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# THE DAILY DIARY OF PRESIDENT BARACK H. OBAMA

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON D.C.



April 7, 2011  
12:45 AM THURSDAY

START	END	DESCRIPTION
12:45 AM	12:45 AM	P [REDACTED]
7:30 AM	7:30 AM	R [REDACTED]
9:37 AM	P6/b(6)	The President went to the Oval Office.
9:37 AM	9:41 AM	P The President talked with the Speaker of the House, John A. Boehner (R-Ohio).
9:38 AM	*	The President met with: William M. Daley, Assistant and Chief of Staff David Plouffe, Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor Jacob J. Lew, Director of the Office of Management and Budget Robert L. "Rob" Nabors II, Assistant to the President and Director of Legislative Affairs
9:43 AM	9:45 AM	P The President talked with Senator Harry Reid (D-Nevada).  The President went to the Situation Room.
10:12 AM	10:53 AM	R The President participated in a secure conference call on Libya. For a list of attendees, see <u>APPENDIX "A."</u>  The President returned to the Oval Office.
12:10 PM	12:22 PM	The President participated in a photo opportunity with: Bernard Arnault, CEO, LVMH Harvey Weinstein, President and producer, The Weinstein Company Anna Wintour, Editor-in-Chief, Vogue Magazine Valerie B. Jarrett, Senior Advisor and Assistant for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement
12:22 PM		The President went to the Oval Office dining room.

(\*) Indicates event time unconfirmed.

(P, R) Indicates phone call placed, received.



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON D.C.



April 7, 2011  
12:22 PM THURSDAY

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12:48 PM		The President and Vice President Biden went to the East Room.
12:48 PM	1:04 PM	The President and Vice President Biden greeted 32 Wounded Warriors and their families on tour of the White House.
1:05 PM		The President returned to the Oval Office.
1:05 PM	1:09 PM	The President met with: Mr. Daley Mr. Plouffe Mr. Lew Mr. Nabors Bruce N. Reed, Chief of Staff to the Vice President
1:10 PM	2:29 PM	The President participated in a budget meeting with: Vice President Biden Speaker Boehner Senator Reid David Krone, chief of staff to Senator Reid Barry S. Jackson, chief of staff to Speaker Boehner Mr. Daley Mr. Lew Mr. Nabors Mr. Reed
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2:37 PM	2:43 PM	The President met with Ms. Jarrett.
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON D.C.



April 7, 2011  
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2:48 PM		The President was introduced by Ms. Jarrett.
2:48 PM	2:54 PM	The President addressed Agency business liaisons.
2:55 PM	2:57 PM	The President went to the State Dining Room.
2:57 PM	3:28 PM	The President dropped by the Hearst Magazines Conference.
3:00 PM		The President was introduced by Ms. Jarrett.
3:00 PM	3:28 PM *	The President made remarks and participated in a questions and answer session.
3:29 PM		The President returned to the Oval Office.
3:29 PM	3:45 PM	The President participated in a National Security Staff (NSS) pre-brief with: <div style="margin-left: 40px;">                     Mr. Daley [in at 3:35]                      Michael B. Froman, Deputy Assistant and Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs                      [out at 3:41]                      Daniel A. Restrepo, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs,                      National Security Council                      [out at 3:41]                 </div>
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5:34 PM	5:39 PM	The President participated in a photo opportunity with the Secretary of Labor, Hilda Solis, and her family: Beatriz "Bea" Solis, sister Mohammad Pasabani, brother-in-law Avrin "Avi" Pasebani, nephew Aydin Pasebani, nephew Christopher P. "Chris" Lu, Assistant to the President and Cabinet Secretary
6:41 PM	6:44 PM	The President walked along the Colonnade with Mr. Plouffe.
6:45 PM		The President went to the Second Floor Residence.
7:33 PM		The President returned to the Oval Office.



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9:17 PM	9:25 PM	The President participated in a budget meeting with his economic advisors. For a list of attendees, see <u>APPENDIX "D."</u>
9:33 PM		The President went to the James S. Brady Press Briefing Room.
9:33 PM	9:38 PM	The President made remarks to members of the press on the progress of budget talks.  The President went to the Second Floor Residence.

**THE DAILY DIARY OF PRESIDENT BARACK H. OBAMA**



APPENDICES FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL DIARY  
OF  
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011



# THE DAILY DIARY OF PRESIDENT BARACK H. OBAMA



## SECURE CONFERENCE CALL ON LIBYA

April 7, 2011

The Situation Room

## Appendix "A"

Attendance not confirmed.

### ATTENDEES:

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#### **The President**

Joseph R. "Joe" Biden Junior, Vice President

Hillary R. Clinton, Secretary of State  
[via secure phone]

Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense

Michele A. Flournoy, Under Secretary for Policy, Department of Defense

Leon E. Panetta, Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Admiral Michael G. Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa, and Commander, Allied Joint Force Command (Naples)  
[via secure phone]

Susan E. Rice, Permanent Representative of the U.S. to the United Nations

Michael J. Morell, Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

William M. Daley, Assistant and Chief of Staff

Thomas E. Donilon, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

John O. Brennan, Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism

Denis McDonough, Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor

Antony J. "Tony" Blinken, Deputy Assistant and National Security Advisor to the Vice President

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## SECURE CONFERENCE CALL ON LIBYA

April 7, 2011

The Situation Room

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Benjamin J. Rhodes, Deputy Assistant and Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategic Communications

Brooke D. Anderson, Deputy Assistant, Chief of Staff and Counselor, National Security Staff



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## MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA

April 7, 2011  
The Oval Office

## Appendix "B"

Attendance not confirmed.

### ATTENDEES:

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#### **The President**

Juan Manuel Santos, President of Colombia

Maria Holguin, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Gabriel Silva, Ambassador of Colombia to the U.S.

Sergio Diazgranados, Minister of Trade

Catalina Crane, Senior Presidential Advisor for Economic Affairs (Colombia)

Juan Mira, Private Secretary to President Santos

Juan Mesa, Senior Presidential Advisor for Communications (Colombia)

Hillary R. Clinton, Secretary of State

Hilda L. Solis, Secretary of Labor

William M. Daley, Assistant and Chief of Staff

Ron Kirk, U.S. Trade Representative

P. Michael McKinley, Ambassador of the U.S. to Colombia

Thomas E. Donilon, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

Gene B. Sperling, Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Director, National Economic Council

Arturo Valenzuela, Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs

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## MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA

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The Oval Office

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P. Michael McKinley, Ambassador of the U.S. to Colombia

Michael B. Froman, Deputy Assistant and Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs

Daniel A. Restrepo, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs,  
National Security Council

Patricia "Patsy" Arizu, interpreter, Department of State



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## PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH PERAB MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

April 7, 2011  
The Oval Office

Appendix "C"

Attendance per WAVES report.

### ATTENDEES:

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#### **The President**

Anna Burger, former Chair, Change to Win

Earl F. Gohl, husband of Ms. Burger

Erin Burger-Gohl, daughter

Charles E. Phillips, President, Oracle Corporation

Karen C. Phillips, wife

Charles E. Phillips III, son

William H. Donaldson, former Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission

Jane P. Donaldson, wife

David F. Swensen, Chief Investment Officer, Yale University

Victoria W. Swensen, daughter

Alexander F. Swensen, son

Timothy F. Swensen, son

# THE DAILY DIARY OF PRESIDENT BARACK H. OBAMA



## BUDGET MEETING

April 7, 2011  
The Oval Office

## Appendix "D"

Attendance confirmed by Oval  
Office Log.

