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To: Paris Kissel
Subject: Interfaith Pilgrimage Among Commemorations of the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz

Dear Correspondents,

The commemorations of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz has prompted unprecedented participation and support around the globe, including what the Auschwitz Museum described last week as the most senior Islamic delegation ever to visit the Nazi death camp.

The Jan. 23 visit to Auschwitz of the delegation led by Mohammad Al-Issa, head of the [Muslim World League](#), and David Harris, CEO of the [American Jewish Committee](#) was an interfaith pilgrimage to pay respect to the countless lives lost. For reference, here is a [story](#) from AP/NYT describing the groundbreaking visit. I wanted to share directly with you here the B-roll footage of this visit that commemorated a moment of progress and unity

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I think this is something worth sharing that your viewers would deeply appreciate. If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out. We would be very happy to provide any interested media with additional information or footage.

Also attached is a suggested script below.

Kind regards,
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Suggested script:

NEVER SEEN BEFORE – THIS IS MUSLIM WORLD LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL MOHAMMAD AL-ISSA PRAYING ALONGSIDE MUSLIM AND JEWISH LEADERS AT AUSCHWITZ. THE ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS SCHOLAR IS THE MOST SENIOR MUSLIM LEADER TO EVER VISIT THE NOTORIOUS NAZI GERMAN DEATH CAMP.

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF AUSCHWITZ'S LIBERATION IS BRINGING UNPRECEDENTED AWARENESS TO THE HORRORS OF THE HOLOCAUST AND THE THREATS TO MINORITIES TODAY. NO EVENT WAS MORE UNPRECEDENTED THAN THE VISIT OF MOHAMMAD AL-ISSA, WHO IS BASED IN THE ISLAMIC HOLY CITY OF MECCA, AND IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS THE LEADING GLOBAL VOICE FOR MODERATE ISLAM.

AFTER VISITING THE AUSCHWITZ MUSEUM, AL-ISSA ADDRESSED THE ONLY SURVIVING PREWAR SYNAGOGUE IN WARSAW. THE DELEGATION OF MORE THAN 60 MUSLIM AND JEWISH LEADERS ALSO VISITED A LOCAL MOSQUE BEFORE SHARING A SHABBAT MEAL.

THEIR MESSAGE FOCUSED ON RECOGNIZING THE CRIMES OF HISTORY BUT ALSO ADDRESSING INJUSTICE TODAY. ATTACKS OVER THE LAST YEAR AGAINST JEWISH, CHRISTIAN AND MUSLIM SITES OF WORSHIP, AND CONCERNS ABOUT RISING GLOBAL INTOLERANCE HAVE PROMPTED INCREASED JEWISH-MUSLIM PARTNERSHIPS. AS MOHAMMAD AL-ISSA SAID, WE MUST NEVER FORGET. AND MOST IMPORTANT, NEVER AGAIN.

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