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**To:** Carroll, Donald L  
**Cc:** Hawkins, Ronald E (Bucharest); Stuparu, Simona Adela (Bucharest); Horvath, Rodica (Bucharest)  
**Subject:** RE: FOR CLEARANCE BY COB TODAY -- Updated Scenesetter Cable for A/DAS Palmer  
**Attachments:** HoytYeeTranscript02222017.docx

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Don,

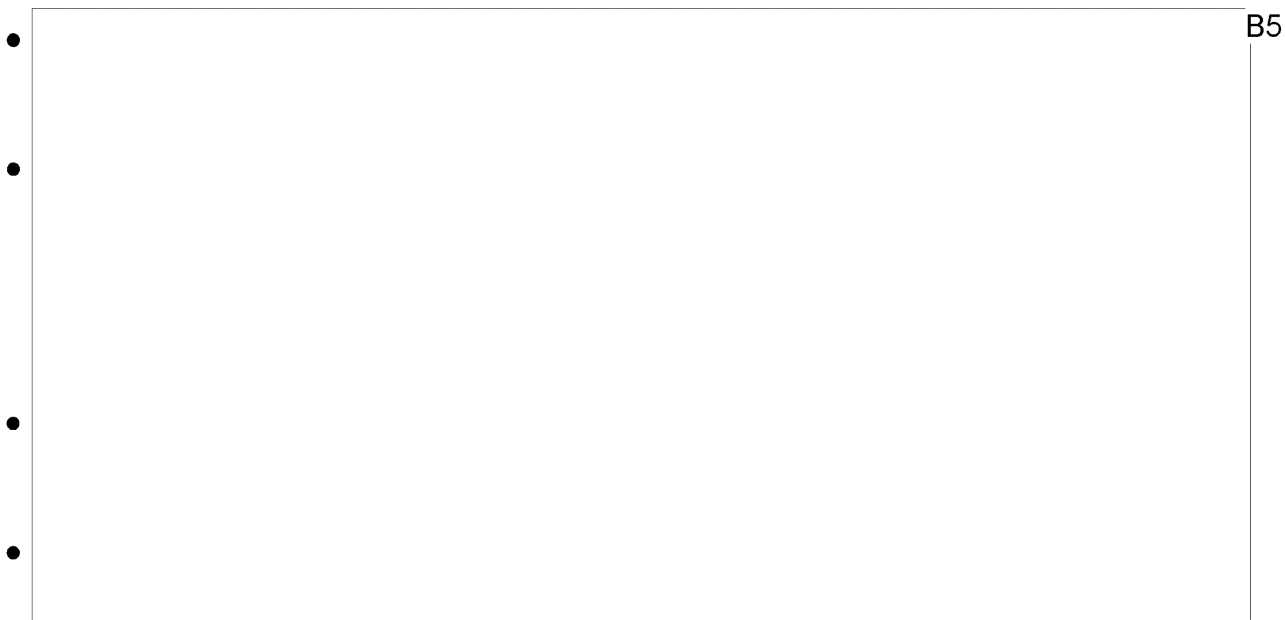
We issued only a press statement in April, 2014 about his visit. Please see below. The rest of Yee's visits included round tables and interviews.

"Deputy Assistant Secretary Hoyt Yee is visiting Bucharest April 29 as part of a routine visit to the region. He is meeting with a variety of Romanian leaders to discuss bilateral affairs and the strategic partnership."