## ATTENDEES:

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### **The President**

Joseph R. "Joe" Biden Junior, Vice President

William M. Daley, Assistant and Chief of Staff

David Plouffe, Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor

Nancy-Ann M. DeParle, Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff (Policy)

Peter M. "Pete" Rouse, Counselor

Jacob J. Lew, Director of the Office of Management and Budget

Robert L. "Rob" Nabors II, Assistant to the President and Director of Legislative Affairs

Dan Pfeiffer, Assistant to the President and Director of Communications

Gene B. Sperling, Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Director, National Economic Council

James F. "Jay" Carney, Assistant to the President and Press Secretary

Bruce N. Reed, Chief of Staff to the Vice President



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April 7, 2011  
12:45 AM THURSDAY

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30674	12:45 AM	12:45 AM	P	[REDACTED]
30675	7:30 AM	7:30 AM	R	[REDACTED]
30677	9:37 AM	P6/b(6)		The President went to the Oval Office.
33096	9:37 AM	9:41 AM	P	The President talked with the Speaker of the House, John A. Boehner (R-Ohio).
33095	9:38 AM	*		The President met with: William M. Daley, Assistant and Chief of Staff David Plouffe, Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor Jacob J. Lew, Director of the Office of Management and Budget Robert L. "Rob" Nabors II, Assistant to the President and Director of Legislative Affairs
33097	9:43 AM	9:45 AM	P	The President talked with Senator Harry Reid (D-Nevada).
30679				The President went to the Situation Room.
30676	10:12 AM	10:53 AM	R	The President participated in a secure conference call on Libya. For a list of attendees, see <u>APPENDIX "A."</u>
30680				The President returned to the Oval Office.
30688	12:10 PM	12:22 PM		The President participated in a photo opportunity with: Bernard Arnault, CEO, LVMH Harvey Weinstein, President and producer, The Weinstein Company Anna Wintour, Editor-in-Chief, Vogue Magazine Valerie B. Jarrett, Senior Advisor and Assistant for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement
30683	12:22 PM			The President went to the Oval Office dining room.



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30684	12:22 PM	12:48 PM	The President had lunch with the Vice President, Joseph R. "Joe" Biden Junior. Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury [in at 12:25 and out at 12:27]
30685	12:48 PM		The President and Vice President Biden went to the East Room.
30686	12:48 PM	1:04 PM	The President and Vice President Biden greeted 32 Wounded Warriors and their families on tour of the White House.
30687	1:05 PM		The President returned to the Oval Office.
33100	1:05 PM	1:09 PM	The President met with: Mr. Daley Mr. Plouffe Mr. Lew Mr. Nabors Bruce N. Reed, Chief of Staff to the Vice President
30689	1:10 PM	2:29 PM	The President participated in a budget meeting with: Vice President Biden Speaker Boehner Senator Reid David Krone, chief of staff to Senator Reid Barry S. Jackson, chief of staff to Speaker Boehner Mr. Daley Mr. Lew Mr. Nabors Mr. Reed
33101	2:30 PM	2:35 PM	The President met with: Vice President Biden Mr. Daley Mr. Plouffe
33102	2:37 PM	2:43 PM	The President met with Ms. Jarrett.
30691	2:43 PM	2:44 PM	The President went to the South Court Auditorium in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building.



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April 7, 2011  
2:44 PM THURSDAY

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30692	2:44 PM	2:55 PM	The President dropped by a meeting with Agency business liaisons.
30693	2:48 PM		The President was introduced by Ms. Jarrett.
30694	2:48 PM	2:54 PM	The President addressed Agency business liaisons.
30695	2:55 PM	2:57 PM	The President went to the State Dining Room.
30696	2:57 PM	3:28 PM	The President dropped by <sup>the</sup> Hearst Magazines Conference.
30697	3:00 PM		The President was introduced by Ms. Jarrett.
30698	3:00 PM	3:28 PM *	The President made remarks and participated in a questions and answer session.
30699	3:29 PM		The President returned to the Oval Office.
30700	3:29 PM	3:45 PM	The President participated in a National Security Staff (NSS) pre-brief with: Mr. Daley [in at 3:35] Michael B. Froman, Deputy Assistant and Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs [out at 3:41] Daniel A. Restrepo, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs, National Security Council [out at 3:41]
30701	3:45 PM	4:44 PM	The President participated in a meeting with the President of Colombia. For a list of attendees, see <u>APPENDIX "B."</u>
30702	4:18 PM	4:40 PM	The President and President Santos of Colombia made remarks to members of the press



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30703	4:55 PM	5:10 PM	The President participated in a photo opportunity with his Economic Recovery Advisory Board (PERAB) and their families. For a list of attendees, see <u>APPENDIX "C."</u>
30704	5:10 PM	5:14 PM	The President participated in a farewell photo opportunity with departing Executive Assistant to the Director of the Office of Public Engagement, Anne Brewer, and her family: Pamela Brewer, sister Judy Brewer, mother Ted Brewer, father
33103	5:14 PM	5:18 PM	The President participated in a farewell photo opportunity with departing Associate Director for Legislative Correspondence, Office of Legislative Affairs, Seth A. London, and his family: Eric London, father Andrea London, mother Matt London, brother
30706	5:19 PM	5:27 PM	The President met for a daily wrap up with Mr. Daley.
30705	5:34 PM	5:39 PM	The President participated in a photo opportunity with the Secretary of Labor, Hilda Solis, and her family: Beatriz "Bea" Solis, sister Mohammad Pasabani, brother-in-law Avrin "Avi" Pasebani, nephew Aydin Pasebani, nephew Christopher P. "Chris" Lu, Assistant to the President and Cabinet Secretary
33104	6:41 PM	6:44 PM	The President walked along the Colonnade with Mr. Plouffe.
30707	6:45 PM		The President went to the Second Floor Residence.
30708	7:33 PM		The President returned to the Oval Office.



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April 7, 2011  
7:40 PM THURSDAY

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33106	7:40 PM	8:20 PM	The President participated in a budget meeting with: Vice President Biden Mr. Daley Mr. Plouffe Ms. DeParle Mr. Lew Mr. Nabors Mr. Sperling Peter M. "Pete" Rouse, Counselor Mr. Reed
33107	9:11 PM	9:16 PM	The President participated in a budget meeting with: Vice President Biden Senator Reid Mr. Daley Mr. Lew Mr. Nabors
33108	9:17 PM	9:25 PM	The President participated in a budget meeting with his economic advisors. For a list of attendees, see <u>APPENDIX "D."</u>
30710	9:33 PM		The President went to the James S. Brady Press Briefing Room.
30711	9:33 PM	9:38 PM	The President made remarks to members of the press on budget talks. <i>the progress of</i>
30712			The President went to the Second Floor Residence.



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OF  
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011



# THE DAILY DIARY OF PRESIDENT BARACK H. OBAMA



## SECURE CONFERENCE CALL ON LIBYA

April 7, 2011

The Situation Room

Event 30676

Appendix "A"

Attendance not confirmed.

