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**Sent:** Sunday, March 11, 2012 12:15 PM  
**To:** H  
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Think you should say and we'll have pat reinforce

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**From:** Kennedy, Patrick F  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 11, 2012 11:16 AM  
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Cheryl

Suggest that you or I or the Secretary work the following line into some presentation at the COM Conference

Regards

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The foreign policy of the United States requires consistent direction and management. There will be changes in ambassadorial appointments after the election but it is important that posts not be vacated prematurely. We expect that all ambassadors will remain at their posts until replacements are confirmed or specific departure instructions are given.