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From: Pickering, Thomas R [Redacted]
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Cheryl:

Below are the key elements of a statement which we would like to see the President send to the upcoming conference on Ocean Law Policy May 20-21 The Law of the Sea Treaty ratification has been a serious policy interest of this

administration. I realize there are other priorities but the the draft takes that into account. Anything that the Secretary might be able to do to get this statement issued by the President and sent to the Conference would be much appreciated. If that looks like too much heavy lifting and I know that is a rare commodity to be used judiciously, anything she might send herself along these lines would convey a clear and valuable signal and be most appreciated at home and abroad.(I have attached a conference agenda for your information). Tom Pickering

"I congratulate the Commission on Ocean Law Policy in your meeting to review the record and support the ratification by the United States of the Law of the Sea Treaty. I am pleased to join with every American President since the treaty was first submitted to the Senate in 1994, whether Democratic or Republican, all of whom have supported United States' adherence since the Convention. It is an important goal of this administration to secure Senate advice and consent to the 1982 Convention on the Law of the Sea [this year] [as soon as possible]. The convention has the support of every living Chief of Naval Operations and Commandant of the US Coast Guard, the endorsement of every living former Secretary of State since the Reagan Administration, the leading business organizations and industry associations and hundreds of other security experts, practitioners and scholars. By adopting this Convention, America will join 159 other nations plus the European Union in supporting the rule of law in the world's oceans. The Convention strengthens our security, secures our sovereignty and promotes the sustainable development of our ocean resources Adoption will facilitate access to offshore resources, enhance naval and air mobility, strengthen homeland security, and restore United States leadership in ocean affairs."