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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 10:27 PM
To: H
Subject: FW: Proposed changes to Lugar-Casey Bill

FYI – Rich/Jack following up

From: Moore, Franklin C (AFR/AA) [mailto:FMoore@usaid.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 6:59 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Cc: Lew, Jacob J; Verma, Richard R; Hyde, Dana; Sullivan, Jacob J
Subject: RE: Proposed changes to Lugar-Casey Bill

Cheryl/Jack/Dana/Rich,

Here is an update of information on the Hill. Secretary Vilsak is scheduled to talk with Congresswoman McCollum tomorrow. His office has sent her their re-write. If there is objection to the changes which include a major change to foreign assistance, Ms. McCollum's office would appreciate a call from State (Bill Harper is her chief of staff) expressing concern to USDA's proposed legislative changes. The same would be useful to the Senate side.

Franklin

From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 10:29 PM
To: Moore, Franklin C (AFR/AA)
Cc: Lew, Jacob J; Verma, Richard R; Hyde, Dana; Sullivan, Jacob J; Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: Re: Proposed changes to Lugar-Casey Bill

I am adding jack, dana and rich.

Jack/dana/rich - can you address?

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From: Moore, Franklin C (AFR/AA) <FMoore@usaid.gov>
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Tue May 26 18:54:10 2009
Subject: Proposed changes to Lugar-Casey Bill

Cheryl,

We (USAID) have been made aware that the Department of Agriculture is not happy with the proposed Lugar-Casey language or the language of the companion legislation to be introduced in the House because implementation of foreign assistance in agriculture is placed in the hands of USAID.

For Lugar-Casey several amendments have been suggested so that the law would require joint implementation by USAID and USDA. These changes include such things as adding to "1) Administrator-The term 'Administrator' means the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development" the phrase "(7) Secretary- The term 'Secretary'

means the Secretary of Agriculture." Throughout the legislation references to the Administrator would then read the Administrator and Secretary; for example "Role of the Administrator and Secretary- The President shall exercise his authority under this title through the Administrator and the Secretary. It includes over 10 references to implementation by the Administrator and Secretary.

They have also recommended that appropriate congressional committees which currently includes "the Committee of Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, and (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives" be expanded to include" (C) the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry (D) the Agriculture Committee and the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee in the House of Representatives."

Finally it creates a section, Title V-AUTHORITY FOR THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO CARRY OUT AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE which includes both GENERAL AUTHORIZATION and FUNDING.

It would be a far-reaching change to foreign assistance. The suggestion were provided to Senator Lugar's staff by David Lazerith (sp) from Secretary Vilsack's office. This is a complication the Hill would rather have the Administration settle.

I only have the suggested new text in hard copy, but could deliver a copy in the morning or fax you a copy in the morning. Unfortunately I will not be on line tonight.

Franklin