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**From:** McLeod, Mary [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 11, 2016 8:54 AM  
**To:** Grosh, Lisa J [REDACTED]; Simcock, Julian C [REDACTED]; Gill, Ruchi  
Gugliani [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Visek, Richard C [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Cuba claims

Yes, I can do 4.

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**From:** Grosh, Lisa J  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 11, 2016 8:43 AM  
**To:** McLeod, Mary; Simcock, Julian C; Gill, Ruchi Gugliani  
**Cc:** Visek, Richard C  
**Subject:** Re: Cuba claims

Mary,  
I am aware this outstanding. I emailed Tess on Monday that I was back and we were prepared to do the briefing, letting her know this week would be best, as I am in Geneva next week. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] can send around a draft paper later this morning that perhaps we could discuss later this afternoon. Would you be free around 4:00? This is one of the things I wanted to discuss with you before you left. [REDACTED]

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Thanks,  
Lisa

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** McLeod, Mary  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 11, 2016 7:26 AM  
**To:** Grosh, Lisa J; Simcock, Julian C; Gill, Ruchi Gugliani  
**Cc:** Visek, Richard C  
**Subject:** Fw: Cuba claims

I know L/CID doesn't have enough to do...

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 10, 2016 9:42 PM  
**To:** McLeod, Mary; Visek, Richard C  
**Subject:** Cuba claims

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I know that we are always asking, never giving, but . . . I would be grateful for your help in finalizing the Cuba claims resolution "options" paper that I understand that Lisa and Julian have been working on, even if in finalized form the paper is caveated and preliminary. My sense is that Avril and Ben are now quite interested in the claims issues and we have a window for educating them and potentially advancing policy consideration of the possibilities – if it would be helpful to discuss I'd be happy to do so. Thanks as usual, Brian

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**From:** Kovar, Jeffrey D [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 4, 2015 3:43 PM  
**To:** Simcock, Julian C [REDACTED] WHA-CCA Economic Unit [REDACTED]; Melamud, Anna [REDACTED]; Kimball, Emily J [REDACTED]; Khawam, Joseph N [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Grosh, Lisa J [REDACTED] Daley, John D [REDACTED] Wells, Mark A (Cuban Affairs) [REDACTED]; Perkins, Joan C [REDACTED]; Gill, Ruchi Gugliani [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent Clearance: TPs & Briefing Papers on Cuba Claims Dialogue  
**Attach:** FCSC Cuba Claims - Valuation TPs and Briefing Paper (For Clearance) (2).docx; FCSC Cuba Claims - Background TPs and Briefing (For Clearance) (2).docx; Mary McLeod Opening Remarks Cuba Claims Discussion (For Clearance) (2).docx

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A few points marked on three of the papers. Good luck!

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**From:** Simcock, Julian C  
**Sent:** Friday, December 04, 2015 12:36 PM  
**To:** WHA-CCA Economic Unit; Kovar, Jeffrey D; Melamud, Anna; Kimball, Emily J; Khawam, Joseph N  
**Cc:** Grosh, Lisa J; Daley, John D; Wells, Mark A (Cuban Affairs); Perkins, Joan C; Gill, Ruchi Gugliani  
**Subject:** Urgent Clearance: TPs & Briefing Papers on Cuba Claims Dialogue

All,

Attached for your review are talking points and briefing papers for the first meeting of the bilateral dialogue with Cuba on outstanding claims. There are five papers in total, including Mary's opening remarks.

With apologies for the short turnaround, we would be grateful for your review and clearances by **4:00 pm** today. Because the U.S. delegation leaves for Cuba on Sunday morning, this is a hard deadline.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks,  
Julian

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RELEASE IN  
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**From:** McLeod, Mary </O=SBUSTATE/OU=NCC  
AG/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MCLEODM>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2015 9:31 AM  
**To:** Grosh, Lisa J [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Cost, Lydia A [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Cuba Claims -- Request for Meeting

Grr.

