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From: Sent: To: Subject: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov> Wednesday, July 13, 2011 6:24 AM H Fw: Distinguished HONOR Award

For Karl (which is same award Petraeus is getting)

From: Mull, Stephen D Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 02:29 PM To: Mills, Cheryl D Subject: Distinguished Award

Hi Cheryl,

It turns out the Distinguished Honor Award (unlike the gold-medaled Distinguished Service Award) requires no action by the Secretary – the nomination goes straight to the Department's Award Committee, which is responsible for approving the award. I sit on the Awards Committee and am sure this would be an easy approval. If you agree, I'll go ahead and process the award that way without having to take this back to the Secretary.

Thanks, Steve