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**To:** H  
**Subject:** Fw: G-8 Food Security Meeting in Rome thursday

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**From:** Lurie, Mike D  
**To:** Stremiau, Matthew H; Mills, Cheryl D  
**Cc:** Slaughter, Anne-Marie; Craft, William E; Nelson, David D  
**Sent:** Tue Apr 14 07:35:41 2009  
**Subject:** RE: G-8 Food Security Meeting in Rome thursday

I confirmed with USDA staff that they have all the materials they need. I also sent them our revised food security G-20 fact sheet as well as talking points on the President's food security announcement. I told USDA that we stand by to assist on any other needed materials, and that we will continue to help negotiate the ministerial statements. If folks want to share our draft strategy with USDA we can do that as well, but wanted to check first before doing so. --Mike

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**From:** Stremiau, Matthew H  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2009 8:07 PM  
**To:** Lurie, Mike D; Mills, Cheryl D  
**Cc:** Slaughter, Anne-Marie; Craft, William E  
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Thanks Mike! So does this mean Secretary Vilsack has all the briefing materials he needs or should we provide additional information?

Best,  
 Matt

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**From:** Lurie, Mike D  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2009 5:15 PM  
**To:** Stremiau, Matthew H; Mills, Cheryl D  
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Re: briefing materials, we have helped prepare USDA for this ag ministerial for the past few weeks, including by feeding them briefing materials on various issues (e.g., "right to food," global partnership, biofuels points) and giving them the latest from the President's G-20 announcement. We have also given edits to two Ministerial statements: 1) G8 Ag Ministers statement; and 2) G8 plus Outreach 5 (Brazil, China, India, Mexico, South Africa) ag statement.

Re: attendance, as of now, 11 people (9 substance plus 2 security) from USDA are attending. Our Mission in Rome will cover for the State Department unless you would like to send someone from Washington, in which case we could work with USDA pronto to get on the delegation.

--Mike

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**From:** Strelau, Matthew H  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2009 5:02 PM  
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Yes – we can prepare briefing materials for him. We will have them ready tomorrow. There might be someone from IO going to Rome. I will check. Matt

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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2009 4:57 PM  
**To:** Strelau, Matthew H  
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The Secretary advised that Secretary Vilsack is going to Rom Thursday and wants marching orders for Food Security.

I have two questions:

1. Can you prepare a setting of briefing materials
2. Who can travel with him if we want someone to do so or who already is planning to attend.

Can you advise as to both?

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