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From: (REDACTED)
Sent: 17 March 2017 08:10
To: (REDACTED)
Cc: (REDACTED)
Subject: Potential Ministerial visit

Please see attached draft programme as co-ordinated on timing with regional colleagues.

The Ambassador can accommodate SoS plus two in the Residence so other colleagues would stay in a nearby hotel (The Peninsula).

(REDACTED – NOT RELEVANT)

Please let me know if you require anything else at this stage.

Best wishes

(REDACTED)

Department for International Trade, British Embassy Manila

From: (REDACTED)
Sent: 16 March 2017 19:32
To: (REDACTED)
Subject: RE: Potential Ministerial visit

(REDACTED)

I apologise that I cannot get you straight forward response from Private Office as they would like to see a fuller picture. I suggest that you offer your preferred option of flights (outward/inward) in the draft programmes and what would work best for the suggested itinerary.

Kind regards

(REDACTED)

Department for International Trade, London

From: (REDACTED)
Sent: 16 March 2017 06:57
To: (REDACTED)
Subject: RE: Potential Ministerial visit

Thanks (REDACTED)

Co-ordinating with regional colleagues and will get back to you by tomorrow (17 March) with our individual draft programmes.

Currently we suggest SoS arriving in Manila via Hong Kong (Cathay Pacific) on Monday 3 April at 1120 am and going on to KL on 4 April ETD 1250 (see attached flight detail options)

ETA KL 1625 in time for a dinner engagement. Then going on to Jakarta Wednesday pm (5 April). Leaving Jakarta for London on Thursday (6 April) night/Friday morning.

This would require SoS leaving LHR on Sunday 2 April on Cathay Pacific (ETD 1225 pm). Is this ok? I note your suggested dates below of 4 – 7 April. Friday is trickier to nail down the right level of meetings.

Best

(REDACTED)

Department for International Trade, British Embassy Manila

From: (REDACTED)

Sent: 13 March 2017 21:50

To: (REDACTED)

Subject: Potential Ministerial visit

Dear All

Dr Liam Fox, Secretary of State is interested in travelling to Malaysia, Indonesia and Philippines, the potential dates offered by Private Office are 4 – 7 April for a multi-market visit. I attach the Ministers preferences for guidance as there are no specific steer from Private Office on the focus. Would you be able to confirm whether you would be able to host the Minister during these dates?

If so, could you confer with each other and inform me the sequence of the visits, suggested flights if you have any preferences please include them into the draft template attached. It would be useful to have a brief outline of what the programme could entail for the Minister.

(REDACTED – NOT RELEVANT)

Grateful if you send me the attached draft programme by COP Friday 17 March.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

(REDACTED)

Department for International Trade, London

**CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN DIT MANILA AND DIT LONDON, COPIED TO FCO
LONDON**

From: (REDACTED)
Sent: 27 March 2017 15:45
To: (REDACTED)
Cc: (REDACTED)
Subject: SOS - The Philippines: Updated briefing pack

Hi (REDACTED), First of all, many thanks for the draft pack...it was in pretty good shape!

Please find attached an updated version. I've changed very little, apart from the font (in some places it had turned from Arial into Helvetica), line-spacing and some formatting of the biogs.

On the programme, please could you ensure travel time between calls is included, and also freshen-up time on arrival and Box-time...the latter should be in chunks of at least an hour (preferably longer).

I've added the map, and also placeholders for a call-brief page for the Town Hall with staff (please add opening remarks for this engagement), and the Media interviews.

Will SoS make opening remarks at the dinner? Please include these if he is (and how long for?).

Is there a T&I brief which could be added?

I'll forward the UKEF and IPO briefs as soon as they arrive.

In the meantime, please could we have an updated programme (which includes all the travel, box-time etc) on Tuesday morning (UK time)?

(REDACTED)

Department for International Trade, London

From: (REDACTED)
Sent: 27 March 2017 08:08
To: (REDACTED)
Cc: (REDACTED)
Subject: SofS visit to the Philippines: Briefing First draft.

Dear (REDACTED)

Please see briefing first draft attached.

There is a chance that we will secure a call on the President so will update the briefing when we know and would need to juggle accordingly.

Few points/questions:

(REDACTED) – further trade policy brief to follow? (REDACTED – NOT RELEVANT)

(REDACTED) – can you provide a couple of lines from UKEF? Eg. Now have a UKEF pipeline of projects for the Philippines and UKEF senior representative scheduled to visit in

April. This follows increased credit limits for the Philippines. Recent success with £10 million project with UKEF support for Nectar Group to help develop the Philippine sea port in Bataan.

Draft media plan in annex of briefing: Will press release ahead of visit be drafted in UK? I know you are working on an Op Ed so please see the one which we issued recently on the back of his last visit to SE Asia. We will probably issue a post visit press release given there will be time for a wider press briefing. We have allocated time for short interviews with Bloomberg and the major local press.

Most recent and relevant diptels attached (report on last week's successful Trade Envoy visit to follow). Country snapshot, map to follow.

We will also included some recent DIT success stories.

Will SofS be bring extra security?

(REDACTED – NOT RELEVANT)

What procedure does SofS like to follow on receiving sensitive information from UK? Happy to have a point of contact and runner at Embassy.

Assume team will have hold luggage. It is worth marking clearly eg. will red tags so we can identify at airport. Might be worth taking pictures!

There are still some gaps but we can iron these out over the next couple of days.

Best wishes

(REDACTED)

Department for International Trade, British Embassy Manila

CORRESPONDENCE FROM DIT MANILA TO DIT LONDON, COPIED TO FCO LONDON

From: (REDACTED)

Sent: 28 March 2017 11:47

To: (REDACTED)

Cc: (REDACTED)

Subject: SOS - Visit to The Philippines: Updated briefing pack @ 1845 (Manila time) 28 March

Dear (REDACTED)

Please see attached updated draft brief.

Just the trade policy update to go in I believe.

I have been in touch with (REDACTED) from press office and will follow up on op ed, press release and handling of the investment win.

Hopefully I have answered all your other questions via separate emails but do shout if not.

Best

(REDACTED)

Department for International Trade, British Embassy Manila

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN FCO LONDON AND BRITISH EMBASSY MANILA

From: (REDACTED)
Sent: 04 April 2017 21:59
To: (REDACTED)
Subject: Duterte/Fox

(REDACTED)

We've received media enquiries today about Liam Fox's meeting with Duterte – (REDACTED). Can you let us know please what was discussed, and whether the SoS raised human rights concerns as well as wider T&I collaboration? (REDACTED).

TBA this is already receiving some negative press here which we are having to do some quick work, including with No10, to manage e.g. Guardian article <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/apr/04/liam-fox-meets-philippine-president-rodriigo-duterte>

As detailed a readout as possible from the meeting would be v helpful to manage any further criticism / interest. As you know, we get a fairly regular stream of correspondence /parliamentary questions on the Philippines.

(REDACTED)

Thanks

(REDACTED)

Foreign & Commonwealth Office, London