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you probably already got this but this is the message from last night from

Hillary is on the right track -- to see if the Burmese government is serious about reforms. The question is who is the real decision maker. The civilian government is on a long leash held by the "retired" military leaders. Than Shwe will "allow" Thein Sein's initiatives so long as it suits him.

"Face" is extremely important to the Burmese. They do not like to be "lectured" to, even in private.

Any measures that will make the daily lives of the people better will be welcomed by all sides. The ordinary citizens need and want relief before political freedom or democracy.

The ethnic minorities conflicts are historic and may remain a continuing issue with ebbs and flows.

My fondest regards to Hillary. Please let me know if she needs anything else.

Thanks,

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