bilateral meetings TBC

Friday 11 March

TBA	Bilateral meetings TBC
1325	Depart Tunis – Qatar Air QR659
2030	Arrive Doha
2140	Depart Doha – Oman Aviation WY670

Saturday 12 March

0010	Arrive Muscat
TBA	Bilateral meeting with the Sultan TBC
TBA	Bilateral meeting with Deputy Prime Minister TBC
TBA	Bilateral meeting with Minister responsible for Foreign Affairs and MFA Secretary General TBC
TBA	Bilateral meeting with Minister of Commerce TBC
TBA	Bilateral meeting with Minister of Higher Education TBC
TBA	Speech at university on Looking West/Gulf/Indian Ocean engagement. Media interviews (Arabic/English)
TBA	Tour Opera House under construction, initiative for art/cultural cooperation/exchange
TBA	Attend roundtable with Australian businesses

Sunday 13 March

2010 Depart Muscat – Qatar Air WY365

2115 Arrive Abu Dhabi

Monday 14 March

0115 Depart Abu Dhabi – Singapore Air SQ231

1230 Arrive Singapore

Tuesday 15 March

0035 Depart Singapore – Singapore Aire SQ231

1125 Arrive Sydney

1255 Depart Sydney – Qantas QF1479

1345 Arrive Canberra

Klammer, Sue

From: Patrick, Steven
Sent: Tuesday, 15 February 2011 6:23 PM
To: Hubbard, Ben; 'rebecca.barton@dfat.gov.au'; Diana Nelson; 'bernadette.smith@dfat.gov.au'
Cc: Thompson, George; Ministerial Travel
Subject: RE: Rudd Travel - Brussels 23 February [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Security Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Ben,

PMC will start the ball rolling on the brief and letter. I will ask MINFA' office by way of this note to pass through the specific details as they are confirmed. Ladies, if you please.

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Sent: Tue Feb 15 14:31:07 2011
Subject: Re: Rudd Travel - Brussels 23 February [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

George, we've now looked at specific flights. Kevin would actually have to leave the parliament at around 2pm on the 22nd to make the meeting in Brussels the following day.
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Philip Green
Chief of Staff
Office of the Hon Kevin Rudd MP
Minister for Foreign Affairs
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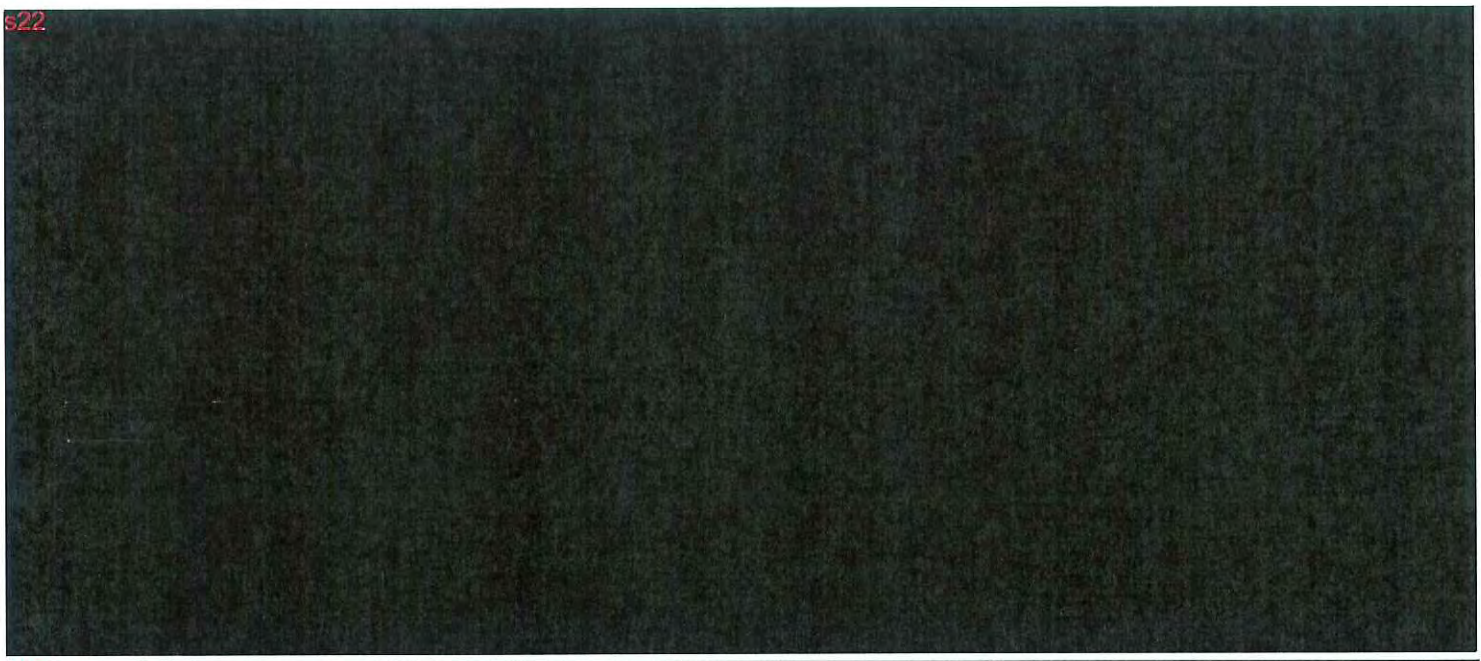

