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Rubio statement re negotiations around Alan Gross. In expressing his frustration, he alludes that he'll take it out on Roberta during the confirmation process.
 Operative language below:

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SENATOR RUBIO STATEMENT ON ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED PRISONER EXCHANGE WITH CUBA

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Marco Rubio issued the following statement regarding the Obama Administration's attempts to negotiate the release of an American contractor held in Cuba in exchange for releasing a convicted Cuban spy and easing sanctions:

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