

RELEASE IN PART B5

**From:** Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 24, 2010 12:22 PM  
**To:** H  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Jacob J; Abedin, Huma  
**Subject:** Fw: Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Kislyak has requested to speak with the Secretary

See b/l

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**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**To:** Burns, William J; Mills, Cheryl D  
**Sent:** Fri Dec 24 12:16:01 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Kislyak has requested to speak with the Secretary

C - I vote for her to do.

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**From:** Burns, William J  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Sent:** Fri Dec 24 11:35:11 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Kislyak has requested to speak with the Secretary

Talked to Kislyak. He has been instructed by Medvedev to convey to the Secretary a quick message following on M's call [redacted] during which Medvedev promised that he would press for prompt Duma ratification of New START. The message is simple and positive: the Duma today passed the first reading of the treaty, which is the key step, and will likely complete the remaining readings and formal ratification in mid-January, right after the Russian holidays.

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Kislyak said he knew that it was unusual to request to pass this directly to S, esp on Xmas eve, but he is in a bind because of direct instruction from Medvedev.

If S has time for 3 min call, it would be a nice gesture, following Senate ratification. [redacted]

Thanks.

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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**To:** Burns, William J  
**Sent:** Fri Dec 24 11:19:07 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Kislyak has requested to speak with the Secretary

Thx

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**From:** Burns, William J  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Sent:** Fri Dec 24 11:18:32 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Kislyak has requested to speak with the Secretary

Will do

**From:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**To:** Burns, William J  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Sent:** Fri Dec 24 11:12:24 2010  
**Subject:** Fw: Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Kislyak has requested to speak with the Secretary

Can you connect w/ him?

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**From:** Smith, Alexis L  
**To:** SES-O\_S-Calls  
**Sent:** Fri Dec 24 10:57:04 2010  
**Subject:** Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Kislyak has requested to speak with the Secretary

Ambassador Kislyak said he has an urgent message to pass to the Secretary. He is available now through the rest of the day.