

RELEASE IN PART
B6

From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2009 8:06 AM
To: H
Subject: RE: fourth speechwriter update

I'll have Margaret meet

B6

-----Original Message-----

From: H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2009 7:35 AM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: Re: fourth speechwriter update

I want to give a job--is there a slot in WHA or S/P or elsewhere for her?

Also, it goes w/out saying that someone who lacks discretion is not possible.

So let's wait and see who else Lissa turns up.

----- Original Message -----

From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
To: H
Sent: Thu May 21 14:10:06 2009
Subject: FW: fourth speechwriter update

fyi

From: Muscatine, Lissa
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2009 12:11 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: fourth speechwriter update

FYI:

I have now seriously reviewed 9 candidates (and explored a handful of others who, for various reasons, I didn't feel would be what we were looking for). Two have accepted other jobs that were already on the table before I spoke to them (and for which they were better suited). One (who I love) has decided her legal future requires her to come here in a capacity other than speechwriting, and I think she's right about that,

B6

None of these candidates is over 32 years old. The best writer among them is the youngest – 24. She is intellectually extremely mature and the only professional writer in the group. [REDACTED]

B6

[REDACTED] On the other hand, she's extremely smart and an excellent writer.

I have two more candidates who are working on second rounds of mock speeches. I need to see how quickly and effectively they grasp directions and feedback. Hopefully one of them will work out for us.

One other prospect materialized yesterday; am waiting to get a better feel for her suitability. I'm also re-mining journalistic contacts to see if I can possibly find a more seasoned writer from a newspaper or magazine who wants to make the switch to government. So far that has proven futile; the few journalists who I've reached out to were not interested in coming.

Will keep you posted.