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**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 5:49 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** FW: Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom

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**From:** Rodriguez, Miguel E  
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**To:** Mills, Cheryl D; 'sujayc' [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom

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I know the waiting has been incredibly frustrating. I want to assure you that we have made every attempt to secure you a confirmation hearing this month and have raised your nomination at every opportunity. Unfortunately, we are at the mercy of the Senate, and more specifically, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

We have advocated for your inclusion in each of the three State hearings this month. Unfortunately, the hearings have been for career ambassadors going to specific geographic regions (Africa, East Asia, and Pakistan). Despite our advocacy, the committee didn't see fit to add your nomination to any of those hearings.

We had been talking with both Kerry and Lugar's staff about a hearing for you this week, specifically this Thursday. However, it now looks like the Senate will recess Wednesday evening, making a Thursday hearing impossible.

I did speak again this afternoon to Senator Lugar's staff, and they inform me that they have no objection to pressing forward with a confirmation hearing for you during the Senate's lame duck session in October. Although the length of that work period will be determined in large measure by the results of the elections in November, I think we're all hopeful that there will be an opportunity for a hearing for you. No guarantees of course, but we'll continue to press the committee as hard as we can.

Thanks.

**From:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 12:51 PM  
**To:** 'sujayc' [redacted]  
**Cc:** Rodriguez, Miguel E  
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I am adding miguel re hearing date

**From:** sujayc [redacted]  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Sent:** Mon Sep 27 12:37:56 2010  
**Subject:** Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom

Hi Cheryl:

Hope you're well. Will you have any time to speak today so I can update the Secretary on where things are with this position?

I know she is busy with the Mideast Peace Talks but this is also the last week Congress is in session and there's no Hearing date set.

I saw her at Dr. Height's funeral and she whispered some concerns, and then I saw her this week at the Clinton Global Initiative but was unable to get close to her, nor was it the appropriate time

. Here's my landline number  I have a conference call from 1-1:30pm. Other than that, I'd be available

Thanks

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Sujay ( Sujzan Johnson Cook)