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I know world events are pressing in, but thought I'd send an update on the health care story, which I promised to do.

I spent a lot of times with Robert Pear about 10 days ago and then checked back in with him a couple of days ago. I gave him everything off the record, with the understanding that he would report out this story in his own voice. I gave him the FEHBP story, in addition to all of the policies in the bill that were in your campaign plan (and that weren't in the Obama campaign plan). He was very interested; in our conversation last week, he indicated that his own reporting preliminarily indicated that the FEHBP idea didn't originate on the Hill. He has a fair amount more work to do on the story, but he seems pretty excited about it, or as excited as Robert gets.

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Also, I meant to tell you this on the phone last week, but I understand [REDACTED] may be up for an important job at State. I don't know much of anything about it, and the job may have been filled by now, but he was very helpful to the campaign, so I thought I'd send that along.

Finally, I have to put a pitch in for you to speak at CAP. I know John has talked to Cheryl about this a few times, so I don't mean this as overkill, but as Secretary of State you've been to Brookings for a few events, and it would be great if you could do a speech at CAP. We are pretty good at driving press coverage for our events, though of course, you hardly need that assurance.

Hope you had time to rest over Memorial Day weekend, before the crush of events.

Neera