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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2010 8:00 AM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** FW: STAS and the Hill

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**From:** Jones, Kerri-Ann  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 21, 2010 7:07 AM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D; Otero, Maria  
**Subject:** Re: STAS and the Hill

Cheryl,

Thanks for your e-mail. The combination of Maria's and my travel schedules plus scheduling calls with the candidates, who also have busy schedules, has caused this to go slowly. We should have 3 top candidates by early October. It is unlikely that we will get anyone physically into the job until Jan/Feb 2011 - as the top candidates are currently in academic roles.

FYI- I have gotten positive feedback from some in the science community regarding our process and consultation with the science societies to identify candidates.

Best Regards,  
Kerri-Ann

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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**To:** Otero, Maria; Jones, Kerri-Ann  
**Cc:** Toiv, Nora F; Mills, Cheryl D  
**Sent:** Tue Sep 21 06:04:08 2010  
**Subject:** Re: STAS and the Hill

I am fine with the response but can I ask - why is this taking so long?

I b/l it does hurt our credibility on imp of this role that we do not have a final list of 3 candidates to decide from.

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**From:** Otero, Maria  
**To:** Jones, Kerri-Ann; Mills, Cheryl D  
**Sent:** Tue Sep 21 00:26:51 2010  
**Subject:** Re: STAS and the Hill

Fine for me, but I would add one sentence at end saying we plan to complete phone interviews in early October and will proceed with face to face interviews of the final candidates before making the selection.

Thanks,  
Maria

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**From:** Jones, Kerri-Ann  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Cc:** Otero, Maria

**Sent:** Mon Sep 20 20:14:55 2010

**Subject:** STAS and the Hill

FYI – Once again Senator Bingaman’s staff has asked for an update on our process for identifying the next Science Adviser. I suggest we have H send the following response . Please let me know if this works for you.

Thanks.

Kerri-Ann

We are currently conducting phone interviews with candidates for the position of Science Adviser. These candidates were identified through a consultative process with several science organizations and societies, including the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Chemical Society and the American Physical Society. This consultation resulted in a long list of candidates which we subsequently reviewed with the science organizations and societies. Based on the current round of interviews, we anticipate developing a shorter list of candidates for interviews in Washington.