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Subject: FW: Rally for the Congo in front of HST this Friday

A little different from how Johnnie reported it...

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To: Sullivan, Jacob J
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FYI on tomorrow's gathering. It's a group of activists who are respectful of the administration but want S to do more in the DRC. They want a Special Envoy appointed now (highlighted the purpose below). State's official response has been to not recommend a Special Envoy at this time. No idea how many people will actually show up tomorrow – the Congo desk officer is skeptical they will have enough support to surround the building.

As a side note, AFSA is organizing a 'rally to serve America' for government employees outside of the 21st street entrance tomorrow as well.

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FYI

Subject: RE: Senate Subcommittee on African Affairs

Hi Everyone,

I'm writing to let you know about a rally, JOIN HANDS FOR CONGO, which is taking place in front of the State Department on Friday, April 8th, at noon. We want to attract enough people to be able to form a human chain around the DOS!

The rally is being sponsored by the **Dear Hillary Campaign for the Congo** (www.dearhillarycampaign.wordpress.com) a student-led, nation-wide, grassroots movement targeting Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on behalf of the people of eastern Congo. Last fall, on Oct. 26, Secretary Clinton's birthday, 56 Dear Hillary Chapters (throughout the U.S. and in four foreign countries) showed Lisa Jackson's searing film, "The Greatest Silence, Rape in the Congo" and signed and mailed over 16,000 postcards to Secretary Clinton which combined birthday greetings with a plea that she make peace in East Congo a foreign policy priority. As a result of our efforts, we were invited to a meeting at the State Department with Ambassador Melanne Verwee on December 15. It was a good meeting, but since then, the **Obama administration has taken no significant action on Congo**. That's why this time, we are having a demonstration on behalf of the Congolese people outside the State Department. There will be speeches, drumming, and, with your help, a huge expression of solidarity. Our main demand echoes that of the Enough Project, Friends of the Congo, and the Eastern Congo Initiative: a **Special Envoy for the DRC**.

To learn more about the Dear Hillary Campaign, to sign our petition, and to register for the rally, please go to our website!

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