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**Subject:** Meeting Request from the Angolan President

Hi Allen,

I hope this email finds you well during the August recess. I don't believe we've formally met but by way of introduction my name is Tommy Andrews, formerly of White House Leg Affairs and Speaker Boehner and Ryan's offices. I was Leader McCarthy's White House liaison during the previous Administration.

The President of Angola, João Lourenço, is traveling to Washington, DC, in September and respectfully requests a meeting with Leader McCarthy. President Lourenço will be in the US for the United Nations General Assembly and is traveling to Washington to speak at the ICCF U.S. Congressional International Awards Dinner on September 20th and would welcome the opportunity to meet with Leader McCarthy on Tuesday, September 21st.

As you may know, President Lourenço is working to improve bilateral relations with the US and is particularly interested in expanding opportunities for American businesses to invest and operate in Angola. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these efforts with the Leader.

A formal request from the Ambassador should've been sent to your office on Monday. We sincerely hope to arrange at least a brief meeting with the Leader and in the event we're able to do so and Speaker Pelosi grants a meeting as well, we'd love to combine the two meetings. We obviously defer to you and your team on the latter and above all else appreciate your consideration of the request for Leader McCarthy.

Lastly, just as an FYI, Ambassador do Espírito Santo, Ambassador Victor Lima, Luis Fernando, and a few members of the President's advance team will be on Capitol Hill this Thursday, September 2nd in preparation for the President's trip. Please let me know if you or anyone on your team have interest in a brief meeting with the group as you consider this meeting request.

Please note that Squire Patton Boggs and I both work on behalf of the Angolan Government and are registered under FARA.

Thank you and GoHeels!

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