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In this morning's 8:45, which Cheryl chaired:

The FY11 approps bill was marked up in the Senate yesterday; we are working on details and evaluation which Rich will share separately. Pat K highlighted the complicated offsets to the [redacted] restored in consular fees, which included slashes to Iraq/Pak funding and CSI/CRS, among other items. Rich cautioned that the bill is unlikely to move anywhere quickly, noting the political dynamic likely to ensue from the inclusion of the Lautenberg amendment lifting the global gag rule and the broadest version of the Avena consular notifications language, among other issues. The President signed the supp last night; we have 90 days from 7/29 for our spending plan submission to OMB.

A mid-September date for [redacted] will be taken up in its place next week. Kerry and Lugar are expected to issue their workplan for the next six weeks as early as tonight.

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Our post in Ciudad Juarez, which handles all immigrant visas from Mexico and is the world's largest consular operation, is closed today due to credible threat reporting. They will re-evaluate over the weekend.

PJ and Rich discussed working up some press interest in the Kyl-held nomination of Raul Yzaguirre to go to the DR. We've already engaged McCain on his nomination.

Piper C noted Jack would call Michele Flournoy today on the [redacted] in 1207 funds which DoD now appears to want to mark for Pakistan; they had been penciled in for Timor, Ecuador, Guatemala. She added they had had a good trip through Iraq but the magnitude of the tasks related to the military turnover is sobering.

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