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Cheryl, this is in response to the Secretary's question to me yesterday regarding cookstoves in Indonesia –

I have looked into the status of the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves' proposal to include a program in the proposed compact MCC is developing with Indonesia. In early April, the Cookstove Alliance submitted a preliminary concept paper through the UN Foundation. The MCC country team is working with the Cookstove Alliance to shape a partnership proposal that is suitable for MCC funding in terms of substance, approach, and scale.

MCC is very interested in aspects of the concept, including jump-starting consumer demand and private industry response for clean cookstoves. Other aspects of the proposal probably would not be appropriate for MCC, including the proposed scale of the program, given current budget constraints, and the use of a structure that provides grants to other governments' development agencies that are part of the Cookstove Alliance.

Our Indonesian counterparts were initially cool to the proposal—primarily, we believe, because the GOI has completed its own large, well-funded, multi-year cookstove initiative that chose not to seek foreign support, but nonetheless had considerable success. However, we will continue an active dialogue with GOI about including a cookstove-related project in the compact program.

Last Tuesday, MCC provided the Cookstove Alliance with detailed comments on its proposal and received a thank you note on Thursday, which also informed us that the Alliance intends to address MCC's feedback before resubmitting. The Alliance's next steps for developing the proposal will be to include a number of market and feasibility studies listed in the concept paper, clarify the contributions of other Cookstove Alliance members, conduct outreach to the Indonesians, and work on scaling the proposal to a realistic level. MCC's country team is ready to advise the Alliance on each of these steps.

I understand the priority that you place on this important initiative. I want to assure you that MCC will continue active engagement with GOI and the Cookstove Alliance in hopes of forging a productive partnership.

If you have any questions, please let me know.