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Alexander Brockwehl

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U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee

Carter Center Response

From: Bart Fisher (bart_fisher2002@yahoo.com)

To: bart_fisher2002@yahoo.com

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020, 12:01 PM EDT

From: James Albertine <jalbert729@aol.com>

Date: May 8, 2020 at 1:28:19 PM EDT

To: Alexander Brockwehl <Alexander.Brockwehl@mail.house.gov>

Subject: Revised Carter Center Response

Alex:

Thank you for your email regarding whether the Carter Center can now be an observer for the Guyana election recount. There are three issues that need to be addressed.

Authority: The Role of GECOM and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM), which is an independent body under the Guyana Constitution, is the entity responsible for the administration and conduct of elections in Guyana. Under the GECOM Order of May 4, 2020 (paragraph 3) it is provided that "The recount shall be conducted by employees of the Guyana Elections Commission, under the direct supervision of the Chief Election

Officer. The following persons are entitled to be present: representatives of political parties that contested said elections, the CARICOM Scrutinising Team, International and Local Observers accredited by the Guyana Elections Commission, and advisors to the Guyana Elections Commission and members of the Commission." The CARICOM observers made written requests to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and GECOM to come to Guyana as accredited observers well in advance, while the Carter Center did not. It is possible that since the

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Procedure

The proper procedure for the Carter Center at this point would be to communicate its desire to return for the election recount to two entities, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guyana, and GECOM. The indications I have received are that such a request would be approved.

COVID-19 Status

Participants from the Carter Center must have a certificate indicating that they have been tested for the COVID-19 virus, and have been cleared. The COVID certificate should be recent, issued within seven days prior to arrival in Guyana. Any participant not so cleared would have to be quarantined for 14 days. These rules are in place to protect the population of Guyana and the participants in the elections recount process.

Best

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U.S. Department of State

Email to Katherine Dueholm

From: Bart Fisher (bart_fisher2002@yahoo.com)

To: bart_fisher2002@yahoo.com

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020, 11:58 AM EDT

From: James Albertine <jalbert729@aol.com>

Date: May 8, 2020 at 1:33:30 PM EDT

To: Katherine O Dueholm <DueholmKO@state.gov>

Subject: Revised Carter Center Response to your last email

Ms. Dueholm,

Thank you for your last email question regarding whether the Carter Center can now be an observer for the Guyana election recount. There are three issues that need to be addressed. I wanted to gather all the relevant information and thus my delay in responding.

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