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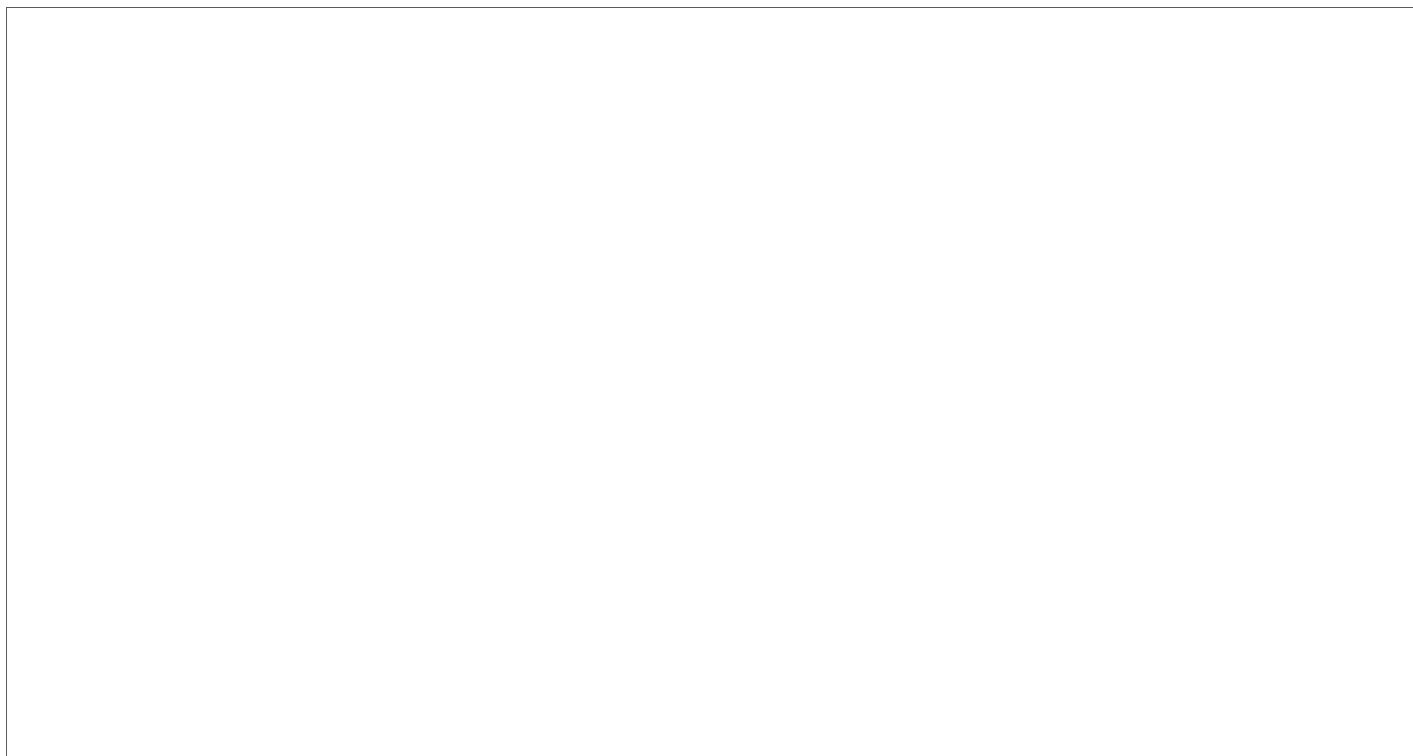
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- Bill noted that Opposition candidate Fonseka (who has Legal Permanent Residency in the U.S.) is seeking a way out of the country.
- On START, things are looking good after the Secretary's meeting with Lavrov and the President's conversation with Medvedev. Still talk of a Prague signing ceremony.

CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

- Should be hearings for ten nominees next week including Ann Stock for ECA.

- There will be a budget pre-brief on Friday. Rich is asking the Secretary to call Obey and Inouye, and would like her to host a breakfast or dinner next week for key appropriators and authorizers.

#### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- Some press interest in the Secretary's comments at the Town Hall on the State budget, especially the issue of whether State Ops will be cut or not. PJ thinks he can tamp this down.
- Will be media interest today in Secretary's bilateral with the Chinese and whether the issue of Google is raised.

#### LEGAL AFFAIRS

- Canton of Jura voted to accept the two Uighur brothers. Issue is now with the executive.
- Swiss Government now saying, in light of court decision, that they may need to reopen the agreement on access to information on American account holders at UBS. IRS may threaten to resume the civil lawsuit.
- Harold voiced misgivings [redacted] (I can give you more on the high side, if you would like.)

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#### ASSISTANT SECRETARIES MEETING – HIGHLIGHTS

##### EEB

- Koreans and Colombians were pleased the President mentioned their trade agreements in the SOU.

##### EUR

- Greek "second" Foreign Minister in town next week. Pressing for entry into the Visa Waiver Program. [redacted]

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##### EAP

- North Koreans announced another American reportedly taken into custody after crossing over the border. Not clear if this is the same one from December.

##### PRM

- Will be sending the Secretary a note/memo on use of PRM money for IDP's in Iraq and strategy to keep others engaged.