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Subject: FW: Favor

See below from Mullen's main guy, who I dealt with a lot over the past two years. Is this something you'd be comfortable doing? If so, I can draft up a few lines for your signature.

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From:
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2011 5:14 PM
To: Sullivan, Jacob J
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Jake, I have a favor to request.

I have to emphasize that I completely understand if the answer is "no".

I will be retiring from the service on 6 January. There is a ceremony in the Pentagon. (BTW, I sent you an invite, and would be honored if you could attend--ADM Mullen will be officiating.)

At these ceremonies, there is typically quite a bit of hoopla about the service member--awards, certificates, laudatory statements, remarks, etc.

The wife gets some nice comments from the speaker, and flowers. Which I think is wholly unsatisfactory. So I have been wracking my brain for something to make it more special for my wife, to whom I owe so very much, particularly these past years. As an advisor to a NSC principal, you can understand the sacrifice.

Well, she is a huge, huge fan of the Secretary Clinton. So you see where I am going.

Would it be possible for the Secretary to sign a very short note to Michele? Something very simple, and in no way presumes a relationship.

I would be happy to provide a draft if it would help. Mullen would read it aloud at the ceremony (or even better--you could if you have time to come)

I know its a lot to ask. But it would mean so much to her--and to me.

Hope you had a good break. Saw Mullen's feedback on the FRPB. He's headed to China with Kissinger in Jan--I'm writing a scensetter now...

Thanks for any consideration. And talk to you in the New Year.

Vr

Jim