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**From:** Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 12, 2011 8:09 AM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** FW: Schedule

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**From:** Rodriguez, Miguel E  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 12, 2011 7:19 AM  
**To:** Mills, Cheryl D; Samuelson, Heather F  
**Subject:** Fw: Schedule

Just an FYI re Wendy.

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**From:** Rodriguez, Miguel E  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 12, 2011 07:18 AM  
**To:** 'wsherman' [redacted]  
[redacted] Fallon, Robert M  
**Subject:** Re: Schedule

Thanks, Wendy.

This may seem a bit counterintuitive, but in some respects we're a bit ahead of pace (and in others respects, slightly behind). With respect to scheduling courtesy visits, we've reached out to all Committee members to gauge their interest in a meeting. My suspicion is you're right -- they're all distracted by the debt talks and other associated issues. But the requests tend to spike once a hearing is scheduled, when there's more urgency from their perspective.

Where we're ahead of pace is the review of your nomination materials by Committee Counsels. In that sense, last week's cancelled recess bought us a couple of additional days. As you know, once that review is completed, we're all clear for scheduling a hearing date.

Committee leadership (Majority and Minority) know you're a top priority of the Secretary and the Department. I'm still confident you'll move through the Committee process in a fairly expedient manner. What is harder to gauge is what happens on the floor once your nomination is reported out. Whether we'll be able to resolve whatever issues might arise at that stage is difficult to discern. But I can assure you, we'll pull out all the stops.

And rest assured, while there are other nominees, we play favorites.

You're at the top of our priority list. And that doesn't come from just me. Cheryl and of course the Secretary share that sentiment.

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**From:** Wendy Sherman [mailto:[redacted]]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 12, 2011 06:49 AM

To: Rodriguez, Miguel E; Fallon, Robert M  
Subject: Schedule

Miguel and Rob,

Thank you for all of your support. I look forward to our meeting tomorrow and to continuing to move ahead. I know that Amber is already scheduling meetings but we seem to be a week behind the notional schedule that Miguel and Heather shared with me that anticipated courtesy calls this week and a hearing perhaps late next week. I appreciate that one can't push a river but wanted you all to know that I am ready to do courtesy calls this week, am a quick study, and cancelled a business trip for this week anticipating there might be meetings.

I know the Senate environment is very complex at the moment with the debt ceiling debate leaving everyone in a hurry up and wait mode on top of the usual July press. I know the Secretary and Cheryl had hoped for confirmation by the August recess, witnessed by the amazing effort by everyone to get the nomination up by the end of June. I also realize that that deadline may just not be possible. This note is to let you know that I am ready to do whatever you need me to do as soon as it is possible to do so. Again, thanks for all of your assistance understanding that you have many priorities on your plate, including other nominations. I also know that all nominees, including those of us who have been through this before, are probably overly anxious to get going. Nonetheless, I am ready to go and look forward to hitting the accelerator with you tomorrow. Thank you.

Best,  
Wendy

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