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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 6, 2009 10:41 AM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** FW: Ensuring Energy Transitions

HRC:

FYI. This is my point.

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**From:** Hormats, Robert D  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2009 9:40 AM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Subject:** Re: Ensuring Energy Transitions

Hi Cheryl,

Thanks for your email. I am on a plane now -- headed back from Istanbul. I have not has any time to address this. But I will certainly work on it shortly. And in fact am meeting with David this week to do so.

But I also think it is essential to take into account the concerns of the Hill. In Jose's hearings and mine, the committee quite explicitly and directly said they expected us to play significant roles in energy. David should certainly have the lead role, as the secretary has said and as the legislation clearly spells out, but we also need to figure out how we can work together. And I am sure that can be done amicably under david's overall leadership in this area. But H should be consulted and talk to the SFRC before any changes are made to avoid any surprises and be sure they understand what is being done. And, of course, I want to be sure we bring in Jose on any discussions, since he has important interests in this.

Regards,  
Bob

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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**To:** Hormats, Robert D  
**Cc:** Smitham, Thomas D; Nelson, David D  
**Sent:** Tue Oct 06 08:04:36 2009  
**Subject:** Ensuring Energy Transitions

Bob:

I hope you are settling in -- looking forward to finding a moment to connect with you. I particularly want to make sure we follow-up on energy in your title and making sure lines are clear in that arena to avoid any dropped balls or missed opportunities.

I wanted to flag one matter now because the Secretary has asked David Goldwyn during her look-ahead meeting regarding energy, to move forward on several energy security priorities -- including engaging with key producers like Brazil, Mexico, Angola and Nigeria as well as addressing energy security concerns with consumers like China and India.

Given that E/EEB previously had the lead on energy matters before we had an International Energy Coordinator, I want to make sure you and he are properly and smoothly transitioning matters to him.

One example I know is pending that I discussed yesterday with the Secretary is Brazil. I know David will need to leverage our engagement on biofuels with Brazil, to take up issues that may be more challenging, like Brazil's hydrocarbons framework. Are you all making appropriate transitions on this?

Before I reach out to David, can you advise where things stand in this regard?

Thanks.

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