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As you know, CETUSA's status as a SWT sponsor was terminated yesterday, largely as a result of the findings of our Investigation into the Palmyra situation in August. Julia Preston, the Times reporter who broke the story, just learned of the termination and left a voice mail to discuss the story.

We have conferred w/PA, L, H and CA and believe it is important to speak with Julia. PA will call Julia today for more details about storyline, deadlines, etc. Also, we will brief Hill committees and interagency colleagues so that they hear the news directly from us before reading it in the Times.

Our plan is to have ECA DAS Rick Ruth speak with the Domestic Policy Council, NSS and Labor representatives today. Each has asked that we alert them as soon as action has been taken. Tomorrow, H and Rick will speak with key staffers from Sen. Casey's office and our oversight committees. Once we have made those calls, and at PA's direction, we will be available to speak with Julia.

Should she raise the topic, we are prepared to speak to the events concerning the six CETUSA-sponsored SWT students in Alaska. Weather has delayed their departure from Sand Point, but they are due to arrive in Anchorage today and will be assigned to other places of employment. We are in contact with all of them to ensure their health and safety. We are also reaching out to the other 41 SWT students in Alaska (30 of them under CETUSA sponsorship) to ascertain their welfare. We are taking all necessary measures to ensure their safety and well-being as well.

As we have more information, we will be sending updates.

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