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Good morning Cheryl and Raj---

Thanks for all you're doing every minute. After following the press closely and talking w folks inside and outside govt, I have a few issues to raise:

Gen Honore who eventually took over in New Orleans is a good guy and I'm sure trying to help, but he is all over the media saying we made a mistake putting AID in charge instead of the military. One of us needs to call him and explain why that would have sparked a public negative reaction from Haiti, UN and countries like Brazil and that Raj is working closely w Gen Keen. And, in fact, aid has moved faster than troops.

Do you want me to call him?

Who should be the daily briefers, since I don't think that's the best use of either of you going forward. And should we alternate sites w DOD?

Don't forget Eric Schwarz, Asst Second for Population, Refugees and Migration, was Bill's deputy for the tsunami and brings a wealth of experience re recovery and reconstruction. I will forward to you the memo he sent me.

We need to monitor media and rebut inaccuracies and outright misstatements. Judith McHale caught Al Jazeera reporting that what we were doing in Haiti was like what we did in Baghdad. I will talk w her and PJ to set up such a monitoring system.

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[REDACTED] Ron Kirk called to report that he was woking on getting commitments from retailers like the Gap to start textile factories as soon as feasible.

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Other agencies are also trying to help. I suggest we set up a govt wide conference call w everyone to report and solicit ideas. I will start that process to find a time.