US Embassy Bucharest

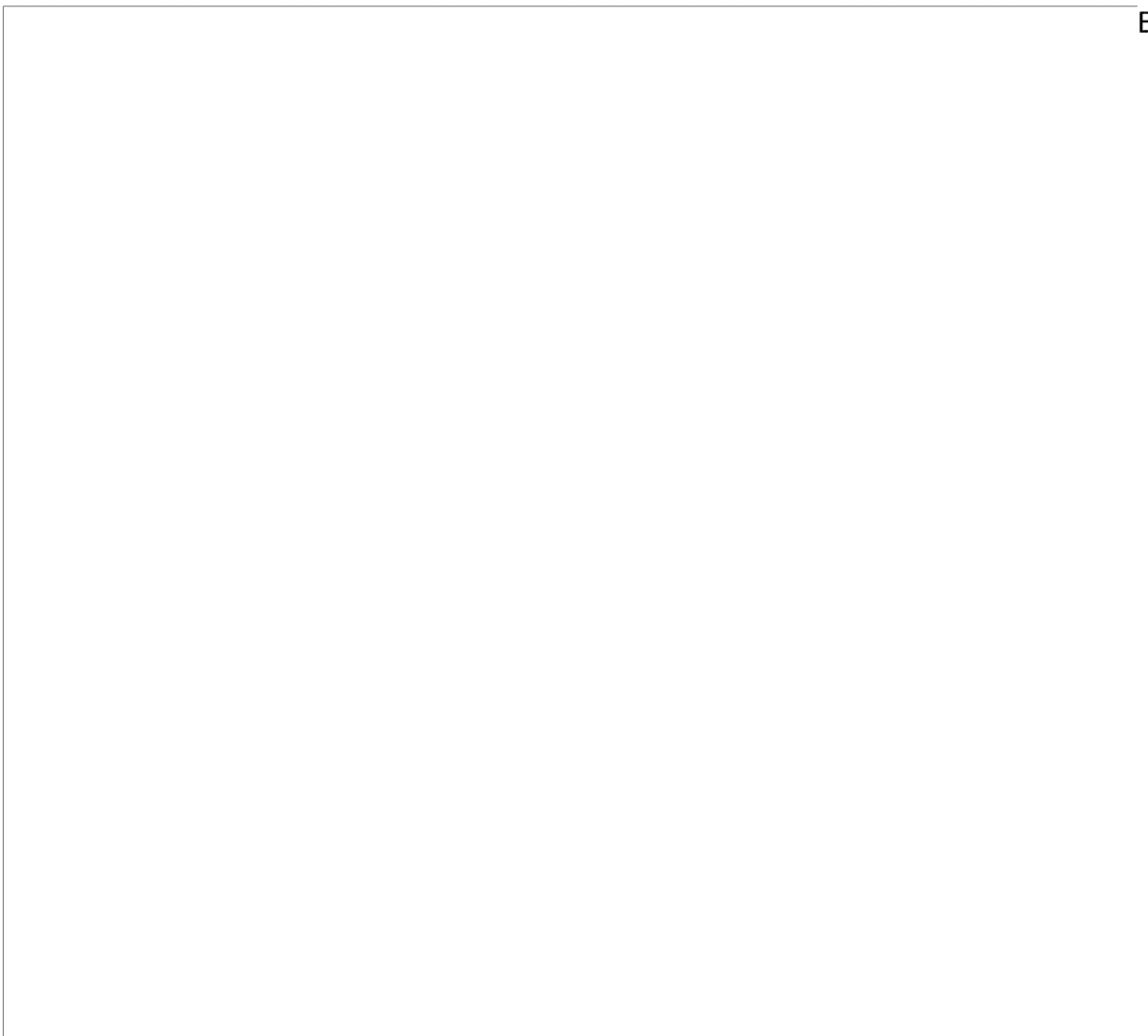
Please see in attach a transcript of Yee's latest round table with media, as well as some maybe useful materials we prepared and delivered for A/S Nuland

**A/S Nuland Press Availability  
Hilton Hotel Bucharest Romania, 10:00, 11 January 2014**



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**MEDIA NOTE**

**Assistant Secretary Victoria Nuland Travel to the Netherlands,  
Germany, Lithuania, Romania, and France, January 7 – 13**

On January 7, Assistant Secretary Nuland will travel to The Hague, Netherlands, where she will meet with senior Dutch government officials to discuss bilateral and other foreign policy issues, including planning for the Nuclear Security

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Summit, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, and U.S.-Dutch collaboration on European and global issues.

Assistant Secretary Nuland will then travel to Berlin, Germany, on January 8 to meet with senior German and other European government officials to discuss the range of bilateral and global issues.

On January 9, Assistant Secretary Nuland will travel to Vilnius, Lithuania, where she will meet with senior Lithuanian government officials and attend the Lithuanian Foreign Ministry's annual Snow Meeting on Euro-Atlantic security issues, which brings together key members of the transatlantic foreign policy community.

In Bucharest, Romania, from January 10-11, Assistant Secretary Nuland will meet with senior Romanian government officials and members of civil society to discuss bilateral and regional issues, including efforts to strengthen the rule of law.

On January 12, Assistant Secretary Nuland will travel to Paris, France.

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STATEMENT BY SPOKESPERSON VICTORIA NULAND

Concerns over Political Developments in Romania

We are concerned about recent developments occurring in Romania, our NATO Ally and partner, which threaten democratic checks and balances and weaken independent institutions, such as the courts. As the government contemplates the serious step of removing Romania's head of state, we urge that the process be conducted in a fully fair and transparent manner, with scrupulous respect for the rule of law and democratic ideals. The United States stands with our EU partners and urges that Romania uphold and protect the common values and principles that unite the European and trans-Atlantic community of nations.

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Rodica,

Can you please find/pull for us a previous press statement regarding a visit? Please share it with Ernest in PD as a template for Acting DAS Palmer's brief visit next week.

Thanks so much,

Don

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DAO doesn't see any problem from OSD side on a statement.

I've not been here that long – could your office share a draft of a statement on something similar? Have we announced prior visits – for example, DAS Yee in early 2017?

Thanks, Ernest

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**From:** Carroll, Donald L  
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Concur on the statement. I'll stop by Ernest-

Thanks!

Don

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A statement might be best. I'll ask Don to follow up

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Thanks,  
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Ron,

Please see attached his draft schedule – in short, arrives Monday mid-day, departs Tuesday by 1800. Here's what I got from the Desk. After you review this and the schedule, let me know your thoughts. I think putting out a statement might be better than putting an Acting DAS on the spot for an interview?

Given that the visit timing is short-ish, a press event is lower priority. More important to hit the big meetings first as noted earlier. If time remains for press, let's work out the format (who, how long, audience, goal, etc.) to get the A/DAS's take on it.

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And Ernest, any thoughts on media engagement for DAS Palmer? Do you have a schedule you would like to take a look at and what is the primary message he is carrying?

Thanks  
Ron

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We are prepping for the visit of STATE Acting DAS Palmer March 12-13 for the B9 Forum and bilat meetings. I took a stab at revising our scenesetter, consolidating in places, while maintaining overall focus on our key priorities. Could I ask you to review/clear by COB today so I can get to the FO for approval tomorrow?

Thanks and regards,  
Ernest

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