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See below - this guy who has been doing so much of the work is great - we lose him in aug b/c [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] want to make sure you meet him lgf he goes.

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I've been hearing really incredible feedback on the secretary's speech. One thing that people keep saying is that this is the first time they can recall a secretary getting "technical" on the issue. Often times leaders just tell feel good stories. I think we really took a big step forward by laying out our vision for food security through the seven areas of focus and how we'll work through country-led processes like CAADP. People also really like how Megan made that great connection between Ejeta's life work and our plan going forward. Megan did a great job laying out the lab to farm to market to table. That's exactly what we're going for and what hasn't been articulated well in the past. Let's keep the dialogue at a high level and really challenge people on this issue in the future – not just regurgitate USAID success stories like we did during the Bush years!

Best,
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