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Per our conversation, she advised I could forward this – it will also come through channels.

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From: Lewis, Reta Jo
Sent: Thursday, December 31, 2009 5:18 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Cc: Laszczych, Joanne
Subject: 2009-12-31 Lewis Work Plan
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Hi Cheryl:

Today, I was able to have good preliminary conversations with Jean Bonilla and Lorraine Hariton in EEB. Both Jean and Lorraine are very excited about the opportunity to partner on this new area for the Secretary and provided me with some very valuable insight and discussion on how we can partner and collaborate on programming and initiatives together.

I also included the information from ECA – that we discussed in the document. The INR meeting was cancelled today and will be scheduled for early next week. As I move around the Department and talk with other officials in the coming week, I believe we will be able to build out a more robust Work Plan and garner some great collaborations on this effort.

Additionally, in a recent conversation that I had with Governor O'Malley from Maryland, I shared with him that the Secretary was launching a new effort that would assist state and local leaders with respect to their global affairs portfolios. The Governor was extremely excited and remarked that he has some great idea for the Secretary about how the Department can be a major value-add to local governments. He told me that he wants to be very engaged in what we do in the Department in this area. I will be scheduling a time to meet with him and his economic team once my position has been announced. He wanted me to let her know that he had been thinking about her and wanted to reach out and did not know how and then I walked in and we began to have this discussion and he said – what a way to start his year for 2010 – something coming to reality that he had been thinking about.

Also, Maura Pally in ECA forwarded me a meeting that I took with the Deputy Director of the National Lieutenant Governor's Association. They were in town working on their upcoming Washington meeting. They too are very excited about what we are planning and want to work very closely with us in the coming months as we launch this effort. Lt. Governor Bill Bolling in VA is the current Chair.

Please let me know if you need to make any additional changes. Thanks so much for all of your assistance and support!!!

Have a great New Years!!

Best,

Reta