## ATTENDEES:

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### **The President**

Joseph R. "Joe" Biden Junior, Vice President

Hillary R. Clinton, Secretary of State  
[via secure phone]

Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense

Michele A. Flournoy, Under Secretary for Policy, Department of Defense

Leon E. Panetta, Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Admiral Michael G. Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Admiral Samuel J. Locklear III, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Africa, and Commander, Allied Joint Force Command (Naples)  
[via secure phone]

Susan E. Rice, Permanent Representative of the U.S. to the United Nations

Michael J. Morell, Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

William M. Daley, Assistant and Chief of Staff

Thomas E. Donilon, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

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## SECURE CONFERENCE CALL ON LIBYA

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The Situation Room

Event 30676

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## MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA

April 7, 2011

The Oval Office

Event 30701

Appendix "B"

Attendance not confirmed.

### ATTENDEES:

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#### **The President**

Juan Manuel Santos, President of Colombia

Maria Holguin, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Gabriel Silva, Ambassador of Colombia to the U.S.

Sergio Diazgranados, Minister of Trade

Catalina Crane, Senior Presidential Advisor for Economic Affairs (Colombia)

Juan Mira, Private Secretary to President Santos

Juan Mesa, Senior Presidential Advisor for Communications (Colombia)

Hillary R. Clinton, Secretary of State

Hilda L. Solis, Secretary of Labor

William M. Daley, Assistant and Chief of Staff

Ron Kirk, U.S. Trade Representative

P. Michael McKinley, Ambassador of the U.S. to Colombia

Thomas E. Donilon, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

Gene B. Sperling, Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Director, National Economic Council

Arturo Valenzuela, Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs



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## MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA

April 7, 2011

The Oval Office

Event 30701

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P. Michael McKinley, Ambassador of the U.S. to Colombia

Michael B. Froman, Deputy Assistant and Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs

Daniel A. Restrepo, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs,  
National Security Council

Patricia "Patsy" Arizu, interpreter, Department of State



# THE DAILY DIARY OF PRESIDENT BARACK H. OBAMA



## PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH PERAB MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

April 7, 2011  
The Oval Office

Event 30703

Appendix "C"

Attendance per WAVES report.

### ATTENDEES:

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#### **The President**

Anna Burger, former Chair, Change to Win

Earl F. Gohl, husband of Ms. Burger

Erin Burger-Gohl, daughter

Charles E. Phillips, President, Oracle Corporation

Karen C. Phillips, wife

Charles E. Phillips III, son

William H. Donaldson, former Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission

Jane P. Donaldson, wife

David F. Swensen, Chief Investment Officer, Yale University

Victoria W. Swensen, daughter

Alexander F. Swensen, son

Timothy F. Swensen, son



# THE DAILY DIARY OF PRESIDENT BARACK H. OBAMA



## BUDGET MEETING

April 7, 2011  
The Oval Office

Event 33108

## Appendix "D"

Attendance confirmed by Oval  
Office Log.

## ATTENDEES:

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### **The President**

Joseph R. "Joe" Biden Junior, Vice President

William M. Daley, Assistant and Chief of Staff

David Plouffe, Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor

Nancy-Ann M. DeParle, Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff (Policy)

Peter M. "Pete" Rouse, Counselor

Jacob J. Lew, Director of the Office of Management and Budget

Robert L. "Rob" Nabors II, Assistant to the President and Director of Legislative Affairs

Dan Pfeiffer, Assistant to the President and Director of Communications

Gene B. Sperling, Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Director, National Economic Council

James F. "Jay" Carney, Assistant to the President and Press Secretary

Bruce N. Reed, Chief of Staff to the Vice President



Thursday, April 07, 2011

9:37 Am		POTUS arrives
9:38 AM		POTUS in with Lew, Nabors, Daley, Plouffe  POTUS makes calls to : 9:37 AM - 9:41 AM: Boehner 9:43 AM - 9:45 AM: Reid
12:10 PM	12:22 PM	POTUS in with Bernard Arnault, Valerie, Harvey Weinstein, Anna Wintour
12:22 PM		POTUS in dining room with VPOTUS
12:25 PM	12:27 PM	Geithner enters
12:48 PM	1:04 PM	POTUS and VPOTUS depart for East Room drop by with Wounded Warriors
1:05 PM	1:09 PM	POTUS in oval with Bruce Reed, Jack Lew, Rob Nabors, Daley, Plouffe,
1:10 PM	2:29 Pm	POTUS in oval with VOPOTUS , Boehner, Reid, David Krone, Barry Jackson, Jack Lew, Rob Nabor, Bill Dale, Bruce Reed
2:30 PM	2:35 Pm	POTUS in with Plouffe, Daley and VPOTUS
2:35 PM	2:37 PM	POTUS works alone
2:37 PM	2:43 PM	POTUS in with Valerie Jarrett
2:44 PM	2:55 PM	POTUS in South Court Auditorium with Agency Business Liassons
2:57 PM	3:28 PM	POTUS in East Room with Hearst Magazine folks, manifest per schedule
3:29 Pm		POTUS in with Restrepo and Froman
3:35 pm		Daley enters
3:41 Pm		Restrepo and Froman exit
3:45 PM	4:14 PM	POTU Sin with President Santos of Colombia, manifest per schedule
4:15 PM	4:40 PM	POTUS in with press pool
4:41 PM	4:44 PM	POTUS takes pictures with Columbian press pool
4:45 Pm	4:54 PM	POTUS works alone
4:55 PM	5:01 PM	POTUS in with Anna Burger and family
5:02 PM	5:05 PM	POTUS in with Charles Philips and family
5:05 PM	5:08 PM	POTUS in with Bill Donaldson



5:08 PM	5:10 PM	POTUS in with David Swenson and family
5:10 PM	5:14 PM	POTUS in Anne Brewer and family
5:14 PM	5:18 PM	POTUS in with Seth London and family
5:19 PM	5:27 PM	POTUS in with Bill Daley
5:28 PM	5:34 PM	POTUS works alone
5:34 PM	5:39 PM	POTUS in with Hilda Solis and family
5:40 PM	6:40 PM	POTUS works alone
6:41 PM	6:44 PM	POTUS walks with Plouffe
6:45 PM	7:32 PM	POTUS in residence
7:33 PM	7:39 PM	POTUS works alone
7:40 PM	8:20 PM	POTUS in with Plouffe, Bruce Reed, Nancy Ann, Jack Lew, Rob Nabors, VPOTUS, Daley, Gene Sperling, Rouse
8:21 PM	9:10 PM	POTUS in with Bruce Reed, Jack Lew, Nabors, VPOTUS, Daley, Boehner, Reid, Barry Jackson, David Krone
9:11 PM	9:16 PM	POTUS in with Reid, Bruce Reed, Jack Lew, Nabors, VPOTUS, Daley,
9:17 PM	9:25 PM	POTUS in with Plouffe, Bruce Reed, Nancy Ann, Jack Lew, Rob Nabors, VPOTUS, Daley, Gene Sperling, Rouse, Pfeiffer, Jay Carney
9:25 PM		POTUS works alone



**Meeting with the President of Colombia**  
**Thursday, April 7, 2011**

SCHEDULE

3:30 pm Meeting prep, Oval Office, 10 min  
3:45 pm Meeting, Oval Office, 30 min  
4:20 pm Statements, Oval Office, 10 min

*3:45pm - 4:45pm*

PRESS PLAN

Pool Spray at End (statements, no questions)

INTERPRETATION

Meeting: None  
Statements: Consecutive

PARTICIPANTS

**Meeting Prep**

- ✓ Bill Daley, Chief of Staff
- ~~Tom Donilon, National Security Advisor~~
- ~~Gene Sperling, Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Director of the National Economic Council~~
- ✓ Mike Froman, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs
- ✓ Dan Restrepo, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs

