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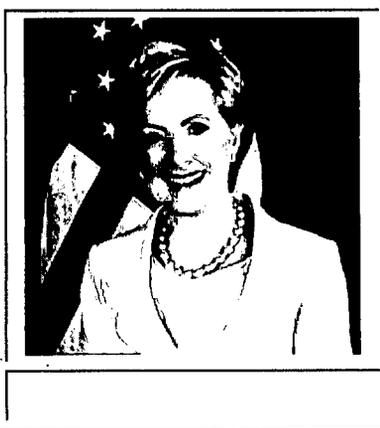
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**From:** DiMartino, Kitty  
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Dear PD Leadership Team,

Judith wanted me to let you know that she is delighted to announce that Assistant Secretary Ann Stock will be serving as Acting Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs beginning Tuesday, July 5. The R front office will put out an Admin Notice on Friday to notify the building of Ann's status as Acting Under Secretary. Information about other changes in the R front office, including new Special Assistants and Staff Assistants as a result of the normal Foreign Service summer churn, will also be included.

Ann will begin to be briefed in on a variety of topics beginning tomorrow. The comprehensive briefing book that many of you have worked hard to contribute to will be put to good use. We suggested that Ann could crack it open on Tuesday, but she prefers to take it with her tomorrow evening to have for the holiday weekend.

With Ann at the helm of ECA, an enormous amount has already been achieved. Her support in implementing elements of the Strategic Framework for Public Diplomacy has been critical in helping us get back in the game and extend our reach to foreign publics, through the tools PD professionals the world over have so vigorously endorsed: English teaching, alumni outreach, cultural programs, educational advising, exchanges and science diplomacy.

Ann has built strong relationships with her peers on the PD leadership team as well as with Ambassadors and PAOs at Posts, her interlocutors in foreign governments and partners at educational and cultural institutions, NGOs and the business community. In leading the ECA bureau, she has worked hard to ensure that programs and initiatives are informed by an understanding of the policies we are pursuing and the publics with whom we are engaging. As Acting Under Secretary, she will continue to challenge PD practitioners to articulate the PD-policy connection and to similarly connect resources to policy priorities.

Ann has our best wishes as she undertakes this role, and we know she will be well supported by peers and colleagues who will make it look easy (even when it's not).

Regards,  
Kitty