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Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2010 3:05 PM
To: 'abedinh@state.gov'
Subject: Re: Lugar points

Is there a time set or can I do anytime after 4?

----- Original Message -----

From: Abedin, Huma <AbedinH@state.gov>
To: H
Sent: Sun Sep 12 13:55:15 2010
Subject: Lugar points

For later this afternoon. Will also fax to house.

Purpose of Call: The first reason for the call is to inform the Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of the Administration's next steps on Sudan, including the purpose of Special Envoy Gration's meetings today (Sunday) with Sudanese leaders.

A second purpose for the call is to inform Senator Lugar that the Administration has chosen and will shortly nominate Thomas Nides to be the next Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources. You will want to convey to him that his help will be needed to expedite and to pave the way for a smooth confirmation.

Finally, the call may give you an opportunity to raise the Committee's upcoming action on the New START Treaty and encourage him to press forward.

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BACKGROUND – Sudan: The Obama Administration is using all the tools we have to help ensure that the January referenda in the South and Abyei occur on time and reflect the will of the Sudanese people. With 120 days to go until the referenda on Southern independence, Sudan has entered a critical make-or-break period. We have stepped up our diplomatic work; we are working with other nations and international organizations to help prepare for the referenda; we are making significant investments on the ground to help prepare for what happens after the referenda, and – in accordance with our strategy – we are presenting the parties concrete steps that we will take contingent on their concrete achievements on the ground, including a just and peaceful settlement in Darfur.

BACKGROUND – Nides Nomination: With the Senate tentatively scheduled to recess for the midterm elections on October 8, securing Tom Nides’s confirmation during the 111th Congress will require a commitment from the Senators Kerry and Lugar to expedite the confirmation process. Even if the nomination ultimately requires a recess appointment, having the nomination reported out of Committee will be an important step.



We believe that with Kerry and Lugar’s assistance, we can secure at a minimum that Nides’s nomination is successfully reported out of Committee before the October 8 recess. Confirmation by the larger Senate will be a much more difficult challenge, but getting his nomination on the Senate Executive Calendar for consideration has to be the first step.