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As promised.

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From: [REDACTED], Douglas P <[REDACTED]DP@state.gov>

Cc: Williams, Brian P <WilliamsBP@state.gov>

Sent: Tue, Mar 26, 2013 3:36 pm

Subject: U.S. Embassy [REDACTED]: Economic Counselor Doug Climan

Dear [REDACTED],

I'm pleased at the level of cooperation between our U.S. Mission to [REDACTED] and your [REDACTED] team. My IPR officer, Brian Williams is reporting the work he's coordinating between [REDACTED] and USPTO and, of course, we've following the [REDACTED] copyright reform agenda closely. I saw in the papers that you've updated and published [REDACTED] copyright code – can we get a hard copy (signed by the author, of course!) ??

On an important topic, I'd appreciate a chance to chat with you by phone -- today if possible -- on [REDACTED] position on the copyright exceptions agreement in WIPO in Geneva where your delegation takes a lead role within the Africa Group.

I know [REDACTED] is interested in the reference to fair practices, uses and dealing on page 18 of the draft document. Quite frankly, we think that this reference could lead to overly broad exceptions and, in the interests of pragmatism, we think it would be best if we could drop this reference. I believe [REDACTED] has lobbied you on this, no?

Basically we think that removing this fair practices reference will be a big help in getting consensus in the United States to negotiate the final parameters of a binding agreement in Marrakesh. Note that we feel sufficiently strongly about this point to raise it with you directly, as we are doing in a number of other African capitals.

Best Regards, Doug

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From: Schonander, Carl E
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To: [REDACTED], Douglas P
Subject: Points

Hi Douglas:

Thanks for taking the call! And good talking to you. Here is what I suggest you say.

- As you know we are working hard on the copyright exceptions agreement in WIPO in Geneva.
- Your delegation takes a lead role within the Africa Group.
- I know [REDACTED] is interested in the reference to fair practices, uses and dealing on page 18 of the draft document.
- We think that this reference could lead to overly broad exceptions.
- We are in a bit of delicate position as we are the world's leading "fair use" practitioner.
- Nonetheless, in the interests of pragmatism, we think it would be best if we could drop this reference.
- I believe [REDACTED] has lobbied you on this
- Basically we think if we knock this out it will be a big help in getting consensus in the United States to negotiate the final parameters of a binding agreement in Marrakesh.
- This is not the place to negotiate, but we feel sufficiently strongly about this to demarche as we are doing in a number of other African capitals.

Carl

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