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I would use the word "worked" instead of "persuaded"

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On Dec 28, 2017, at 9:13 AM, Newell, Russell <[russell\\_newell@ios.doi.gov](mailto:russell_newell@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

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On Wed, Dec 27, 2017 at 7:44 PM, John Tanner <[john\\_tanner@ios.doi.gov](mailto:john_tanner@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

In #4 you need to change "deputy secretary for Indian affairs" to "assistant secretary for Indian affairs"

#6 what do you mean by "successfully requested?" Is making the request what we are counting? Or was the funding authorized? Maybe a better way to say it would be "began the process of working with Congress to authorize full funding..."

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