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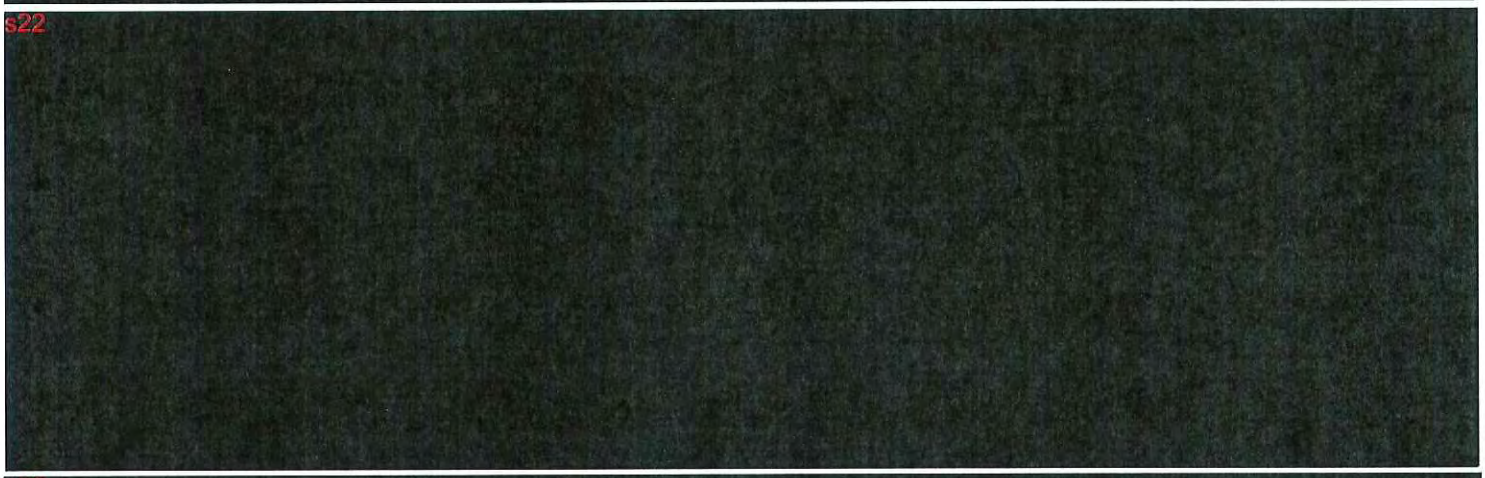