United States

1. The President
- ✓ 2. Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State
- ✓ 3. Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor
- ✓ 4. Bill Daley, Chief of Staff
- ✓ 5. Ron Kirk, United States Trade Representative
- ~~6. Tom Donilon, National Security Advisor~~
- ✓ 7. Gene Sperling, Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Director of the National Economic Council
- ✓ 8. Arturo Valenzuela, Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs
- ✓ 9. P. Michael McKinley, U.S. Ambassador to Colombia
- ✓ 10. Mike Froman, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs
- ✓ 11. Dan Restrepo, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs
- ✓ Patsy Arizu, Interpreter

Colombia

1. Juan Manuel Santos, President
2. Maria Holguin, Minister of Foreign Affairs



3. Gabriel Silva, Ambassador of Colombia to the United States
4. Sergio Diazgranados, Minister of Trade
5. Catalina Crane, Senior Presidential Advisor for Economic Affairs
6. Juan Mira, Private Secretary of the President
7. Juan Mesa, Senior Presidential Advisor for Communications

### SEQUENCE

- President Santos arrives West Executive Avenue and is greeted by Ambassador Capricia Marshall.
- President Santos is escorted to the Roosevelt Room to sign the guest book and hold.
- The President is introduced to President Santos at the entrance to the Oval Office.
- The President welcomes President Santos and his delegation into the Oval Office.
- Meeting begins.
- Meeting ends.
- Press Pool enters for coverage, and departs.
- The President bids farewell and Ambassador Marshall escorts President Santos to West Executive Avenue for departure.

**Carter, Debbie G.**

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**From:** Anderson, Brooke  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 3:21 PM  
**To:** #WHSR  
**Cc:** #HOS  
**Subject:** LIBYA CALLS ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

WHSR:

Please invite and build a secure phone call on Libya with POTUS for Wednesday and Thursday.

On Wednesday, the call will be at 10:20 am

On Thursday, the call will be at 10:05 a.m.

POTUS will do the call from the WHSR.

Participants are:

1. VP
2. Daley
3. Donilon
4. Gates
5. Flournoy
6. Mullen
7. Locklear
8. Panetta
9. Morell
10. Rice
11. Clinton
12. McDonough
13. Brennan
14. Blinken
15. Rhodes
16. Anderson

Many thanks, as always.

Brooke



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**PRESIDENTIAL CALL LOG  
SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD**

**PRESIDENT BARACK H. OBAMA**

**Thursday, April 07, 2011**

CALLS PLACED OR RECEIVED	TIME			TO:	REMARKS
	Call Initiated	Parties Connect	Call Complete		
				No Calls	

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**PRESIDENTIAL CALL LOG  
WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM**

**PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA**

April 7, 2011

CALLS PLACED OR RECEIVED	TIME			TO/FROM	REMARKS
	Call Initiated	Parties Connect	Call Complete		
Received	1002 EDT	1012 EDT	1053 EDT	Secretary Clinton and Adm Locklear	Situation Room





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**POTUS REPORT**

**Appointment Info**

Appointment #: 6013      U #: U96954      Room #: Oval      Person to be Visited: POTUS

Requestor: ALEXANDER LASRY      Requestor Phone: 66759

From Date/Time: 4/7/2011 5:00:00 PM      Type of Appointment: Appointment

To Date/Time: 4/7/2011 11:59:00 PM      Location: White House (WH)

Appointment Comments: INFORMATION REDACTED

USSS Comments: INFORMATION REDACTED

Visitor's Name	DOB	SSN	Status	Country
Burger, Anna NMN	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
BurgerGohl, Erin NMN	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Donaldson, William Henry	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Donaldson, Jane Phillips	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Gohl, Earl Forrest	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Phillips, Karen Cecilia	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Phillips, Charles Edward	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
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Swensen, David Frederick	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Swensen, Victoria Wilharm	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Swensen, Alexander Foster	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Swensen, Timothy Foster	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted





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**Appointment Info**

**Appointment #:** 7405      **U #:** U97986      **Room #:** Oval Office      **Person to be Visited:** POTUS

**Requestor:** BENJAMIN MILAKOFSKY      **Requestor Phone:** 62572

**From Date/Time:** 4/7/2011 5:30:00 PM      **Type of Appointment:** Appointment

**To Date/Time:** 4/7/2011 11:59:00 PM      **Location:** White House (WH)

**Appointment Comments:** INFORMATION REDACTED

**USSS Comments:** INFORMATION REDACTED

Visitor's Name	DOB	SSN	Status	Country
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Pasebani, Mohammad NMN	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Pasebani, Arvin Dario	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Pasebani, Aydin Frederico	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted



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**Appointment Info**

**Appointment #:** 6840      **U #:** U97544      **Room #:** 430 B/C      **Person to be Visited:** POTUS  
**Requestor:** CHAD MAISEL      **Requestor Phone:** 62572  
**From Date/Time:** 4/7/2011 2:15:00 PM      **Type of Appointment:** Appointment  
**To Date/Time:** 4/7/2011 11:59:00 PM      **Location:** Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB)  
**Appointment Comments:** INFORMATION REDACTED  
**USSS Comments:** INFORMATION REDACTED

Visitor's Name	DOB	SSN	Status	Country
Littlefield, Elizabeth Lascelles	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Zak, Leocadia Irine	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted



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**Appointment Info**

Appointment #: 7914      U #: U98374      Room #: Oval      Person to be Visited: POTUS

Requestor: LAUREN FABINA      Requestor Phone: 69134

From Date/Time: 4/7/2011 3:30:00 PM      Type of Appointment: Appointment

To Date/Time: 4/7/2011 11:59:00 PM      Location: White House (WH)

Appointment Comments: INFORMATION REDACTED

USSS Comments: INFORMATION REDACTED

Visitor's Name	DOB	SSN	Status	Country
CRANE, CATALINA NMN	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
DIAZGRANADOS, SERGIO NMN	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
HOLGUIN, MARIA ANGELA	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
MESA, JUAN RAFAEL	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
MIRA, JUAN CARLOS	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
SANTOS, JUAN MANUEL	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
SILVA, GABRIEL NMN	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted





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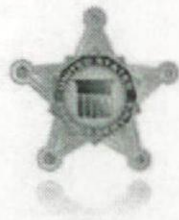
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**Appointment Info**

Appointment #: 7639      U #: U98388      Room #: SCA      Person to be Visited: Greg Nelson  
 Requestor: ALEXANDER LASRY      Requestor Phone: 66759  
 From Date/Time: 4/7/2011 1:30:00 PM      Type of Appointment: Appointment  
 To Date/Time: 4/7/2011 11:59:00 PM      Location: Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB)  
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Visitor's Name	DOB	SSN	Status	Country
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Albright, Alice Patterson	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Ali, Russlyn Haneefa	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
AlNajjar, Sharef Tamim	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Andberg, Jennifer NMN	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Appel, Peter Henry	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
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Barr, Suzie Elizabeth	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Beede, Christopher James	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Benjamin, Regina Marcia	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Bertini, Robert Lawrence	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
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Boyd, April Susanna	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Brita, Susan NMN	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
BrownDixon, Patricia Irene	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Burdick, Meaghan Kathleen	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Burke, Marcilynn Anne	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Camunez, Michael Christopher	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Canales, Judith Anne	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Cassel, Michael James	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Castillo, Alejandra Ybelisse	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Cator, Karen Elise	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Chappell, Alexa NMN	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Chopra, Aneesh NMN	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Collins, Christine Renee	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Converse, Gayle Elaine	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted





