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Re: Passback and Approps committees

As far as Afghanistan goes, we still do not know if a budget amendment will be going up next week or not. We should know by Monday morning. Our staff has been asked to prepare a template without numbers so a decision could be implemented quickly. I am confident that there will be time to have a discussion both at the highest levels at OMB and the WH before this is locked. As far as the 2011 budget goes, we should hear back at least from staff early next week and I will reach out to Peter and Rob to start a discussion at the top line level. I think we will want you to enagage some time this coming week, but I would like to see what the real gap is first.

On Sat, Dec 5, 2009 at 12:07 PM, H < <u>HDR22@clintonemail.com</u>> wrote:

As you know, I will testify on Dec 15 and want to know if that is too late to sound the alarm about our budget? If so, what should I be doing? If not, we should prepare testimony that we preview and deliver that makes our case. Let me know your thoughts.

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