
From: Cheryl Mills [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2009 10:02 PM
To: H
Subject: FW:

FYI - see traffic

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From: Edelman, Martin [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2009 6:14 PM
To: cheryl.mills [redacted]
Subject: Re:

Dept needs to do some PR once country process is completed so breadth of brazilian leadership knows that he is more than just a career person but an unusually accomplished diplomat.

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From: cheryl.mills [redacted]
To: Edelman, Martin
Sent: Sat May 23 18:05:29 2009
Subject: Re:

Welcome all that.

In Tom the country is getting an upgrade - he used to be resp for entire hemisphere and knows every leader on a first name basis an most revere him from mexico to bolivia (which you know is hard and where he just was). They will get more b/c he can leverage those relationships and the secretary (and me as I too think highly of tom) in a way no other person could. He has the real capacity to make brazil the undisputed leader in the region relationship-wise along with mexico.

He will of course meet with cliff and would cont all the things that should be cont.

Welcome getting together.

Cdm

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From: Marty Edelman
To: Cheryl Mills
Sent: May 23, 2009 5:33 PM
Subject:

Supposed to go to brazil next week with wjc (and doug). Saw cliff sobel this week. Since apparently his replacement is soon I strongly recommend you ask him to debrief you personally. I was in brazil with him a few weeks ago. The guy is really loved down there and has initiated a lot of good stuff that hrc should want to continue. Since a career person is replacing him the country sees it as a little bit of a downgrade. I spent time with the probably next pres and the current defense minister and was struck by the high regard they had for cliff and his involvement in the life of brazil representing America. It would be a waste not to continue of the programs started during his tenure. Enough-down from soap box.