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From: SECSTATE WASHDC

Action: SOMALIA, USMISSION IMMEDIATE ;

ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS COLLECTIVE IMMEDIATE

E.O.: 13526

TAGS: CMGT, CVIS, KPAO, KHLS, PTER

Captions: SENSITIVE

Reference: A) 17 STATE 23338

B) 17 STATE 24324

Correction Reason: CORRECTED COPY: ADDING SOMALIA

Subject: (SBU) EXECUTIVE ORDER 13780: PROTECTING THE NATION FROM FOREIGN TERRORIST ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES - GUIDANCE TO VISA ISSUING POSTS: HALT IMPLEMENTATION

1. (SBU) The United States District Court in Honolulu, Hawaii, has issued an order barring the U.S. government from enforcing sections 2 and 6 of Executive Order (E.O.) 13780 on Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States; section 2 relates to the suspension of entry to the United States and the issuance of visas. The order took effect immediately, so all enforcement of the visa suspension in the Executive Order must not be implemented and visa processing must continue as normal without processing of waivers or exemptions as outlined in Ref A.

2. (SBU) Posts should continue to follow the guidance in paragraphs 6-8 and 15-17 in Ref B on heightened screening and vetting of populations of visa applicants to be defined by posts in accordance with paragraph 6. Out of an abundance of caution, posts should not implement paragraphs 9-12 and 18 of Ref B pending further review and instructions from the Department. In addition, to the extent that posts implement additional vetting pursuant to paragraph 7 of Ref B, they should notify applicants in advance in accordance with paragraph 13 of Ref B.

3. (U) Minimize considered.

Signature: Tillerson