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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Saturday, October 10, 2009 6:01 AM
To: H
Subject: Fw: Update on H1N1

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I agree with [redacted] doing this - she is quite good so saying yes unless you have other thoughts.

From: Maria Otero [redacted]
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Sat Oct 10 00:17:54 2009
Subject: Update on H1N1

Dear Cheryl:

To update you on H1N1 and make a recommendation as we move forward.

I have asked [redacted] to take the lead in the H1N1 negotiations, and she has been participating in the meetings with WH, HHS, DOD and others. At this time, she is leading the discussions with other donors – UK, Australia, Swiss and others – so they can work in a coordinated fashion under our leadership. Her expertise and knowledge in this area has really helped in interacting with HHS and addressing the technical issues. She has also participated in meetings with Jack Lew. I expect that this effort will require a considerable amount of her time for the next few weeks.

With the departure of [redacted] and because we are in the middle of [redacted] I recommend that we name [redacted]. Based on this topic and growing importance of health diplomacy we are discussing ways to elevate and strengthen the health function within OES. We hope to establish a Health Directorate, and expect to have that in place in approximately six months. This responsibility could then be transferred to the Health DAS. I have discussed this with [redacted] and she is in agreement.

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I would be happy to talk about this if useful.

Many thanks, and hope you get some rest this weekend!

Maria