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Cooper, Thomas Charles	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
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Kanter, Martha Jane	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
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Knox, Jess Byrne	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Kumar, Suresh NMN	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
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Lopez, James Claude	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
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Ma, Ana Mak	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
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Mostashari, Farzad NMN	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
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Nadeau, Gregory Guy	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Nides, Thomas Richard	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted





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**Appointment Info**

**Appointment #:** 7760      **U #:** U98240      **Room #:** SCA      **Person to be Visited:** Greg Nelson  
**Requestor:** ALEXANDER LASRY      **Requestor Phone:** 66759  
**From Date/Time:** 4/7/2011 1:30:00 PM      **Type of Appointment:** Appointment  
**To Date/Time:** 4/7/2011 11:59:00 PM      **Location:** Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB)

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**Requestor:** ALEXANDER LASRY      **Requestor Phone:** 66759  
**From Date/Time:** 4/7/2011 2:00:00 PM      **Type of Appointment:** Appointment  
**To Date/Time:** 4/7/2011 11:59:00 PM      **Location:** Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB)  
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Pegg, Rayne Thompson	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted



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**MEETING BREAKDOWN FOR PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA  
THURSDAY, APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
WASHINGTON, DC**

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9:30 – 10:00 am

**PDB WITH VPOTUS**

Location: Oval Office  
PRESS: CLOSED

**Attendees:**

1. VPOTUS
2. Bill Daley
3. Tom Donilon
4. John Brennan
5. Denis McDonough
6. Tony Blinken
7. Director James Clapper

10:00 – 10:05 am

**MOVE TO SITUATION ROOM**

10:05 – 10:50 am

**SECURE CALL ON LIBYA WITH VPOTUS**

Location: Situation Room  
POC: Brooke Anderson  
PRESS: CLOSED

**Participants:**

1. VPOTUS
2. Secretary Hillary Clinton
3. Secretary Robert Gates
4. Bill Daley
5. Ambassador Susan Rice
6. Tom Donilon
7. John Brennan
8. Denis McDonough
9. Michele Flournoy, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy
10. Director Leon Panetta, CIA
11. Admiral Mike Mullen
12. Admiral Samuel Locklear
13. Tony Blinken
14. Ben Rhodes
15. Brooke Anderson
16. Michael Morell, CIA

10:50 – 10:55 am

**MOVE TO OVAL OFFICE**

11:00 – 12:30 pm

**FISCAL POLICY MEETING WITH VPOTUS**



Location: Roosevelt Room  
POC: Nancy-Ann DeParle  
PRESS: CLOSED

**Participants:**

1. VPOTUS
2. Secretary Tim Geithner
3. Bill Daley
4. Pete Rouse
5. Valerie Jarrett
6. David Plouffe
7. Phil Schiliro
8. Nancy-Ann DeParle
9. Gene Sperling
10. Jack Lew
11. Rob Nabors
12. Melody Barnes
13. Jon Favreau
14. Dan Pfeiffer
15. Stephanie Cutter
16. Bruce Reed

12:30 – 12:55 pm

**LUNCH WITH VPOTUS**

12:55 – 1:00 pm

**MOVE TO EAST ROOM**

1:00 – 1:15 pm

**DROP BY WOUNDED WARRIOR TOUR WITH VPOTUS**

Location: East Room  
Attendees: 70 (32 Wounded Warriors plus their families)  
POC: Darienne Page  
Setup: The wounded warriors are set on risers. YOU and VPOTUS greet them and take a group photo.  
PRESS: CLOSED

1:15 – 1:20 pm

**MOVE TO OVAL OFFICE**

1:20 – 1:30 pm

**OVAL OFFICE DROP BY WITH BERNARD ARNAULT**

Location: Oval Office  
POC: Mike O'Neil  
PRESS: CLOSED

**Attendees:**

1. Bernard Arnault, CEO, LVMH
2. Harvey Weinstein, President/Producer, The Weinstein Company
3. Anna Wintour, Editor-in-Chief, Vogue Magazine



4. Valerie Jarrett

1:30 – 2:00 pm

**DESK TIME**

2:00 – 2:25 pm

**MEETING WITH SECRETARY GEITHNER**

Location: Oval Office

PRESS: CLOSED

**Attendees:**

1. Secretary Tim Geithner

2:25 – 2:30 pm

**MOVE TO SOUTH COURT AUDITORIUM**

2:30 – 2:40 pm

**DROP BY WITH AGENCY BUSINESS LIAISONS**

Location: South Court Auditorium

Attendees: 160

POC: Lisa Kohnke

Setup: YOU deliver brief remarks from a Blue Goose set on stage. U.S. and Presidential Flags are in the background.

Sound/Podium: BTL with wired mics.

Remarks: Talking Points

PRESS: CLOSED

**Format:**

- Valerie Jarrett introduces YOU
- YOU proceed to podium
- Valerie Jarrett takes seat
- YOU deliver brief remarks
- YOU depart
- **Note:** Meeting continues after your depart

2:50 – 2:55 pm

**MOVE TO STATE DINING ROOM**

2:55 – 3:15 pm

**DROP BY HEARST MAGAZINES CONFERENCE**

Location: State Dining Room

Attendees: 100 seated

POC: Hannah August/Joe Reinstein

Setup: YOU deliver brief remarks from a Falcon set in front of the fireplace.

Sound/Podium: FTL with wired mics.

Remarks: Talking Points

PRESS: CLOSED(to none Hearst Media)//On the record

**Format:**

- Valerie Jarrett introduces YOU
- YOU proceed to podium and deliver remarks
- YOU take Q&A as time permits



- YOU depart
- **Note:** meeting continues with a panel after your departure

3:15 – 3:20 pm **MOVE TO OVAL OFFICE**

3:30 – 3:40 pm **MEETING PREP**

Location: Oval Office  
 POC: Brooke Anderson  
 PRESS: CLOSED

**Attendees:**

1. Bill Daley
2. Tom Donilon
3. Gene Sperling
4. Mike Froman
5. Dan Restrepo

3:45 – 4:15 pm **MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SANTOS OF COLOMBIA**

Location: Oval Office  
 POC: Julia Newton  
 Attendees: U.S.: 1+10+I; Colombia: 1+6+I  
 Setup: Seated meeting  
 Interpretation: None  
 PRESS: CLOSED

**Format:**

- YOU are introduced to President Santos at the entrance to the Oval Office
- YOU welcome President Santos and his delegation into the Oval Office
- Meeting begins
- Meeting concludes
- Delegations move to the side

U.S.	COLOMBIA
POTUS	President Juan Manuel Santos
1. Secretary Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State	1. María Angela Holguín, Minister of Foreign Affairs.
2. Secretary Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor	2. Gabriel Silva, Ambassador of Colombia to the U.S.
3. Bill Daley, Chief of Staff	3. Sergio Diazgranados, Minister of Trade
4. Ambassador Ron Kirk, U.S. Trade Representative	4. Catalina Crane, Senior Presidential Advisor for Economic Affairs
5. Tom Donilon, National Security Advisor	5. Juan Carlos Mira, Private Secretary of the President
6. Gene Sperling, Director of the National Economic Council	6. Juan Mesa, High Presidential Advisor for Communications
7. Ambassador Michael McKinley, U.S. Ambassador to Colombia	
8. Arturo Valenzuela, Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs	
9. Mike Froman, Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs	



