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Upshot appears to be that Cunningham will get confirmed before recess, but Paul (if not others) will hold Olson for a fuller discussion on Pak issues (looking forward to that). We teed up Marc and Ryan today for a number of calls to R Senators, including Lugar, Inhofe, Barrasso, and Risch, all of which went better than expected – Lugar and Inhofe even started whipping other Members to support us. We thought we had worked through all the issues, but then Paul proved too obstructionist (details below). Waiting for official confirmation from H, though.

From: Grossman, Marc I
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Subject: Senator Paul

Senator was already flying. I pitched his CoS Doug Stafford. Stafford says:

- The procedure “was not even close”.
- They were totally “blindsided”. No advance warning. “Does not even know these people.”
- He does not oppose Rick but Pakistan policy is important to the Senator. The Senate leadership will not let him go forward with what interests Senator Paul and so.....
- They have no objection to separating the two: Jim can go forward as far as Senator Paul is concerned. Doug Stafford says he has made this clear to Senator Kerry’s staff.

Sorry.