

**FW: Ross Staffing**

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**From:** Cheryl Mills [redacted]

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**To:** hdr22@clintonemail.com

**Subject:** FW: Ross Staffing

Let's also discuss this in am in light of my traffic with Denis.

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From: Cheryl Mills  
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 11:48 PM  
To: dennisr [redacted]  
Cc: millscd@state.gov  
Subject: Ross Staffing

Dennis

Let's discuss this tomorrow am - I want to check in with HRC and to make sure we have common understanding of impact on total of these folks who would be Sched C or SES that she is slating.

Otherwise, this makes sense.

What is the best number to reach you at in am? Not to mention to get a chance to put a face with an email.

Copying my state address too.

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From: dennis [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 4:19 PM  
To: Cheryl Mills  
Subject:

Cheryl,

I now have a badge and can begin to go around the building. I would like to know that I can begin to meet some of the ambassadors who have been seeking to see me and I have been ducking. As importantly, I would like to begin the process of bringing on the staff I have in mind. The Secretary in my conversations with her was responsive to the size staff and kinds of people I had in mind. The first four people I am about to mention are all people I have mentioned to the Secretary and to Jim Steinberg: [redacted]-who is especially good on all assistance related issues throughout the Middle East. ([redacted] and will be very good in helping us develop different teams with NEA and other bureaus for dealing with some of the region-wide issues. [redacted] [redacted] before and I would probably make her my deputy.) Lastly, [redacted] was an assistant of mine for four years--providing critical support for two books I wrote. He is an emerging star, excellent writer and someone I would like to function as a special assistant to me.

There are two additional people I would like to bring on if at all possible. I have not mentioned them previously. The first would not cost a slot because he is owned by the military: [redacted] He is excellent on security issues throughout the Gulf and the Middle East. He is in the Army reserves but on active duty now and I am pretty sure he would be able to come at least for the remainder of the year. The second is a young woman, [redacted] who is very sharp on political-military issues. She worked on the Hill for a few years and then was in the Department in PM, working arms sale issue for I think two years, but left to go work in the general campaign. Unfortunately, she would cost a slot. She is also a real talent.

Anyway, if I get the go-ahead, I would like to proceed with Pat Kennedy. Thanks-Dennis,

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