

U.S. Denies Russian Newspaper Report

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WASHINGTON — The United States denied on Thursday a Kommersant report that Secretary of State Hillary Clinton had asked Russia to warn Iran that it was facing its "last chance" to resolve the dispute over its nuclear program diplomatically.

"The secretary did not send a warning to the Iranians through Foreign Minister [Sergei] Lavrov," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland told reporters when asked about the Wednesday report.

Asked whether Clinton had used the word "last" in talks with Lavrov on Monday, Nuland replied: "She didn't use that adjective in her meeting."

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