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Hi Cheryl – As you know there is a business meeting on Tuesday. We have gotten all our nominees who have had hearings on the agenda except for Julissa. Today, Lugar staff raised issues with her response to QFRs on trade with Uruguay and sent us additional questions. We will work with WHA and USTR to get these turned around and back to the committee on Monday. The staff have told us that they don't intend to block her and aren't holding her but they won't agree to add her. Once we get the responses back to the committee we will press them again to add her.

While most of the questions they sent us have to do with trade with Uruguay, of note is the last question in the list which asks about Julissa's role in trying to free Alan Gross from jail. Our answer to that should be matter of fact and lay out the steps Julissa has taken but this is a place where Lugar hasn't gone before and makes me think he is carrying some water for Rubio here.

I have asked Wendy to call Rubio to resume her engagement with him on Roberta and Adam Namm since they have yet to respond to us (despite repeated attempts by us to get a reaction) after having received the OFAC response. I have asked her to raise Julissa's nomination with him as well. If he's holding up another Latina nominee, we need to smoke him out. Dave

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