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To: Sullivan, Jacob J
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Jake,

Hope things are rolling along smoothly on the road.

This is the draft comment that L drafted in the Secretary's name to give to Paul Starobin, the reporter profiling Harold for the NYT magazine. It wouldn't be deployed until after Harold sits with the reporter on Monday.

Philippe and Mike are good with it; wanted to see if you would clear with the Secretary.

Thanks.

"I have known Harold Koh for a long time in the many different roles we have both played over the years. I have known Harold as a law professor, as Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, as Dean of Yale Law School, and now as State Department Legal Adviser.

As Legal Adviser, Harold plays a critical role in advising me and the Department on the multitude of complex legal issues we confront every day. He leads what I like to call 'the greatest international law firm in the world,' and he does so with candor, energy, and incredible intellect. In these times of grave challenges and great opportunities for the United States, I have come to rely on Harold's clear-eyed and unvarnished legal advice more than ever. He is an essential part of my team and a valued asset to our country."

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