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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 28, 2011 4:11 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** FW: New Special Advisor for the Great Lakes --RE: Sad News

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**From:** Carson, Johnnie  
**Sent:** Friday, October 28, 2011 2:58 PM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Subject:** New Special Advisor for the Great Lakes --RE: Sad News

Cheryl: Following the Secretary's unexpected staff meeting this morning, at which she mentioned Howard's passing, I

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paperwork started, I want to make sure that is okay with you. Thanks. Johnnie

**From:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 27, 2011 9:06 PM  
**To:** Carson, Johnnie  
**Cc:** 'Smith, Gayle E.'; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Brooks, Russell K; Alsup, Carolyn P; Toiv, Nora F  
**Subject:** RE: Sad News

Thank you Johnnie – such a loss.

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**From:** Carson, Johnnie  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 27, 2011 4:08 PM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Cc:** 'Smith, Gayle E.'; Yamamoto, Donald Y; Brooks, Russell K; Alsup, Carolyn P; Toiv, Nora F  
**Subject:** RE: Sad News

Cheryl: I received news of Howard's death shortly after I arrived back in the office yesterday afternoon. Howard's death is a loss to all of us who work on African affairs. He was passionate about Africa and worked every day to advance peace, development and democracy across the continent. Gayle is correct, I worked for Howard – on loan from the Department – for over two years as his staff director when he chaired the House African sub-Committee. It was a good time to be on the Hill and under Howard's leadership the Subcommittee accomplished a GREAT deal. And we worked together again when he was in the Department during the second Clinton Administration. He was a close colleague and a friend, and he will be missed by many of us. We have prepared a Department press statement – which was released earlier today. I have also asked that an internal Department notice be sent out. And we have a memo moving forward with a condolence letter from the Secretary to Howard's widow. Last night, I spoke to [Redacted]

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[Redacted] A memorial and remembrance service will be held for Howard in Michigan in about month. Johnnie

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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2011 8:20 PM  
**To:** Carson, Johnnie  
**Subject:** Fw: Sad News  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Smith, Gayle E. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2011 06:16 PM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Subject:** Sad News

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Cheryl – We just learned the sad news that Howard Wolpe died last night. He was President Clinton’s Special Envoy for the Great Lakes (and was there when he went to Rwanda in 1998, etc). He was also very close to Johnnie, who worked for him when Howard was a member of Congress (House, Michigan). We will get more information, but would you please let President Clinton know as I hope that we might be able to arrange a note or something for [REDACTED]. This is terribly sad. He was one of our heroes on Africa (of the Princeton Lyman variety), smart, incredibly humorous, delightful and beloved. Please also let the Secretary know – I think Johnnie might be on travel, but I suspect he is also in need of a hug right now. Thanks. Gayle