

RELEASE IN PART B5,B6

**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2010 2:11 PM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** FW: Engaging the Russians on The Senate's Resolution of Ratification (ROR) on NST

FYI – latest state of play on the Russians re: the instruments of ratification.

**From:** Gottemoeller, Rose E  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2010 1:40 PM  
**To:** 'McFaul, Michael A.'; 'ted.warner'; 'Michele.Flournoy'; Beyrle, John R; 'James.Miller'; 'Alexander.Vershbow'; 'McKeon, Brian P.'; Rublin, Eric S; 'Look, George W.'; 'McKeon, Brian P.'  
**Cc:** 'Michael.Elliott'; 'Celeste.Wallander'; 'Kenneth.Handelman'; 'Bradley.Roberts'; Hayden, Leslie M.; Dean, Paul B; 'Natalie.Quillian'; 'Jennifer.Walsh'; 'Anika.Binnendijk'; Lodge, Terri S; Verma, Richard R; Rusten, Lynn F; Taylor, Jerry A; Dean, Paul B; Wells, Alice G; Sullivan, Jacob J; Look, Karin L  
**Subject:** RE: Engaging the Russians on The Senate's Resolution of Ratification (ROR) on NST

I met with Amb Kislyak this morning and went over Paul Dean's points with him. Also told him the ratification process is now entering a new stage and there would be further work on the floor; new amendments being offered, some of which might be unpleasant and would have to be beaten back. I also said we would work to get the understandings out of the Instrument of Ratification, but I did not hold out any hope that it would actually happen.

Kislyak remains where he was the other day when I spoke with him, i.e. that it would be better to have a clean IOR because otherwise we might be into dueling IORs and would not be able to exchange them. I continued to emphasize that the understandings do not change the rights or obligations of the Treaty nor impose any new obligations on the Russians. He granted that he is not a lawyer and Russian lawyers would need to look at the ROR, but he was concerned about the tone—Cold War issues were being rehashed, he complained, like cheating and compliance. He didn't think it would play well at all in Moscow, and warned me of Russian Cold Warriors. I stressed it was important to take a measured tone in both capitals—he agreed with that—and also stressed that Chairman had beaten back all "killer amendments" in the mark-up process yesterday. Again, nothing affecting the rights or obligations of the Treaty is in the ROR, nor any new obligations imposed on the RF.

Bottom line: we agreed to stay in close touch. I told him I'd send him the clean final ROR as soon as I have it; also offered to put our lawyers in touch with their lawyers if it would prove helpful in reading through the ROR. He took that on board.

Will follow up further over the weekend and on Monday. RG

**From:** McFaul, Michael A. [mailto:Michael\_A\_McFaul];  
**Sent:** Friday, September 17, 2010 10:51 AM  
**To:** 'ted.warner'; 'Michele.Flournoy'; 'James.Miller'; 'Alexander.Vershbow'; McKeon, Brian P.; Gottemoeller, Rose E  
**Cc:** 'Michael.Elliott'; 'Celeste.Wallander'; 'Kenneth.Handelman'; 'Bradley.Robert'; Hayden, Leslie M.; Dean, Paul B; 'Natalie.Quillian'; 'Jennifer.Walsh'; 'Anika.Binnendijk';  
**Subject:** Re: Engaging the Russians on The Senate's Resolution of Ratification on NST