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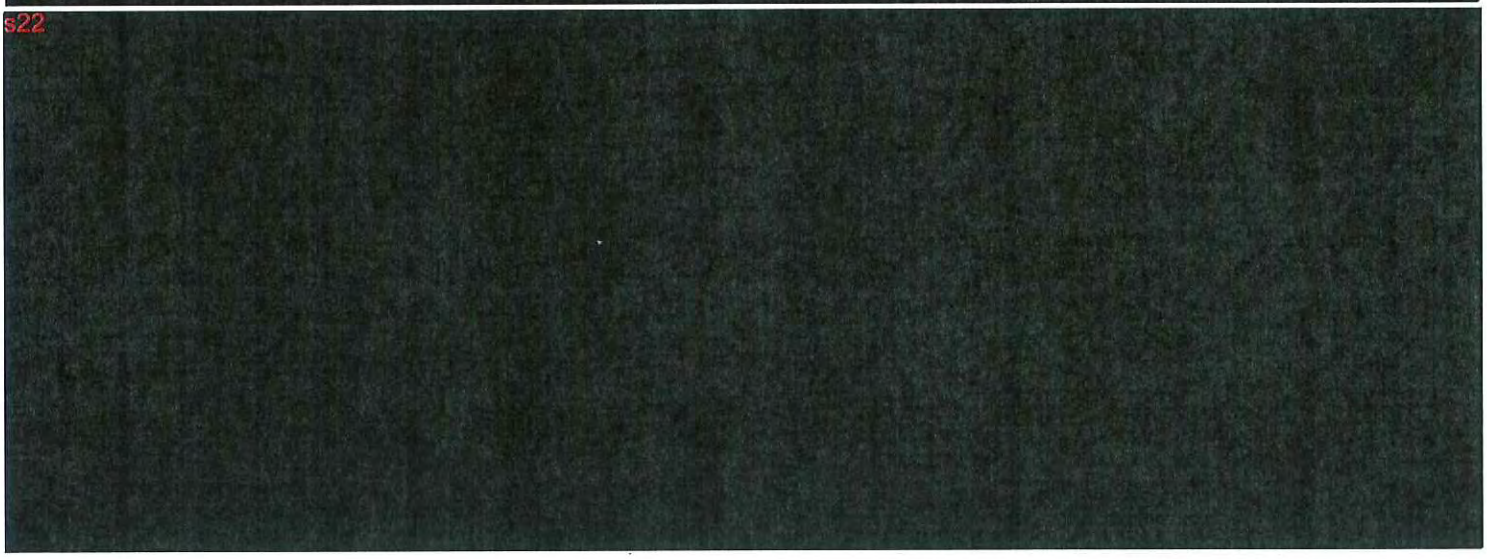

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