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From: "Mills, Cheryl D" <MillsCD@state.gov>

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From: Jones, James [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 9:36 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: RE: Sec. Clinton's Mexico Trip

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Thank you and feel free to share it with whomever if it is helpful. With Mexico, it's as much about the sensitivity of the wording as with the issue to be discussed. For example, with regard to drugs, corruption and criminal organizations, she should be free to say that it is a common plague that should be met with a common strategy and defense. The United States should not blame Mexico for drug trafficking, nor should Mexico blame the United States for its drug market. Both governments and people should blame the criminal organizations in both of our countries for preying on both Mexican and American citizens. We must attack these criminals together. That's not great rhetoric, but the point is that nuance is very important. That may be where I can help most prior to the trip.
JimJ

From: Mills, Cheryl D [mailto:MillsCD@state.gov]

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Sent: Tue 3/17/2009 5:49 PM

To: Jones, James

Subject: RE: Sec. Clinton's Mexico Trip

Jim

I am enormously grateful for this insight.

I also feel like we may be on the right track but would welcome running items by you as we get closer.

She will be giving a major speech while she is there - the themes you recommend are consistent with where we are going in the drafting but it is far from done. She wants most to speak about a comprehensive partnership - a theme she believes is uniquely relevant to Mexico.

If you don't mind, I also will share your email directly with her.

Best

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From: Jones, James [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 11:45 AM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
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Ms. Mills,

Jack Lew's office suggested that I go through you to offer some ideas for Secretary Clinton's trip to Mexico next week. If she wants me to expand, I will be happy to do so.

As introduction, I was US Ambassador to Mexico (1993-97); former Member of Congress (Budget Committee Chairman & Ways & Means), former CEO of

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Our firm does considerable business in Mexico but deliberately we do not represent any government entities. I go to Mexico at least twice monthly on behalf of foreign direct investors and visit regularly with Calderon ministers and Mexican congressional leaders.

Most important words for the Secretary to drive home are collaboration, partnership and stability. Secretary Rice is criticized for identifying Mexico as a "failed state." President Sarkozy was not well received on his recent visit to Mexico because he "sounded much like US political leaders of the past." Given that, I suggest that she address the Mexican Senate or Chamber of Deputies. Sarkozy addressed the Senate. The leader of the Senate with whom I had breakfast in Mexico City last Friday will issue an invitation if there is an interest.

In other words, she can stand in very positive contrast by building on those three words -- collaboration, partnership and stability. I won't suggest texts unless there is interest.

Education is another theme common to both governments. Stressing education reforms, the difficulties but the necessity for our economic future are common threads to build on.

Investment in technology both for security and business development are important. Here I have some ideas about developing bi-national "green innovation zones."

Finally, there is general concern about not having an Ambassador in place or announced. As the Secretary knows well from our peso crisis days etc., the sensitivity of our bilateral relationship is keenly felt in Mexico and the US Ambassador is an important symbol of the respect it wants. It is not necessary to announce a nominee, but just be prepared to answer that the Obama Administration is aware and will choose a qualified person who will be close to the President and Secretary of State. (I have recommended at least two such persons among many who should be considered.)

The Secretary's trip is very important. If I can be helpful in anyway for briefings or working with the speech writers, I'm happy to do so.

Jim Jones

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