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Take a look at the attached letter from rene Fonseca to the Times Picayune. It is short, to the point and brings up an interesting point worth using against the obstructionist (see underlined).

A. What are your thoughts on having him forward to additional publications?

B. What are your thoughts on having him send this letter to the Senate Democrats? (This may be something Hatch/Frist could use in his remarks when we reconvene.)

Lastly, Wendy, please reach out to Rene to offer your briefing on the latest environment on the Hill and language we want him to get across while in New Orleans and against Landrieu.

Dear Editor,

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I have read the statements made by senators and other interest groups, and have not seen one compelling reason why the Senate should not confirm Mr. Estrada. What was particularly shocking was to hear one politician accuse him of not being "Hispanic enough." How can one be more Hispanic than Estrada? He was born and raised in Honduras, and came to the U.S. speaking almost no English at 17 years old.

Those of us who have been fighting to achieve genuine rule of law in Honduras fail to understand why Estrada is being so maliciously maligned \* merely because he has not revealed enough of his personal opinions. In countries where there has been a real struggle to have an independent judiciary, we have long admired the fact that U.S. judges are generally apolitical.

Hondurans would give anything to have a judge like Miguel Estrada who has an outstanding record upholding The Constitution.

Sincerely,

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