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Richard,

Some final thoughts. Small stuff that would, however, yield big dividends.

A quick call from POTUS or the Secretary before President K is wheels up Sunday evening here. Next best would be a call enroute. So much has been invested – another act of reassurance that we are committed to making this work would not be wasted. [I assume a VTC will not happen now.]

While we are generally confident that President K will stay positive and on message while Stateside, the schedule is demanding and there are – of course – risks. Would recommend that senior level officials with whom President Karzai has good established relations accompany him on moves to events that will include Congressional and/or media exposure. It is true that the last one in before the event can have a tremendous influence on moods.

Last – a brief call from POTUS to President Karzai when he is at Andrews waiting to fly back to Kabul would also be a good gesture.

See you Monday, hopefully not covered with too much volcanic ash.

Karl