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-Message/Instructions-

The Department of State does not clear on the referenced VOA editorial.

This editorial will reach an audience that is caught up in the violence in Israel and the Occupied Territories. The 17 or so dead sailors does not compare to the 100 + Palestinians who have died in recent weeks where we have remained silent. The people that hear this will not see the separation we are trying to make and relate it directly to the violence.

Either VOA add something in there to take the edge off and mention the Palestinians or we should kill this editorial until the violence has calmed for a while.

S/OT concurred with this. If you have questions concerning this editorial, please contact NEA/P [REDACTED]

Thanks.

Subject:

VOA EDITORIAL: TERRORISM WILL FAIL

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