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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2010 7:52 AM
To: H
Subject: Update on Head Speechwriter

Lissa and I met at the end of last week.

She had worked through a number of candidates.

She had narrowed to 3: [redacted] (but see below); [redacted]; and [redacted] She was continuing her outreach.

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Her email below is the latest update.

She has agreed not to depart even on 1 June if we have not yet settled and brought someone on board but I think we are on track to do interviews the next two weeks and then give sample writings and opportunities to decide in sufficient time.

Her update below is fyi to you.

From: Muscatine, Lissa
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2010 7:46 AM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: good news, bad news

Cheryl,

Bad news: [redacted] He was disappointed. On the other hand, that opens the way for me to talk to [redacted] and is very good (also was on [redacted] has written a book; and was an editor at [redacted] is in late 30s or early 40s, will find out more). He happens to be [redacted]

The good news is that [redacted] is potentially seriously interested. I have talked to him for several hours on the phone and we have communicated by email. I think he could be a superb fit based on his experience at [redacted] and before. In any case, he is deciding whether to pursue this (which involves moving to DC from [redacted]) and will let me know in the next day or two. I will try to get him here so we can all meet him in person and he can see the landscape and decide whether it might be a good fit for him.

I'm also reaching out to [redacted] (during our years), but I doubt he'll do it (Derek and Vinca know him well but think he will want to stay put at [redacted] where he is now managing editor). We'll see.

No answer yet from [redacted] I emailed them at their AOL address a couple of days ago.

Any word from Pat on [redacted] If not, I would like to hire [redacted] and get that process rolling.

Lissa

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