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

From: Grosh, Lisa J  
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 9:27 AM  
To: McLeod, Mary  
Cc: Cost, Lydia A  
Subject: RE: Cuba Claims -- Request for Meeting

Now I'm copying Lydia. :-)

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

From: Grosh, Lisa J  
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 9:26 AM  
To: McLeod, Mary  
Subject: FW: Cuba Claims -- Request for Meeting

Mary,

Jeff let John know that we were meeting with the Cubans on December 8 and I believe that you will lead the delegation. [REDACTED] John has now asked for a meeting with you and clients before the December 8 meetings in Cuba. He has proposed Dec. 1, 2 or 3. I don't see how we can decline, and wanted to see whether you were around on Dec. 1 or 3 (Jeff is unavailable on Dec. 2). [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Also copying Lydia for scheduling purposes.

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BTW, Mark Wells emailed this morning that TV Marti had a story indicating that the two governments are discussing claims.

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[REDACTED] here is the link to the story:

<http://www.martinoticias.com/media/video/cuba-y-estados-unidos-estarian-discutiendo-expropiaciones/109296.html>

Thanks,  
Lisa

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

From: Bellinger III, John B. [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 8:51 AM  
To: Kovar, Jeffrey D; Grosh, Lisa J  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Cuba Claims -- Request for Meeting

Hi Jeff/Lisa:

Just circling back on this, as our clients will need to arrange flights to DC.

Many thanks.

John

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

**From:** Melamud, Anna [REDACTED] RELEASE IN FULL  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2016 12:34 PM  
**To:** Grosh, Lisa J [REDACTED]; McLeod, Mary [REDACTED]; Visek, Richard C [REDACTED]; Highsmith, Newell L [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Kovar, Jeffrey D [REDACTED]; Simcock, Julian C [REDACTED]; Heath, J. Benton [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: NSC briefing on Cuba

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+ Newell.

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**From:** Grosh, Lisa J  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 12:28 PM  
**To:** McLeod, Mary; Visek, Richard C  
**Cc:** Kovar, Jeffrey D; Melamud, Anna; Simcock, Julian C; Heath, J. Benton  
**Subject:** FW: NSC briefing on Cuba

Mary and Rich,

Tess called us last week to ask for background on Cuba claims, indicating that there was growing interest on this at the NSC, in connection with further regulatory changes that could be made. We gave her the run down on U.S. claims against Cuba, and Cuba's claims against the U.S. We discussed both the FCSC certified claims (and meetings we had with certain holders of large claims) and the VOT claims and the challenges presented by the judgments. Finally, we provided a readout of the first round of claims talks we had in December. Following the call, we forwarded to her the papers and TPs we prepared for the December talks.

Since then, and based on the email below, it would appear that Avril and Ben Rhodes are seeking a briefing on claims and that D would participate. I wanted to make you aware of this, both to put it on your radar in the event you are approached separately and also to see if you have any suggestions about how to manage this. I have a call in to Tess to see if she knows anything further. I have also been keeping Mark Wells (WHA/CCA) in the loop on all of this. We are preparing materials that could be used for a briefing, in addition to an options paper to help focus thinking on options for the next round with Cuba, which would occur in Washington in the March/April time frame.

Many thanks,  
Lisa

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**From:** Grosh, Lisa J  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 9:30 AM  
**To:** Gonzales, Yvonne M  
**Cc:** Heath, J. Benton; Simcock, Julian C  
**Subject:** RE: NSC briefing on Cuba

Hi Yvonne,

We are not aware that any briefing has been scheduled either. We have given an informal briefing to NSC Legal, and based on this, will reduce our points to briefing materials and points that can be raised. Let me also touch base with WHA and our front office. We'll be back in touch.

Thanks,  
Lisa

**From:** Gonzales, Yvonne M  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 8:59 AM  
**To:** Grosh, Lisa J; Simcock, Julian C  
**Subject:** NSC briefing on Cuba

Hi Lisa/Julian,

I understand you are working the claims issues and may brief the NSC. The Deputy has been invited to attend this meeting and agreed. I haven't heard anything in terms of scheduling other than the NSC wanted the briefing this week. I would like to request that you share your briefing materials with me in advance for the Deputy, plus any points you would like him to raise. Let me know if there are any issues that you might want to flag in particular and whether it makes sense for us to discuss in person.

Thanks,

**Yvonne M. Gonzales**  
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