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Huma -

For HRC - I will call Meryl but want to make sure there were no different thoughts that have been shared with her on this position by HRC.

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From: Samuelson, Heather F

Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 6:33 PM

To: Mills, Cheryl D; 'Cheryl Mills'

Cc: 'pvervee' [redacted] Mook, Robert E; Toiv, Nora F; 'Marlon D Marshall'

Subject: FW: I spoke with Meryl Frank about an hour ago, and she has a couple of questions.

Linda Lum from IO contacted Meryl Frank about the logistics for CSW and what the process would be regarding getting briefings and up to speed on issues prior to CSW once her security and legal clearances are completed and she is appointed. During the conversation, Linda mentioned to Meryl that US Representative on the Commission on the Status of Women was not a full-time position in previous administrations (see email below) and usually only involved attending CSW for two weeks and other smaller conferences throughout the year.

Meryl was shocked and had been under the impression that this was a full-time position. [redacted]

[redacted] and needs to know if it will be a full-time position in this administration.

I know she had met with HRC prior to asking be considered for the position. I do not know who else she spoke with during the "interview" process or what (if anything) Meryl was initially told.

Let me know your thoughts.

From: Lum, Linda L

Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 6:12 PM

To: Hardy, Sharon L; Bisdee, Sharon C; Samuelson, Heather F

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We talked about what would be happening during the two weeks of CSW: member state speeches, side events hosted by NGOs/member states/the UN, resolutions and draft Agreed Conclusions to be negotiated, the two briefings the USDEL gives to interested NGOs, and the social events which the head of del and public delegates would go to.

Towards the end of the conversation, she asked me whether this was a full-time position. She said she had spoken with Amb. Linda Tarr-Whelan (who I'm told was the U.S. Rep during the Clinton years; that was before I started working the women's issues), and that Linda said it had been a full-time job. Linda added that when she took the job, she asked that it be converted into a part-time position because Linda wanted to keep the job she already had.

I said I can't speak on what this new Adm. wants to do, but I can just report that since 2003 when I started working these issues, the position was not full-time. And the last U.S. Rep., Amb. Pat Brister, thought that was fine -- because she already had a full-time job and other civic activities back in Louisiana.

Meryl Frank said that concerned her because she was under the impression that the CSW position was a full-time job, and

She said she would speak to others about this, she did not say who though.

Also, Meryl Frank wonders if anyone has a Job Description for the U.S. Rep to the CSW.

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