

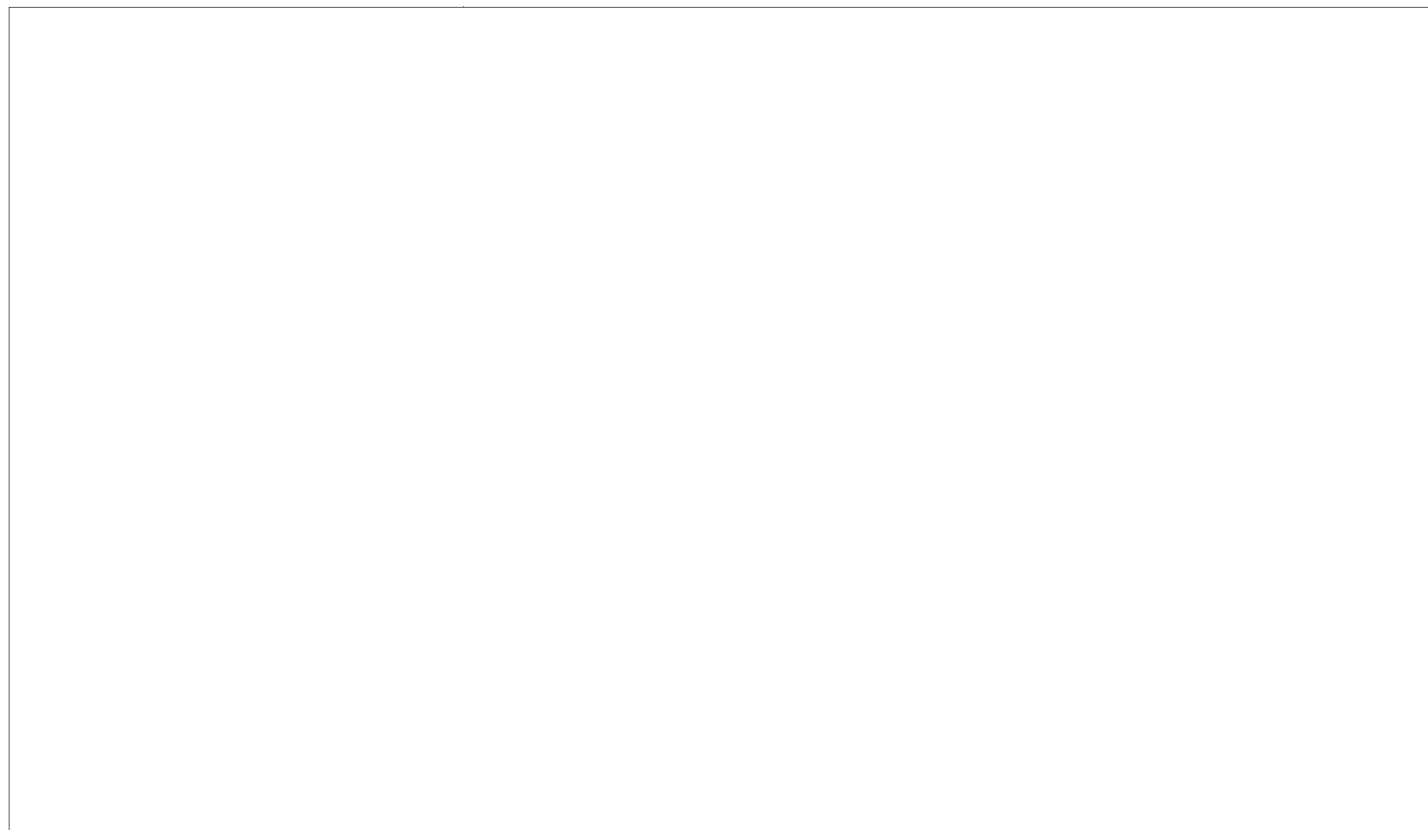
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I do hope you are well. You have been much in my thoughts as I have followed your travels and wondered how you are doing amidst all the budget craziness. I hope I am not being too paranoid in being concerned about the fact that DoS is being lumped together with DoD, DHS etc as a "security" department, subject to automatic reductions if there is another stalemate. I know we all believe strongly that our diplomatic efforts are essential for our national security but I worry that under the new scenario we will be hit harder than the other departments.



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