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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2009 6:01 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: Two Full-Time Staff for Sudan

You got to love him, esp as this the first email on these folks (though will check with Pat to see if he's been discussing with him)

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From: Mills, Cheryl D
To: 'sgration@' S_SpecialAssistants
Cc: Kennedy, Patrick F; Shortley, Timothy R
Sent: Fri Oct 02 05:56:32 2009
Subject: Re: Two Full-Time Staff for Sudan

Just confirming scott - you are emailing the Secretary at 11:17pm about the folks you emailed Pat and me about at 10:37pm and said:

"Cheryl and Pat, after months of work, I understand that you have one of our Schedule B appointments on your desk for approval [redacted]. I have two additional Schedule B appointments pending L and M clearances that I hope will reach your office in the coming week for approval [redacted]. These three individuals will complete the hires we'd planned for our Washington team. I would sincerely appreciate your assistance to bring these key players on board. With best wishes, Scott"

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Or are these diff folks you raising with the Secretary?

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From: Scott Gration [redacted]
To: S_SpecialAssistants
Cc: Mills, Cheryl D; Kennedy, Patrick F; Shortley, Timothy R
Sent: Thu Oct 01 23:15:52 2009
Subject: Two Full-Time Staff for Sudan

Secretary Clinton, over the past five months, we've been in close contact with Pat Kennedy and Cheryl Mills to hire additional people in the field using available supplemental funding from Congress. We have reached a critical period now as we try to get civil society and rebel groups to the Doha peace talks and we continue our work on implementing the CPA milestones. Shuttle engagement can't do this job effectively and the Embassy is not resourced to do this mission; therefore, I need your support for two additional senior staff members in Sudan. These two individuals will focus on building relations with Darfuris and supporting the peace-building process in Darfur, in addition to implementing CPA agreements in the South. They will work under Chief of Mission authority when they are in country, and will coordinate closely with the Embassy in Khartoum and the Consulate in Juba.

The next six months are extremely critical as we prepare for the upcoming Doha negotiations and try to prevent renewal of North-South conflict. I'm convinced that we must immediately place staff in Darfur and Juba/Khartoum with relevant technical skills to augment embassy staff. I regret that I've had to raise this issue

to your level, but I strongly believe we face an increasing risk of failure if we don't get the requisite full-time presence on the ground in Sudan as soon as possible. I'm available to discuss this matter with you by phone anytime before I depart for Moscow on Sunday. Very respectfully, Scott

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