10. Dan Restrepo, Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs Interpreter: Patsy Arizu	Interpreter: TBD
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4:20 – 4:30 pm

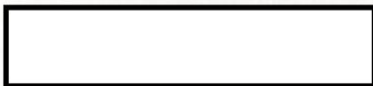
**STATEMENT TO THE PRESS WITH PRESIDENT SANTOS OF COLOMBIA**

Location: Oval Office  
Attendees: N/A  
POC: Julia Newton  
Setup: Seated press statements set in front of the fireplace.  
Sound/Podium: None  
Remarks: Talking Points  
Interpretation: Consecutive  
PRESS: POOL

**Format:**

- Pool press enters
- YOU deliver a brief statement
- President Santos delivers a brief statement
- Pool press departs
- YOU bid farewell to President Santos

4:40 – 5:10 pm



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5:10 – 5:25 pm

**OVAL OFFICE DROP BY WITH PERAB MEMBERS**

Location: Oval Office  
POC: Lisa Kohnke  
Setup: Greet and photos with members (four clicks)  
PRESS: CLOSED

**Photo 1:**

1. Anna Burger
2. Earl Gohl (husband)
3. Erin Burger-Gohl (daughter)

**Photo 2:**

1. Charles Phillips
2. Karen Phillips (wife)
3. Charles Phillips III (son)

**Photo 3:**

1. Bill Donaldson
2. Jane Donaldson (wife)

**Photo 4:**

1. David Swensen
2. Victoria Swensen (daughter)
3. Alexander Swensen (son)
4. Timothy Swensen (son)

5:25 – 5:30 pm

**DEPARTURE PHOTOS WITH SETH LONDON AND ANNE BREWER**



Location: Oval Office  
POC: Awenate Cobbina (London), Lisa Kohnke (Brewer)  
PRESS: CLOSED

**Photos with:**

1. Seth London, Associate Director for Legislative Correspondence, OLA
  - a. Eric London, father
  - b. Andrea London, mother
  - c. Matt London, brother
2. Anne Brewer, Executive Assistant to Tina Tchen, OPE
  - a. Pamela Brewer, sister
  - b. Judy Brewer, mother
  - c. Ted Brewer, father

5:30 – 5:35 pm

**OVAL OFFICE DROP BY WITH SECRETARY SOLIS AND FAMILY**

Location: Oval Office  
POC: Ben Milakofsky  
PRESS: CLOSED

**Attendees:**

1. Secretary Hilda Solis
2. Beatriz "Bea" Solis, sister
3. Mohammad Pasebani, brother in law
4. Avrin "Avi" Pasebani, nephew
5. Aydin Pasebani, nephew
6. Chris Lu

5:35 – 5:45 pm

**WRAP UP WITH BILL DALEY**

Location: Oval Office  
PRESS: CLOSED

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**From:** Newton, Julia K.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2011 7:58 PM  
**To:** Newton, Julia K.; 'protocolvisitsopsdl@state.gov'; Mosteller, Brian D.; Love, Reggie L.; Johnson, Katie B.; Muffler, Rick; Blair, Patricia A.; Brown, Debra S.; Doeblner, Max W.; Wright, Jessica N.; 'Keigher, Connolly J'; Herbek, Kate; Cushman, Chase M.; Pourmorad, Araz; Finkenbinder, Benjamin N.; WHSB; Bazbaz, Kamy  
**Cc:** Haines, Mary A.; Carter, Debbie G.; Govashiri, Ferial; Traber, Alexandra  
**Subject:** SCENARIO: 4/7 Visit of the President of Colombia  
**Attachments:** Scenario-Colombia 040711.doc

Attached is a working scenario for the visit of the President of Colombia on Thursday, April 7. Please let me know if any edits are needed.

Thanks,  
Julia



# Meeting with the President of Colombia

## Thursday, April 7, 2011

### SCHEDULE

3:30 pm Meeting prep, Oval Office, 10 min  
3:45 pm Meeting, Oval Office, 30 min  
4:20 pm Statements, Oval Office, 10 min

### PRESS PLAN

Pool Spray at End (statements, no questions)

### INTERPRETATION

Meeting: None

Statements: Consecutive

### PARTICIPANTS

#### **Meeting Prep**

*Bill Daley, Chief of Staff*

*Tom Donilon, National Security Advisor*

*Gene Sperling, Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Director of the National Economic Council*

*Mike Froman, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs*

*Dan Restrepo, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs*

#### United States

1. The President
  2. Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State
  3. Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor
  4. Bill Daley, Chief of Staff
  5. Ron Kirk, United States Trade Representative
  6. Tom Donilon, National Security Advisor
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- Patsy Arizu, Interpreter

#### Colombia

1. Juan Manuel Santos, President
2. Maria Holguin, Minister of Foreign Affairs



3. Gabriel Silva, Ambassador of Colombia to the United States
4. Sergio Diazgranados, Minister of Trade
5. Catalina Crane, Senior Presidential Advisor for Economic Affairs
6. Juan Mira, Private Secretary of the President
7. Juan Mesa, Senior Presidential Advisor for Communications

### SEQUENCE

- President Santos arrives West Executive Avenue and is greeted by Ambassador Capricia Marshall.
- President Santos is escorted to the Roosevelt Room to sign the guest book and hold.
- The President is introduced to President Santos at the entrance to the Oval Office.
- The President welcomes President Santos and his delegation into the Oval Office.
- Meeting begins.
- Meeting ends.
- Press Pool enters for coverage, and departs.
- The President bids farewell and Ambassador Marshall escorts President Santos to West Executive Avenue for departure.



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**From:** White House Press Office [noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 07, 2011 10:11 AM  
**To:** Carter, Debbie G.  
**Subject:** UPDATED: DAILY GUIDANCE AND PRESS SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011

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Wires: AP, Reuters, Bloomberg  
Wire Photos: AP, Reuters, AFP  
TV Corr & Crew: CBS



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**From:** White House Press Office [noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 07, 2011 7:33 PM  
**To:** Carter, Debbie G.  
**Subject:** UPDATE 3: DAILY GUIDANCE AND PRESS SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011

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**EDT**

**8:00PM THE PRESIDENT and THE VICE PRESIDENT meet with Speaker John Boehner and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to discuss ongoing negotiations on a funding bill**  
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**From:** White House Press Office [noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov]  
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**To:** Carter, Debbie G.  
**Subject:** Fw: Foreign pool report -Obama/Santos bilat

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**From:** Macarena Vidal <mvidal@efeamerica.com>  
**To:** Finkenbinder, Benjamin N.  
**Sent:** Thu Apr 07 17:29:02 2011  
**Subject:** Foreign pool report -Obama/Santos bilat

No questions taken, no news about the shutdown. In fact, the only apparent allusion to it happened when president Juan Manuel Santos of Colombia thanked POTUS for welcoming him "in a moment so intense for politics in North America".

Both presidents, in dark suits, white shirts and blue ties, smiled broadly as your pool was ushered in.

They announced the agreement, already released yesterday, for an Action Plan Related to Labor Rights for Colombia, that will clear the way for the Colombia-US Free Trade Agreement -signed in november 2006- to move forward to Congress.

