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Below please see the report issued by the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (very credible source). Note on State Department:

**NHLA is extremely disappointed in that only one Hispanic has been appointed among the 15 positions filled at the State Department to date. NHLA respectfully urges the President and the Secretary of State to appoint additional well qualified Hispanics during the course of filling the 30 high level positions remaining.**

Thoughts -- We have [redacted] coming down the pike for announcement soon, then hopefully [redacted] will accept for [redacted]. That will leave us at 4 - less than 10 percent - of high level state department positions (excluding ambassadors). I will work with Margaret on identifying what other high level positions there are to rally more candidates for her to interview for those spots.

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Of the Schedule C appointments the report mentions only 2 State candidates - me and Miguel Rodriguez. [redacted] is the only other one we have brought on board who was not listed. Also a very low number in comparison to other agencies.

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Not sure if you already saw this...but just in case.