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Subject: Re:

I have been communicating with Charles Donohue on your staff. I told him we would arrange for the two of you to visit for a few minutes after the public event.

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From: Owens, Bill

To: 'hdr22@clintonemail.com'

Cc: Abedin, Huma

Sent: Wed Feb 18 21:06:09 2009

Subject:

Dear Hillary,

I'm so pleased that your Asia visit is going so well. Indonesia is so important and the reports have been really excellent all over Asia. I have been in Beijing for the last couple of days, and the anticipation of your arrival at the very top of the govt is unusual.

I wonder if there is any way we could find to get a very few mins of your time while you're in Beijing? I understand from Huma that there is a reception at the embassy but I think a few private mins either before or after might be valuable. In particular, I think the viability of the "level 2 initiatives" such as the most senior level 4 star Sanya initiative, and a planned similar set of talks with "very highly regarded economists" from both sides "the Summer Palace Engagement" (which are now very far along) might be a great complement to your diplomatic initiatives. These seem to have been accepted as important at the highest levels in China, and I wanted to give you some color on their status before your meetings. I have been quite close to the highest level military and to the senior economic advisors to Hu and Wen, and I want to be helpful to your efforts. I know how busy your schedule is, but if there is a way to get some separate time at any time that fits for you, I would love to do so. I'm cheering for you to have a great China visit.

Warm best wishes,

Bill