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**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J <SullivanJJ@state.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2011 7:19 AM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** Fw: MD Joint statement update

For your situational awareness.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Tauscher, Ellen O  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2011 06:07 AM  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Subject:** Re: MD Joint statement update

Thanks but don't know what to suggest. [redacted]

[redacted] He's also concerned about Senate reaction, something S and I know a little bit about and I'm confident we are well within our guidance. Certainly some Senators who criticize anything we do and aren't influenced by the facts will distort what we have said, also to be expected. That's why its important to get our message out and not dither. [redacted]

I'll let you know how things proceed. Thanks for the offer to help and if an opportunity arises, I'll let you know.  
Ellen

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2011 05:43 AM  
**To:** Tauscher, Ellen O  
**Subject:** Re: MD Joint statement update

Can we help?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Tauscher, Ellen O  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2011 05:34 AM  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Subject:** MD Joint statement update

Jake,  
We have been stymied in our interagency clearance of our Ad Ref text. [redacted]

[redacted]

Meanwhile, no word from Ryabkov on whether his leadership will agree either.  
Ellen

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