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From:Mills, Cheryl D < MillsCD@state.gov>Sent:Monday, December 28, 2009 5:21 PMTo:HSubject:FW: happy christmas - we all got our wish - that you be confirmed. xo cdm

fyi -----Original Message-----From: Shannon, Thomas A Sent: Monday, December 28, 2009 4:54 PM To: Mills, Cheryl D Subject: Re: happy christmas - we all got our wish - that you be confirmed. xo cdm

Cheryl:

Thank you very much for your note. I am enormously grateful for the tremendous support that you and the Secretary offered me during this confirmation gauntlet. Without that support I have no doubt that I would still be stuck in confirmation limbo.

I am now looking forward to getting to Brasilia and getting to work.

I hope you and your family had a great Christmas. I am wishing you a happy and prosperous new year.

Tom

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