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Jim, Cheryl and Bill:

We have a Congressional issue that is moving a bit too slowly through the building that you should know about. Rep. Steve Rothman (D-NJ) and Senator Lautenberg have contacted us alarmed by the news that Qaddafi will come to UNGA and allegedly overnight at the residence of the Libyan PermRep in Englewood. Rothman has called our office directly and threatened holy war and Fox news "if the State Department allows this." A few minutes ago we also got a letter from Sen. Lautenberg to the Secretary expressing similar concerns. The anger is of course over the "hero's welcome" for Megrahi. An action memo for Jim to consider on how to deal with Qaddafi's visit is in the works, but I fear Rothman will head for the microphones before Jim gets the memo.

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