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ACTION MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY

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SUBJECT: (SBU) Designated Israeli Billionaire Dan Gertler Requests Authorization for Major Funds Transfer to DRC NGOs

BLUF:

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Recommendation

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Background

(SBU) We are seeking an expedited decision due to Treasury’s notification October 29 of its intent to approve the license request absent State’s objection. We informed Treasury of our desire to brief you on this matter given the significant foreign policy issues at play.

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(SBU) In July, in response to a similar request for foreign policy guidance on a COVID-19 funds-transfer proposal from malign Russian actor Viktor Vekselberg, State recommended Treasury deny the license application. In that case, we informed Treasury that authorizing an individual who poses a threat to the United States to distribute tens of millions of dollars to organizations was inconsistent with our foreign policy goals of curbing his malign influence.

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Attachment:
INR Reporting on Gertler Activities

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