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Subject: My departure

As you know Cheryl and I been trying to identify candidates for my position after I leave. We have considered a number of internal and external candidates including [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] For a variety of reasons so far none have worked out. Frankly at this point I am out of ideas so I suggested to Cheryl that we reach out to Maggie. Not sure if you have mentioned it to her so I just wanted you to know I am going to try and set up a time to talk to her.

In terms of timing, I have told Cheryl I would like to leave as early next month as possible. I had planned to stay at least through the India education meetings in early June but since those have now been postponed until the Fall I have no major meetings or events on my calendar. If you have not identified a successor by the time of my departure then I would recommend that you consider naming Ann as Acting Under-Secretary. She is now very familiar with both the "building" and what we are trying to achieve in terms of a new direction for Public Diplomacy. She also has a very strong P/DAS in Adam Ereli who can manage ECA for her.

As I have told both you and Cheryl, my decision to leave at this point has been one of hardest decisions I have ever had to make. I am incredibly honored to have been given this opportunity and very proud of everything we have done to help turn your vision for diplomacy in the 21st century into reality. However, I now have a number of personal and family matters which require my urgent attention. I will of course be available to support my successor and provide you with any information or help I can.

Thanks again for all your support.

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