Kind regards

Philip

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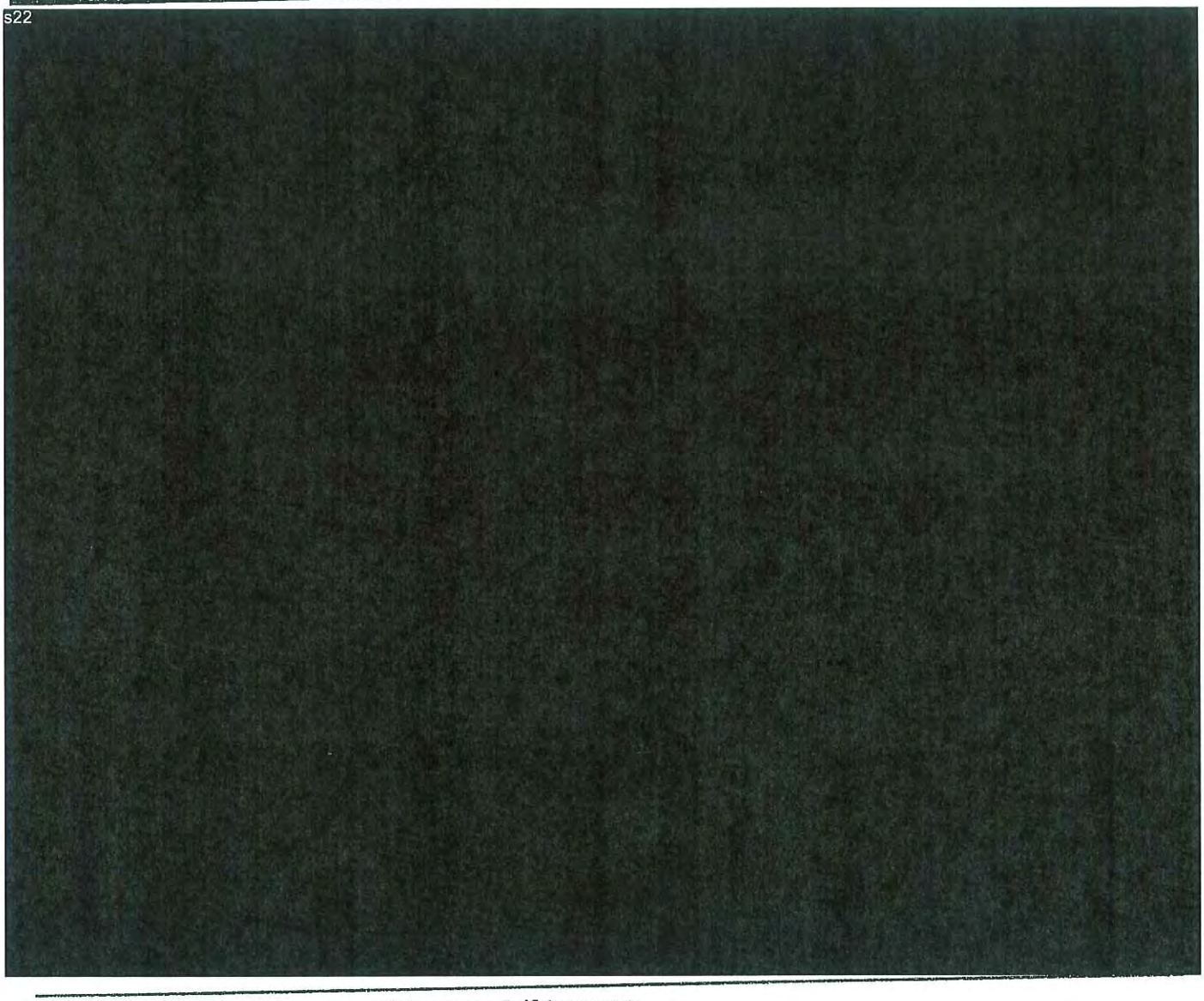

