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We've come to a point where certain decisions need to be made regarding the nomination of [redacted] to continue his service as [redacted]. You will recall he was [redacted]

As many of you will recall, last year [redacted] faced stiff and very public opposition from Senators Boxer and Menendez, both of whom said they would take all steps available to them to block [redacted] confirmation. Both Boxer and Menendez [redacted] Conversations with Menendez and Boxer's staff suggest the Senators are unrelenting in their opposition; however, both Senators have said they would support [redacted] to another post.

Another element here is that Senator Lugar is a big supporter of [redacted]. Senator Lugar wants to make sure that [redacted] is treated fairly.

The question on the table is as follows: do we proceed with a 2nd confirmation hearing for [redacted] knowing that Senators Boxer and Menendez will renew their harsh and public criticism and ultimately prevent his confirmation, or do we [redacted] whatever and whenever that might be?

I have an email out to [redacted] explaining that the Senators have indicated their unwillingness to relent in their opposition.

Thanks for your thoughts.

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