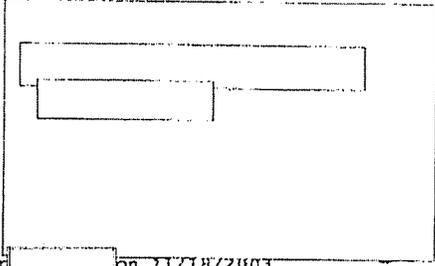


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We met with Dep. Sec. Wolfowitz on Thursday together with Saad Ibrahim, the Egyptian dissident, and raised the issue of renditions to countries that practice torture (following up on the Maher Arar story). Wolfowitz

told us categorically that he didn't think anyone should be sent to Syria, period. But since this sort of thing seems to be happening, I hope you all agree the policy, at the least, needs to be reviewed.

I think there are two issues:

First, figuring out what happened in the case that has been reported (in keeping with the administration's commitment to investigate credible allegations of torture involving transferred persons). Someone should be

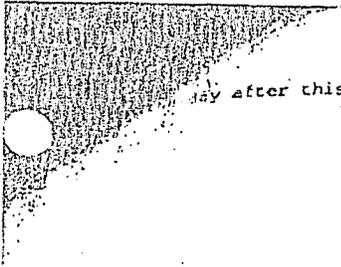
trying to verify whether his story of how he was handled is true, whether the USG agencies involved behaved correctly (if he's telling the truth, the answer is clearly no), and whether those responsible for handling cases such as this know this sort of thing shouldn't happen again.

Second, there is the larger policy question of whether suspects should ever, under any circumstances, be transferred to countries where torture

is routine. Syria is clearly one such country. Unfortunately, so is Jordan, despite its relatively enlightened leadership. And then there is Egypt. At the least, given this story, I hope you would agree that merely obtaining written assurances from these countries that detainees won't be mistreated is not enough when we know torture is rampant in their prisons. I would strongly prefer that the United States not deliver people to be detained and interrogated in these countries. But if they ever are, it seems to me at the least that you all should get assurances that some outside group like the ICRC will have regular access to them after they are rendered. This would have the added benefit of opening these closed prison systems more broadly to outside scrutiny.

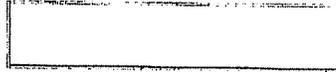
I appreciate anything you all can do on this. There is a lot at stake in terms of US credibility to push the President's larger agenda in the region. (After all, he denounced Syria for torture in his speech last

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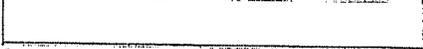


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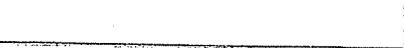


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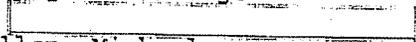
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Thinking of legislation Wed.

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Subject: Hayden

When is the hamdan legislation coming up here?

As we discussed throughout July, General Hayden needs to do his complete special briefing to the full committee in advance.

What is the timeframe?