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Ambassador Laurence Steinhardt reported today that up to 3 p.m. Russian time, he succeeded twice in getting through to the port of Murmansk by telephone but that he had failed to establish contact with the captain of the City of Flint despite assurances that arrangements had been made in advance for his presence at the agreed time.

Ambassador Steinhardt also reported that he now has an appointment with the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs at 5:30 Moscow time, this afternoon.

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