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**From:** H <hrod17@clintonemail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 8, 2011 11:06 AM  
**To:** 'hanleymr@state.gov'  
**Subject:** Fw: Specter letter

Pls print.

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

**From:** Sullivan, Jacob J [mailto:SullivanJJ@state.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 09:51 AM  
**To:** H  
**Subject:** FW: Specter letter

I had asked my team to follow up on the Specter letter that came up in today's staff meeting. Peter worked with IO on it, and developed the below...

I meant to send this to you last week and it slipped off my radar.

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**From:** Harrell, Peter E  
**To:** Sullivan, Jacob J  
**Cc:** Le Mon, Christopher J  
**Subject:** RE: Specter letter

Jake--

Christopher and I wanted to follow-up with you on this. The Specter Letter somewhat misunderstood the purpose of the UN's Mediation Support Unit (MSU). The MSU provides technical experts who can give support UN mediators, not the mediators themselves. Essentially, the MSU has on-call outside experts (academics, think tanks, etc.) in things like constitutional drafting, revenue sharing mechanisms, etc., so that when a UN mediator needs technical expertise to finish brokering a deal between two parties, he has someone/someones to turn to.

In the UN system, mediation itself is generally done by a Secretary-General appointed Special Representative, Special Envoy, or other individual (eg, al-Khatib); it is that individual who calls on the MSU when needed. These Representatives are the kinds of individuals with the statute and title clout to actually broker deals

Best,

Peter

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-----Original Message-----  
From: Harrell, Peter E  
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 9:07 AM  
To: Sullivan, Jacob J  
Cc: Le Mon, Christopher J  
Subject: RE: Specter letter

Jake--

Absolutely. I'm going to work on this with Christopher Le Mon, Esther's Senior Adviser, who has also recently been doing other work on U.N. appointment issues and also thinking about how to get more out of the UN Department of Political Affairs, which we currently under-use.

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-----Original Message-----  
From: Sullivan, Jacob J  
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2011 6:41 AM  
To: Harrell, Peter E  
Cc: S\_SpecialAssistants  
Subject: Specter letter

Peter - Specter sent S a letter on something called the Mediation Support Unit at the UN (apparently it's in their public affairs shop). He proposes using it in Syria. Leaving aside Syria, S is (1) interested in whether we can breathe real life into it and what that would look like. She is also (2) interested in building a roster of highly skilled American mediators, like Ken Feinberg, who could be seconded to the unit to work on things like Cyprus.

Can you do some digging on (1) and some thinking on good candidates for (2)?

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