POTUS stated the plan is "consistent not only with our interests but also the vision of Santos for a more prosperous Colombia" and it will serve as the base for a future FTA.

The US will continue to engage with Santos to ensure good conditions for workers and that trade unions are protected, he said.

Santos considered the announcement "very satisfactory news". "We've spent five years looking for a green light and today finally we have got the green light".

The agreement, he assured, will benefit Colombia and USA, "which was losing market quota in Colombia". The FTA, he added, will also help create jobs in the US.

The Plan sets a series of benchmarks for Colombia, and the first one will arrive on April 22, when Colombia will have to fulfill "commitments regarding workers protection, the strenght of Justice", said Santos. That same day, he added, "starts the process to move the FTA to Congress".

Both leaders shared a basketball joke: Santos, who studied in the US, is a University of Kansas fan and Obama pointed that both "were disappointed the Jayhawks did not make it all the way".

Santos, he added, "reminded me there's always next year".

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**To:** Carter, Debbie G.  
**Subject:** Fw: Pool report #1

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**From:** Sam Youngman <[syoungman@thehill.com](mailto:syoungman@thehill.com)>  
**To:** Finkenbinder, Benjamin N.; Hughes, Caroline E.  
**Sent:** Thu Apr 07 16:54:16 2011  
**Subject:** Pool report #1

Pool report #1 -- POTUS Oval meeting with Colombian President Santos

No budget news -- all trade talk and a possible endorsement of Kansas to win it all next year.

Spotted in the Oval, Kirk and Sperling. POTUS was wearing CK socks (seriously). Check quotes against transcript to come.

POTUS praised Santos, who he said has led Colombia as it has "blossomed into a strong democracy." Said Santos is "at the forefront of a progressive and thoughtful agenda within Colombia."

Said Colombia "can be a role model for the rest of the region."

POTUS said after meeting with Santos last September, he wanted to find a way to deepen relationship, so he sent his team down there to do that. Said he is "pleased to announced" the action plan that will lead to FTA. POTUS said the plan is "consistent with our values and interests" and "serves as basis going forward for a Colombia-U.S. free trade agreement."

"Now there's a lot of work to do to translate this action plan into reality," POTUS said, emphasizing "level playing field" and protection of union workers' rights.

"I have great confidence in [Santos's] ability to be able to execute this plan," POTUS said.

POTUS also called potential deal a "win-win" that could result in \$1 billion in U.S. exports to Colombia and "could mean thousands of jobs for workers here in the United States."

NCAA joke: "We were both disappointed Kansas did not go all the way, but President Santos assures me there is always next year."

POTUS closed by saying he is looking forward to visiting Colombia next year at the Summit of the Americas.

After Santos spoke, Chip Reid tried a few times to get POTUS to comment on budget negotiations, but POTUS just smiled and said "thank you" repeatedly.

Only budget-related note, as Santos thanked POTUS for the invitation to the White House, he noted: "I know it's a very intense political time for you."

Santos said Colombia has been trying to get a greenlight for FTA for five years.



"We got that greenlight today," Santos said.

Santos said that he and POTUS "share common values" like belief in democracy, and action plan is "one step further in the defense of those values."

Santos said the action plan "establishes stronger physical defense of workers."

Said Colombia is working to ensure "the rights of workers are going to be guaranteed and protected."

Pool was then escorted out as Chip did his best.

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**Statement by the President on the 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Genocide in Rwanda**

Seventeen years ago today, the world watched as an unimaginable slaughter began to unfold in Rwanda. One hundred horrific days later, more than 800,000 innocent people – men, women, and children – lay dead in one of the worst atrocities of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Today, we join the Rwandan people in honoring the memory of the loved ones they lost so senselessly, and we reaffirm the lessons of that tragic chapter in history. For just as the Rwandan genocide exposed man's capacity for evil, it also revealed man's capacity for good – courageous Rwandans who risked their lives to save friends and neighbors from the massacre. As an international community, we must summon the same courage to ensure that such mass atrocities and genocides never happen again.

Today we also reflect on Rwanda's progress. Out of the ruins of genocide, Rwandans have welcomed home refugees and former combatants and worked to build a more peaceful, prosperous and democratic society for all its citizens. And as a leading contributor to peacekeeping missions around the world, Rwanda reminds us of our obligations to each other as fellow human beings, and our shared responsibility to prevent attacks on innocent civilians, as the international community is doing today in Libya. As they reflect on this painful day, Rwandans must know that the United States will be their partner in pursuit of the secure and peaceful future that they and their children deserve.

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President Obama Signs North Dakota Emergency Declaration

The President today declared an emergency exists in the State of North Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local response efforts in the area struck by flooding beginning on April 5, 2011, and continuing.

The President's action authorizes the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to coordinate all disaster relief efforts which have the purpose of alleviating the hardship and suffering caused by the emergency on the local population, and to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act, to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, and to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in Barnes, Cass, Richland, and Traill Counties.

Specifically, FEMA is authorized to identify, mobilize, and provide at its discretion, equipment and resources necessary to alleviate the impacts of the emergency. Emergency protective measures, limited to direct Federal assistance, will be provided at 75 percent Federal funding.

W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security, named Willie G. Nunn as the Federal Coordinating Officer for Federal recovery operations in the affected area.

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April 7, 2011

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
ON BUDGET TALKS

James S. Brady Press Briefing Room

9:33 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: I just completed another meeting with Speaker Boehner and Leader Reid, and I wanted to report again to the American people that we made some additional progress this evening. I think the staffs of both the House and the Senate, as well as the White House staff, have been working very hard to try to narrow the differences. We made some progress today. Those differences have been narrowed. And so once again the staff is going to be working tonight around the clock in order to see if we can finally close a deal.

But there is still a few issues that are outstanding. They're difficult issues. They're important to both sides. And so I'm not yet prepared to express wild optimism. But I think we are further along today than we were yesterday.

I want to reiterate to people why this is so important. We're now less than 30 hours away from the government shutting down. That means, first of all, 800,000 families -- our neighbors, our friends, who are working hard all across the country in a whole variety of functions -- they suddenly are not allowed to come to work. It also means that they're not getting a paycheck. That obviously has a tremendous impact.

You then have millions more people who end up being impacted because they're not getting the services from the federal government that are important to them. So small businesses aren't seeing their loans processed. Folks who want to get a mortgage through the FHA may not be able to get it, and obviously that's not good as weak as this housing market is. You've got people who are trying to get a passport for a trip that they've been planning for a long time -- they may not be able to do that. So millions more people will be significantly inconvenienced; in some ways, they may end up actually seeing money lost or opportunities lost because of a government shutdown.



And then finally, there's going to be an effect on the economy overall. Earlier today one of our nation's top economists said -- and I'm quoting here -- "The economic damage from a government shutdown would mount very quickly. And the longer it dragged on, the greater the odds of a renewed recession."

We've been working very hard over the last two years to get this economy back on its feet. We've now seen 13 months of job growth; a hundred -- 1.8 million new jobs. We had the best report, jobs report, that we'd seen in a very long time just this past Friday. For us to go backwards because Washington couldn't get its act together is unacceptable.

So, again: 800,000 federal workers and their families impacted; millions of people who are reliant on government services not getting those services -- businesses, farmers, veterans; and finally, overall impact on the economy that could end up severely hampering our recovery and our ability to put people back to work.

That's what's at stake. That's why it's important to the American people. That's why I'm expecting that as a consequence of the good work that's done by our staffs tonight, that we can reach an agreement tomorrow.

