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Sent: Friday, September 11, 2009 9:57 PM
To: H
Subject: Fw: urgent: G20 update

Pls see note from anne-marie with a g-20 update. Steinberg has not weighed in yet.

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To: Sullivan, Jacob J; Mills, Cheryl D
Cc: Chollet, Derek H; Abedin, Huma; Steinberg, James B
Sent: Fri Sep 11 20:15:14 2009
Subject: Re: urgent: G20 update

I'm looping in Jim, for his counsel and as he may have later information.

For S:

As of today, here's where we are on the G-20. At Pittsburgh it will be announced that the G-20 will have a continuing role as the global forum on economic, financial, "and related issues." Canada will host the next G-20 mtg in June 2010 and Korea will hold the following mtg in November 2010 on the margins of APEC.

Based on today's negotiations, there will still be a role for the G-8, as well as for other political forums, but it will not meet as a separate summit, but rather on the margins of the NATO summit or some other summit. 5 G-8 members are apparently on board with this, but France is holding out strongly for the G-14, apparently supported by Japan and Italy. China, as a member of the G-5, is opposed to the G-14 b/c it feels like a second class citizen in the g-8 + 5 format. The G-5 as a whole are asking that the G-20 be trimmed back to the original 20 to cut down on European over-representation.

The actual nature/future of the G-8 is still to be fought out -- as I have argued in the past, we have a lot to gain with the G-20 members who are not in the G-14 by opposing the G-14 as a political replacement for the G-8. But for now, it is critical that before the US publicly commits to the G-20 (as POTUS may do in a speech on Monday) we secure two key commitments from him.

1) You attend the G-20 (after Pittsburgh) together w/ Treasury and that there be a co-sherpa process for the G-20 as with the G-8 now. The "related issues" that Treasury contemplates addressing in the G-20 include climate change, food security, and other development issues. We simply have to be there. Other G-20 countries, like Mexico, have their foreign ministries as sole sherpas.

2) That we be tasked with figuring out which parts of the g-8 apparatus (lots of working groups and ministerials) be moved to the G-20 and which stay with the G-8 or be constituted independently.

[redacted] is obviously the most direct source of information, altho I have deliberately not raised any attendance/sherpa issues w/ him.

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Great -- she is now expecting them!

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Will do from train this evening.

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Adding Huma. Thanks for the heads up. She is likely seeing him this weekend, so she could raise this if she had specific and easy-to-digest points to make, at least as a marker. I defer to Huma on whether she has time for a call; in the meantime, writing up the points in an email would be useful.

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