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From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov> Tuesday, February 14, 2012 7:12 AM H FW: S-Lugar Call Sheet S-Lugar call sheet FINAL.DOCX

FYI – for Julissa – business meeting it today and he has pulled her off it which means mid-March is the next time she could be considered:

## <u>The Secretary's Call Sheet for Senator Richard Lugar</u> <u>Monday, February 13, 2012</u>

**Purpose of Call:** To ask Senator Lugar to include Julissa Reynoso's nomination in tomorrow's Senate Foreign Relations Committee business meeting.

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**Background:** Julissa Reynoso is our nominee to be U.S. Ambassador to Uruguay. She completed her confirmation hearing on February 7 alongside three other WHA nominees. H understood that she would be added to a February 14 business meeting, pending responses to all follow-up Questions for the Record (QFRs), which were promptly completed. However, Senator Lugar's staff on Friday blocked her inclusion due to his objection over what he sees as a lack of required focus on the U.S.-Uruguay trade relationship. That same day, Lugar sent

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additional QFRs, which the Department answered today. H has vigorously engaged Senator Lugar's staff on this issue, but the Committee has yet to include her nomination on the agenda for tomorrow's business meeting.

Call Notes:

From: Abbaszadeh, Nima Sent: Monday, February 13, 2012 7:28 PM To: Mills, Cheryl D Cc: S\_SpecialAssistants; Wells, Alice G Subject: RE: S-Lugar Call Sheet

Cheryl: If you haven't already done so, we're happy to pass this to S once you let us know you're comfortable moving it forward.

From: Blumenfeld, Joshua R Sent: Monday, February 13, 2012 4:53 PM To: Mills, Cheryl D Cc: Wells, Alice G; S\_SpecialAssistants; Adams, David S; Vaden, Andrew J Subject: S-Lugar Call Sheet

Hi Cheryl,

I understand that S is willing to call Senator Lugar about Julissa's nomination. Lugar's staff sent us a follow up set of QFRs on Friday, and we sent the responses back to the committee this afternoon. Attached is a call sheet with some points for S to make to Senator Lugar, should she have time for the call this evening. Please let me know if you have any questions, or would like to discuss this further.

Thanks, Josh