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PART B5

**From:** Burns, William J <BurnsWJ@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 24, 2010 4:35 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Re: Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Kislyak has requested to speak with the Secretary

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[Redacted]  
[Redacted] All best, Bill

----- Original Message -----

**From:** H <HDR22@clintonemail.com>  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Cc:** Burns, William J  
**Sent:** Fri Dec 24 12:35:50 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Kislyak has requested to speak with the Secretary

I spoke w Kislyak. Pls be sure his message [Redacted]

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>  
**To:** H  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>; Abedin, Huma <AbedinH@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Dec 24 12:21:55 2010  
**Subject:** Fw: Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Kislyak has requested to speak with the Secretary

See b/l

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**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**To:** Burns, William J; Mills, Cheryl D  
**Sent:** Fri Dec 24 12:16:01 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Kislyak has requested to speak with the Secretary

C - I vote for her to do.

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**From:** Burns, William J  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Sent:** Fri Dec 24 11:35:11 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Kislyak has requested to speak with the Secretary

Talked to Kislyak. He has been instructed by Medvedev to convey to the Secretary a quick message following on M's call [Redacted] during which Medvedev promised that he would press for prompt Duma ratification of New

START. The message is simple and positive: the Duma today passed the first reading of the treaty, which is the key step, and will likely complete the remaining readings and formal ratification in mid-January, right after the Russian holidays.

Kislyak said he knew that it was unusual to request to pass this directly to S, esp on Xmas eve, but he is in a bind because of direct instruction from Medvedev.

If S has time for 3 min call, it would be a nice gesture, following Senate ratification. If not, I'll explain to K. This is in nice to do, but not essential, category.

Thanks.

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**From: Mills, Cheryl D**  
**To: Burns, William J**  
**Sent: Fri Dec 24 11:19:07 2010**  
**Subject: Re: Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Kislyak has requested to speak with the Secretary**

Thx

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**From: Burns, William J**  
**To: Mills, Cheryl D**  
**Sent: Fri Dec 24 11:18:32 2010**  
**Subject: Re: Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Kislyak has requested to speak with the Secretary**

Will do

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**From: Mills, Cheryl D**  
**To: Burns, William J**  
**Cc: Sullivan, Jacob J**  
**Sent: Fri Dec 24 11:12:24 2010**  
**Subject: Fw: Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Kislyak has requested to speak with the Secretary**

Can you connect w/ him?

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**From: Smith, Alexis L**  
**To: SES-O\_S-Calls**  
**Sent: Fri Dec 24 10:57:04 2010**  
**Subject: Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Kislyak has requested to speak with the Secretary**

Ambassador Kislyak said he has an urgent message to pass to the Secretary. He is available now through the rest of the day.