

FW: Political-Military Bureau (PM) Assistant Secretary

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per our conversation

From: Robert Einhorn [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 9:05 AM
To: Cheryl Mills
Subject: RE: Political-Military Bureau (PM) Assistant Secretary

I just wanted her to have alternatives to choose from, including the alternative of double-hatting a senior military officer as PM A/S and her senior military adviser. If she wants to consider that option, I'd have to pursue further with the individuals whether they would be prepared to say yes to the Secretary. Please let me know if and when you'd like me to follow up with them. Until I hear from you, I'll stand down.

Bob

From: Cheryl Mills [mailto:[redacted]]
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2009 9:00 AM
To: Robert Einhorn; Cheryl Mills1
Subject: RE: Political-Military Bureau (PM) Assistant Secretary

Bob:

Thanks for this summary.

To be frank, in the end this ultimately will be the Secretary's appointment.

She is interested in having the best outcome.

I will be back to you.

best

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From: Robert Einhorn [mailto:
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 11:50 PM
To: Cheryl Mills; Cheryl Mills; Cheryl Mills1
Subject: Political-Military Bureau (PM) Assistant Secretary

Cheryl,

In our phone call this morning, I mentioned briefly that I had begun to reach out to retired military officers who would be good for the PM A/S job. With Kurt Campbell's help, I've been in touch with
 Each was intrigued with the possibility of coming to State as PM A/S and might be persuaded to do it.

PM has traditionally been State's link to the Pentagon, and in the past, several active duty military officers (usually at the two-star level) have served as A/S. All three of these officers would be outstanding. Their stature would be a huge asset in forging and strengthening the bilateral security relationships with friends and allies around the world that PM is responsible for cultivating. All of them have extensive experience in regions of critical concern to us -
. A respected military leader like these three, in addition to running PM, could serve as the Secretary's senior military adviser. Given Iraq, Afghanistan, and other potential hotspots, having an in-house military adviser of this caliber could be immensely valuable to the Secretary. And

he would also serve as a critical channel of communication between State and the uniformed military, which would be very useful for many of State's bureaus.

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I believe serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary under one of these three officers would be a great experience for [redacted]. It would give him the opportunity to master a wide range of political-military issues - commercial arms sales, security assistance, day-to-day security operations, and so on - and then possibly move up to the Assistant Secretary level, in PM or elsewhere at State, after a few years. He would be part of a highly professional PM front office. The two other DASes would be [redacted]

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[redacted] who told me he wants to come to PM.

I think this solution would be good for all - the Secretary, the Department, and [redacted]. If the Secretary is interested in pursuing this approach, I could provide you with more information about each of these retired officers. Tomorrow morning (Friday), I'll be at CSIS [redacted] or on my cell [redacted]. Please let me know what you think.

Bob