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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2011 4:59 AM
To: H
Subject: Welcome back

My list includes:

1. My call w/ Menedez re Farrar for Nicaragua (and Mexico)
2. Somalia - Bill sent me a read out of your call;
3. MEK
4. Pefar mtg for later this week I put on w/ Eric
5. Malawi and MCC's proposed operational hold

Then sundries

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From: Rodriguez, Miguel E
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 08:50 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D; Jacobson, Roberta S
Cc: Macmanus, Joseph E
Subject: Re: Farrar -- Update

The Business Meeting is scheduled for 2:15 pm, although the Committee Counsels have informed me they'd appreciate an answer before 11:00 am so that they can properly advise Members before their midday caucus meetings (they go directly to the Business Meeting after the caucus gatherings).

From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 08:37 PM
To: Rodriguez, Miguel E; Jacobson, Roberta S
Cc: Macmanus, Joseph E
Subject: Re: Farrar -- Update

Thanks

1. I have not had chance to brief S yet who may have thoughts too re foing forward;
2. What time is business mtg?
3. Roberta - we jave notified folks (there were not that many) so unless someone wants to volunteer their slot or we want to move them, there is little available.

Best

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From: Rodriguez, Miguel E
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 06:34 PM
To: Jacobson, Roberta S; Mills, Cheryl D
Cc: Macmanus, Joseph E
Subject: RE: Farrar -- Update

I tried to make the case to Lugar's staff. They explained that they did not know which way Lugar would ultimately vote.

Frankly, whereas last year I think we could have banked on Lugar showing some political courage here, his current politics dictate that he will probably fall in line with the others if he sees the vote count heading overwhelmingly against.

From: Jacobson, Roberta S
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 6:25 PM
To: Rodriguez, Miguel E; Mills, Cheryl D
Cc: Macmanus, Joseph E
Subject: RE: Farrar -- Update

Thanks Miguel. Jonathan came to see me after he saw you, [redacted]

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I realize that in the end, it wouldn't make much difference, but is there no way we could encourage folks like Lugar not to join this bandwagon by conveying our belief that he is an excellent nominee?

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From: Rodriguez, Miguel E
Sent: Monday, July 25, 2011 6:20 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Cc: Jacobson, Roberta S; Macmanus, Joseph E
Subject: Farrar -- Update

Joe Macmanus and I spoke to Jonathan Farrar, [redacted] with the news that Senator Menendez is intent on blocking his nomination.

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We discussed options, and he explained that he would get back to us tomorrow morning with a decision [redacted]

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I also alerted the SFRC Majority and Minority Counsels of the situation in order that they have awareness of the situation. A short while ago I received a follow up call from Senator Lugar's Chief Counsel. He explained to me that he has learned that Senator Rubio has been talking to other Republican members of the Committee to encourage them to join him in opposing Farrar's nomination. We obviously don't know what will come of Rubio's efforts, but because it may influence Farrar's decision on how to proceed, we let him know that there could be additional "no" votes in addition to Menendez and Rubio.

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