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From: Rodriguez, Miguel E
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FYI.

Sujay was held at this afternoon's SFRC business meeting.

From: Rodriguez, Miguel E
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 4:20 PM
To: 'sujayc [redacted]'; Fallon, Robert M; Magarian, Sharyn; Posner, Michael H
Cc: Alvarado, Victoria A; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Lange, Bradley E
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Sujay,

As we suspected might happen, your nomination was held over at this afternoon SFRC business meeting. We can discuss next steps, but my initial reaction is that we should keep the DeMint meeting scheduled for later this week. Hopefully we can allay any concerns he and his staff might have at that meeting.

Thanks.

From: Rodriguez, Miguel E
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2010 1:47 PM
To: 'sujayc [redacted]'; Fallon, Robert M; Magarian, Sharyn; Posner, Michael H
Cc: Alvarado, Victoria A; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Lange, Bradley E
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Sujay,

As we discussed on Friday afternoon, the strategy for dealing with the Senate requires us to go one step at a time.

Your nomination is on the agenda for the SFRC business meeting tomorrow afternoon. We'll know coming out of that meeting whether there is a request to hold your nomination over. If there is such a request – and by rule any member of the committee is entitled to exercise their prerogative to hold a nomination over – then it becomes very unlikely that you will be confirmed prior to adjournment of the 111th Congress.

As we discussed last week, let's make time tomorrow evening to discuss where things stand.

From: sujayc [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2010 10:57 AM
To: Rodriguez, Miguel E; Fallon, Robert M; Magarian, Sharyn; Posner, Michael H
Cc: Alvarado, Victoria A; Fitzpatrick, Kathleen M; Lange, Bradley E; John_jones@schumer.senate.gov
Subject: Good morning:

I hope you are well. Thanks for the copies of all materials sent to me for the DeMint meeting later this week. If there are any updates on any countries, especially China, N. Korea, Afghanistan, Iraq & Iran, please let me know. Also, with Special Envoy Holbrook's illness, what affect that will have on our office's relationship with Afghanistan?. I am confident of my presentation and representation for the meeting.

Since before we get to the meeting, we have the Committee calendar date to get through, I needed clarification of what strategy we are putting in place to counter what might occur with Senator DeMint, since this is the final week before recess and my nomination would expire if not confirmed during this session..

I don't know if you had seen this resolution below which came out right about the same time I met with the Senator's staffers in July and when Peter Koviach was director of the office. You may recall Sen DeMint was the was the first "courtesy call" and we had not heard anything from his office until last week. This resolution is from a very conservative group with which he is familiar and there are other conservative clergy colleagues who have wanted to weigh in for some time and show their support,(from the National Clergy Coalition), many from his own state, but there was no avenue during the vetting process, and they respected the process.. Might this be a good time to send over the resolution to his office and/or have clergy contact him?

Also, as you know, my Senators from NY State, Sen. Schumer and Sen Gillibrand have offered to help in any way you feel would be helpful. Earlier before the Hearing date was set, Sen Hatch also offered his assistance. I understand his office did help with securing a Hearing date. The author of the resolution was helpful in making that introduction, and Sen Hatch was the only Senator to personally meet with me.

I seek your guidance. In the meantime, I am fully prepared for the meeting on Thursday and will continue to re-visit the information and materials sent. I am ready.

Thanks for your time and attention

Suzan Johnson Cook (Sujay)