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You should read - think I am again back at thinking you may have to address with potus

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I met this week with representatives of the Gates and Hewlett foundations (and attended a small dinner Monday night w/ the new head of Gates), [redacted] met with the Polad for the chief of the navy on how they could help us; had a "fair and frank exchange of views" [redacted] and met with my counterpart from DFID. The highlights:

- 1) Based on some very questionable data, [redacted] is emphasizing that the biggest actors in development other than governments are the World Bank, the UN, and the private sector -- as opposed to foundations and NGOs. They apparently think we should be giving much more money to multilateral institutions and working through them to maximize our influence. Erica Barks-Ruggle and USUN were not surprisingly pleased. I pushed back on the data issue; am also pushing back hard on dividing the world of foreign affairs into economics and national security.
- 2) [redacted] said repeatedly this morning that "the Hill" was planning to move fast on foreign assistance legislation. We need to focus on our engagement strategy there; Karen and other members of the QDDR team briefed staffers yesterday.
- 3) The best thing about the QDDR to date is that it put us and AID (skip Waskin was at the briefing [redacted], good call Jack!) firmly together pushing for our joint equities against DoD and Treasury. [redacted] didn't quite know what to make of it.
- 4) [redacted] is pushing hard the line that "75 percent of the agencies in the government do development, so it obviously can't be a State/AID thing." [redacted] gave as an example the G-20 in Pittsburgh and Treasury's role; I pushed back. We have to figure out a firm and consistent answer on this in the context of leading whole of government initiatives asap.
- 5) In a delightfully ironic twist, my DFIF counterpart gave me whole little speech on how important diplomacy is to negotiating the agreements and applying the pressure necessary to make development work. And if there were any doubt that Britain has gone too far, the DFIF cards don't have the British crown on them, in contrast to the embassy cards -- we finally found it hidden on the back! But DFID was thrilled we are doing this review and even offered to send someone to help.

I'm writing up plenty of questions for our group.
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