

**FW: Chris Hill Confirmation Strategy**

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thanks. we should assume this will require a vote of the full senate, which means we need to stay comfortably above 60 votes at all times. I think that means engaging with reasonable Republicans over the next few days to lock in support, which could require the Secretary and Senator Kerry to call targeted R's. Need to act before Republican opposition goes viral, which it can. Unfortunately, I think this has very little to do with his qualifications.

I'll consult with Mike on this.

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From: Mills, Cheryl D [mailto:MillsCD@state.gov]  
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Per my prev email

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Cheryl:

FYI, attached is our schedule so far for engaging Chris Hill with the members of the SFRC next week. Also McCain and other detractors. We will add a number of other appointments still. His dance card will be very full next week and I will accompany him to all his meetings.

I will also reach out to other prominent figures to ask for their support for Chris, such as Powell, Armitage, Hagel, and Petraeus.

We are also keeping WH leg informed.

Mike

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