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**Fw: Morning Senior Staff Meeting**

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Cheryl,

Jack Lew had a conflict and Pat Kennedy is traveling. Here are the highlights per your request:

- Sudan – As expected, ICC issued indictment of President al-Bashir on charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity. (Gordon noted that the press has picked up on the fact that the indictment does not include genocide.) Our Embassy in Khartoum reports things calm so far, although demonstrators are gathering and internet access has been interrupted. We have stood up a virtual Monitoring Group to follow the situation. Bill Burns reported that we seem to be ok in Security Council where there are not enough votes to block ICC action. In terms of public affairs,

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[REDACTED] (L noted separately that the Sudanese are preparing their legal case, including claims of head of state immunity.)

- Mexican Trucking – Mike Polt reported on [REDACTED]

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- Historians Office – Jim noted he continues to hear concerns about the operation of the office. Bill noted Pat had been working the issue and said he would follow up with him to see where things stand.
- North Korea – Brief classified discussion of options in response to possible event there.
- Cuba and Senator Menendez – Mike Polt noted that Senator Menendez remains unhappy about provisions in Omnibus on Cuba and is prepared to vote against the bill for this reason.
- Turkey and Armenia – Bill noted that the Swiss intermediaries are pushing for a signing event for the agreement sometime in March, so the Secretary's visit is timely.
- Congressmen Rothman (D-New Jersey) and Kirk (R-Illinois) and Gaza Assistance – Mike noted that the congressmen were planning to hold a joint press conference today expressing concern about possible diversion (to Hamas) of some of our \$900 million in assistance pledged for Gaza. They plan to introduce a non-binding resolution. H will proposed that Jack Lew call Rothman today to assure him that we have provisions in place to prevent diversion.

Dan