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Philip

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From: Patrick, Steven
Sent: Thursday, 24 February 2011 3:46 PM
To: Philip Green; mps.overseas@finance.gov.au; Ministerial Travel
Cc: Thompson, George; 'rebecca.barton@dfat.gov.au'
Subject: B11/415 | Overseas Travel: Rudd - SAF, EGT, SWZ, MEAO, JOR, OPT, ISR, SAU, UAE, TUN, OMN, SGP [SEC=IN-CONFIDENCE:SECURITY]

Security Classification: SECURITY-IN-CONFIDENCE

Philip,

The CoS has approved the Minister's travel as proposed. Hard copy of the advice (classified Confidential) will be delivered by hand shortly.

Regards,

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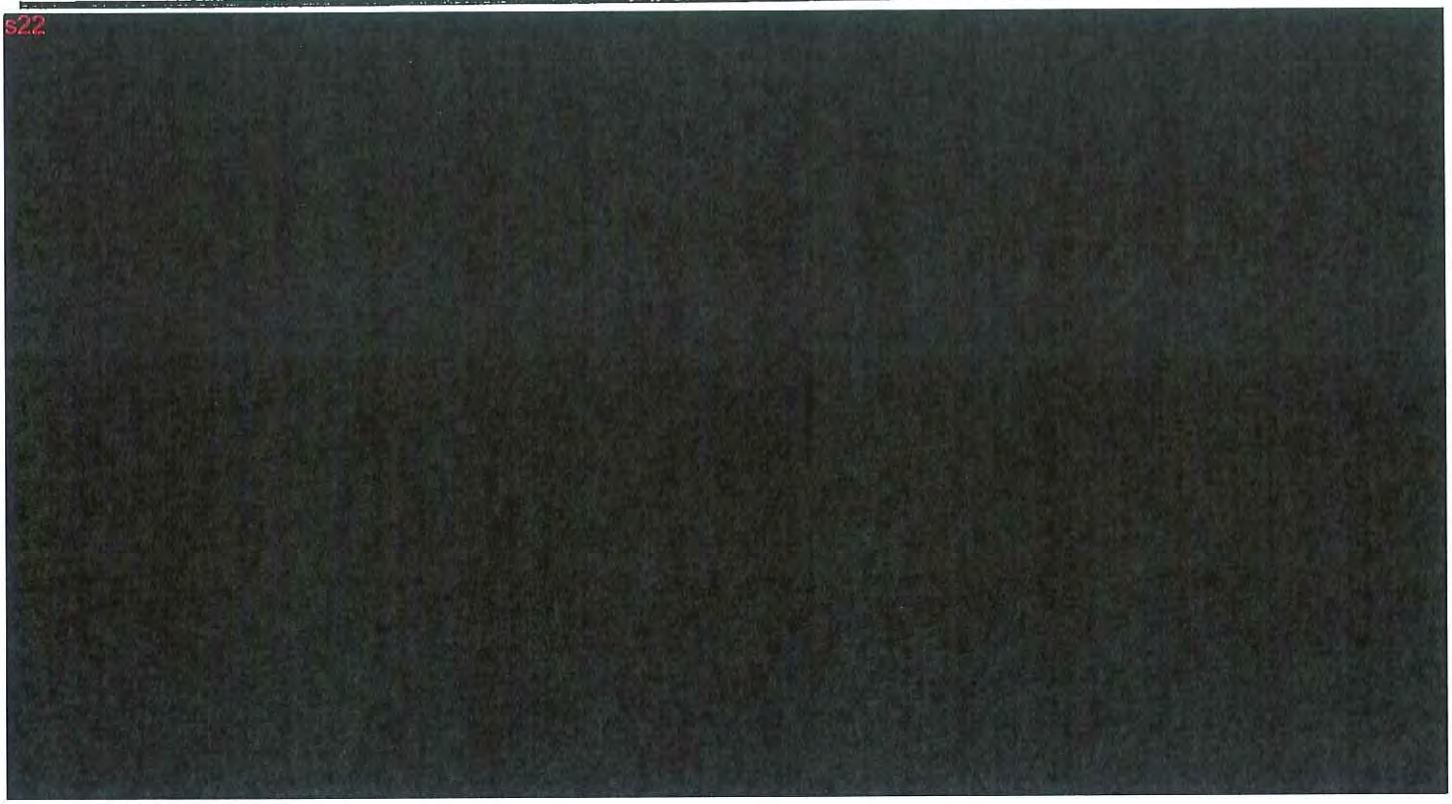

-----Original Message-----
From: Philip.Green@dfat.gov.au [mailto:Philip.Green@dfat.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 10 March 2011 12:18 AM
To: Thompson, George
Cc: Bernadette Smith; Diana Nelson
Subject: Change to KR travel [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Dear George, KR has given Ben H a heads up, but I am writing to advise that KR's UAE counterpart has offered to fly our party to Tunisia, via egypt, :oday; and return to UAE tomorrow evening.

This will have the advantage of KR being able to meet his new Egyptian counterpart briefly in Cairo. It will also save the cost of our planned travel from UAE to Tunis and return.

We will return to Australia as planned on saturday morning.

KR will of course be declaring the flight as a gift in the normal way.

Kind regards

Philip

Klammer, Sue

s22 [redacted]

From: Bernadette.Smith@dfat.gov.au [mailto:Bernadette.Smith@dfat.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 3 March 2011 4:29 PM
To: Patrick, Steven
Cc: Sue.Parkes@dfat.gov.au; Rebecca.Barton@dfat.gov.au
Subject: Foreign Minister's itinerary [SEC=IN-CONFIDENCE]

Good afternoon Steven

Further to the request from Sue Klammer, please note that the Foreign Minister will not travel to Singapore and will now return to Australia a day earlier (14 March 2011).

Kind regards

Bernadette Smith

Office of The Hon Kevin Rudd MP
Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Klammer, Sue

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Dear Philip,

I refer to your correspondence of 1 December 2010 seeking preliminary approval for the use of a SPA from Brisbane on the evening of 8 December to arrive in Bali at 4.00am on Thursday 9 December to enable Mr Rudd to attend the Bali Democracy Forum. Approval has been given.

I would be grateful if advice regarding the visit was received in the PMO by COB today so that the travel proposal can be considered. PM&C has been notified by Finance that HRG are only able to hold ticketing for another day or so and HRG have indicated that rebooking would prove to be difficult due to the number of flights involved.

Regards,
George