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**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 11:39 AM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** FW: Iraq issue

**From:** [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 9:11 AM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Subject:** Re: Iraq issue

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Hi Cheryl,

I am sorry to have missed you on the phone this morning. I should have called earlier! I would have much preferred to speak to you on the phone, but I don't want to lose time on this Monday morning either.

After careful thought and discussion this weekend, I have decided that I can't, in good conscience, renege on my many obligations and commitments to take on the full time Iraq job right now. I am extremely grateful for our discussion on Thursday and for your willingness to go to bat for me with the White House. As eager as I am to serve again, I regret very much that I am not in a position to take this on right now.

I am at [redacted] virtually all day.

Please convey my deep regrets about this to the Secretary as well as my profound thanks for the time she spent with me last Thursday.

All the best, [redacted]

On Thu, Jan 6, 2011 at 8:18 PM, Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov> wrote:  
 Like music to my ears - I already am working on it.

I hope you can catch Jake Sullivan and Jim Jeffery as well and then you might feel ready to discuss what makes sense.

I hope so.

Best

Cdm

**From:** [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]]  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 06 18:51:13 2011  
**Subject:** Iraq issue

Hi Cheryl,

Thank you very much for inviting me to meet with you today. I am very energized by the idea of coming back to State to work on an issue that matters so much. I wanted to let you know that I was able to have good

conversations today with Elissa Slatkin, Bill Burns, Tom Nides, Pat Kennedy, Jeff Feltman and Michael Corbin.

All the best, [redacted]  
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