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This reminds me that I want to talk to you about my role and

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Christine and Kirsten: I hope the political side lets you do something similar or at least hold technical briefings, or the US will effectively drive the narrative and put you at a disadvantage. I have suggested to PMO - Ray, Bill, Howard, Meredith that I

USTR CLEARS ADVISERS TO READ TPP DRAFT: Starting today, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative's advisers will receive access to the full negotiating text of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a spokesman for the agency confirmed Wednesday.

"This week, a diverse group of trade advisers — including labor unions, industry experts, environmental groups and public advocates — will begin viewing draft TPP negotiating text as part of the congressionally established trade advisory process," the spokesman told POLITICO.

The advisers will receive full access to the draft negotiation text to ensure they can adequately prepare congressionally mandated reports on TPP, the agency said. "The Obama administration firmly believes that the input of a wide array of voices is integral to trade negotiations, which is why we have grown the size and membership of our trade advisory committees," the spokesman said.

USTR has more than 20 advisory committees, the majority of which are composed of industry representatives and focus on various sectors. The agency's statement indicates the Labor Advisory Committee, which represents unions, and environmental advocates on the Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee will receive the same access as business representatives. This is the first time USTR has released the whole text to cleared advisers, an industry source said.