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That is fabulous, and Doug it would not have been possible without your making yourself so available (after hours and off site, naturally) to help plug people in to the relevant machinery.

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Folks,

I just wanted to give you all a summary of a post November 7th update I received the other night. Presidential Personnel pulled together a meeting of all of the Administration's White House Liaison's and the WH Political Affairs office. Karl Rove opened the meeting with a thank you for all of the work that went into the surrogate appearances by Cabinet members and for the 72 Hour deployment. He specifically thanked, for going above and beyond the call of duty, the Dept. of Commerce, Transportation, Agriculture, **AND the WH Drug Policy Office.**

This recognition is not something we hear everyday and we should feel confident that our hard work is noticed.

All of this is due to our efforts preparing the Director and the Deputies for their trips and events. Director Walters and the Deputies covered thousands of miles to attend numerous official events all across the country. The Director and the Deputies deserve the most recognition because they actually had to give up time with their families for the god awful places we sent them. I attached the final list of all of the official events that the Director and Deputies attended.

Karl also launched into a feisty discussion about the plans for the final two years of this administration. In no uncertain terms, he said he is not going to let the last quarter of this presidency be dictated to by the Capitol Hill.

There are a number of things this administration and more specifically ONDCP have to accomplish before the time is up. It is time to regroup and move forward.

In the next 2-3 weeks I am going to set up one on one meetings will all political appointees to get a sense your plans for the next two years. It will just be informational for planning purposes.

Thanks again,

Doug Simon

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