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Re: What happens now?

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To: hdr22@clintonemail.com

CC: Neera Tanden

Subject: Re: What happens now?

In all honesty, things are a bit grim, though in a lot of flux. The machinations are a bit intense, and too long for email, but the short synopsis is: They are thinking of separating out the office of health reform from HHS and the names in circulation in the press for HHS are the real names - I've seen their list and there's no one, really, who is going to give this issue the oomph it needs. And there are people they are thinking of that would be counterproductive. But more importantly, the economic team, which has been trying to undermine health care, is now more free to take it over, and has been moving to do so over the last few days. That may be blocked, but I'm not optimistic. The fight around the budget was pretty intense and a bit dire, even before the Daschle fiasco.

So, as you can imagine, I've been better. I've been meaning to email you to get your advice. I know how busy you are, but please let me know if you have any time to talk. I'd really appreciate your guidance.

Neera

--- On Sun, 2/8/09, H wrote:

From: H

Subject: What happens now?

To: "Neera Tanden"

Date: Sunday, February 8, 2009, 7:09 AM

What are the plans for replacing Daschle and getting momentum again? Are you doing ok? Let me know. HRC