But let me just point out one last thing. What I've said to the Speaker and what I've said to Harry Reid is because the machinery of the shutdown is necessarily starting to move, I expect an answer in the morning. And my hope is, is that I'll be able to announce to the American people sometime relatively early in the day that a shutdown has been averted, that a deal has been completed that has very meaningful cuts in a wide variety of categories, that helps us move in the direction of living within our means, but preserves our investments in things like education and innovation, research, that are going to be important for our long-term competitiveness.

That's what I hope to be able to announce tomorrow. There's no certainty yet, but I expect an answer sometime early in the day.

All right. Thank you very much, everybody.

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April 7, 2011

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT HEARST MAGAZINES CONFERENCE

State Dining Room

3:00 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. (Applause.) Thank you. Everybody, please, please have a seat. Well, it is wonderful to be with all of you.

Let me, first of all, say that if there are any magazines in the house then they probably come from one of you guys -- (laughter) -- because basically Michelle has much more clout than I do and she reads what you put out -- and sometimes I take a peek, too, just to keep up, because Malia is going to be a teenager in about a month and so she now shares magazines with her mother, and Sasha is not far behind.

But it is wonderful to be with all of you. Part of the reason that I wanted to stop by is because with all the multiple debates that we have in this country and now around the world -- issues like the tumultuous, exciting and also hugely disruptive moment that's taking place in the Middle East, or right now in our country, issues surrounding the budget and how we move forward on that -- there are so many issues that don't necessarily make the nightly news but that have huge impact on how people lead their lives day in and day out. And so the issues that you cover, the issues that you focus on, are the ones that probably have more of an impact on how people experience their lives and their family's lives and their understanding of the American Dream than just about anything.

And as a consequence, this I thought would be a great opportunity for me to interact, however briefly, with all of you, and say that I appreciate the focus and attention that you give to so many of these issues. And what you'll hear from members of my administration is the fact that although they don't always attract a lot of attention, these are also the kinds of issues that we spend enormous amount of time on.



Obviously one of the top concerns for many of your readers are the lives of women and girls -- Valerie is heading up our Council on Women and Girls here in the White House -- and a lot of the issues that we focused on over the last two years has a direct impact on them -- issues like women's health care; issues like work-family balance; issues that relate to equal pay and equal work; making sure that our girls are getting the same kind of exposure to math and science and technology that ensure that they can compete with anybody, boys or girls, anywhere around the world.

And so what my hope is, is that through the interactions that you have with our staff today, you'll be able to dig down a little deeper and get a sense of how much we've accomplished over the last two years in each of these areas, but also how much work remains to be done. And it may help actually amplify some of the issues that you want to cover in your magazines day in and day out.

I just want to make sure that you know who we've got with you. We got some of the most brilliant, energized, powerful women in my administration, and then we have Gene Sperling. (Laughter.) I happen to believe that the surest path to success is surrounding yourself by powerful women -- hat starts with the First Lady, but it radiates from the East Wing out.

And I think what you will learn from them is something that I actually learned from my mother. Some of you may know that she was an anthropologist, but she ended up actually being an expert on international development. And I remember her telling me at a very young age, she said, you can tell how far a society is going to go by how it treats its women and girls. And if they're doing well, then the society is going to do well; and if they're not, then they won't be. And I think that's true in America as much as it's true anywhere else. No offense to the publisher of Esquire, I mean, I -- (laughter).

AUDIENCE MEMBER: None taken, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah, yeah. (Laughter.) So with that, I don't want to waste any more time. I've got time for a few questions. Why don't we open it up? We've got some folks with mics in the audience. Anybody? Don't be bashful. Go ahead, gentleman right here. And introduce yourself.

Q Jim Meigs from Popular Mechanics Magazine. You've talked a lot about the need for bipartisanship and now we're now in the middle of this big budget debate. Can you identify a few points where you're willing to meet the Republicans halfway?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I don't have to point to a few points, I'll point to a lot of points. I mean, we've met them more than halfway.

Just to give you a sense of sort of where we're at in this budget debate -- we have now agreed to the largest cut in discretionary spending



in history in absolute terms for one year. And in relative terms, this would be the largest cut since 1982. And these are tough cuts. I mean, there are some areas that we are cutting that will have a real impact on the ground, and if we were in a healthier fiscal state, I would gladly continue to fund. So we've having to make some difficult choices.

Where I think that there is disagreement and if there is a breakdown, it will be because there's certain cuts that I am not willing to make because it goes to whether or not we're going to be able to compete long term. So I'm not willing to cut to the bone on education. I'm not willing to cut Head Start. I'm not willing to make cuts in medical research. I'm not willing to cut when it comes to our innovation economy. I'm not willing to cut certain programs that are absolutely vital to the most vulnerable among us -- the aged, the infirm, the disabled. So there are a set of issues that either go to our ability to compete long term or our core values as a society and making sure that the vulnerable don't get hurt.

Beyond that, as I said, we've met them more than halfway. We are essentially -- have agreed to a number that was the original proposal of the Speaker of the House when he first came in. Now, if that's not compromise I don't know what is.

I do want to create a context for this, though. Even if we get a deal and we accomplish these very meaningful cuts, this is only a six-month budget, essentially. I mean, what we're doing is we're dealing with last year's business and we're finishing that up. We still have the 2012 budget. And then it's important to understand that most of what we're talking about, which is around discretionary spending, only accounts for 12 percent of our budget. We've got another 88 percent.

And so when you hear this parade of horribles about debts and deficits as far as the eye can see, almost all of that is driven by Medicare and Medicaid, in particular. And if we're going to be serious about dealing with debt and deficits, then we're going to have to look at those entitlement programs and what's being done long term, and we're going to have to take a look at our tax code and all the loopholes that have contributed to a draining out of the treasury.

So we're going to have to look at everything on the table -- and that includes, by the way, defense spending, which as Commander-in-Chief I know how incredible our men and women in uniform are, and they are carrying a heavy burden. One percent of the population is essentially doing everything to keep us safe, and the rest of us don't have to make many sacrifices for it. So we have some inviolate obligations to make sure that they're properly funded when we send them into the field, and that veterans are properly treated when they come home. But having said that, the defense budget has blown up over the last 10 years, so we're going to have to take a look at what we need to have the best possible defense, but like every other aspect of government, every other aspect of life, there are probably some things we can afford to do without so that we can pay for the things that we can't afford to do without.



Yes. Here you go, Rosemary, so everybody can hear you.

Q I'm Rosemary Ellis from Good Housekeeping. Do you feel like strategically you may have over-compromised in some way, and that that's encouraged extremists to make more demands?

THE PRESIDENT: No. I think that what I've done is to say to my team, make the best evaluation possible of what works for the American people, what works for middle-class families, that ensures that we're making investments over the long term. We're not going to spend a lot of time playing games, but we're also not going to cave once we get to that point.

And these are the discussions that I'm having right now -- because here in Washington people love the kabuki dance where you pretend like you're cutting but you're not, or you feign that you're going right when you're actually going left, or vice versa. And I've just got too much other stuff to do to be playing with those games. (Laughter.)

So what I say to my team is -- and I think these guys will testify -- my general -- the typical meeting in the West Wing is we're sitting down usually either in my office or the Roosevelt Room, and I say to people, what's the right answer? They walk through what the issue is. We will determine what is the optimal position. And then, we say, all right, how do we sell this and what are our political constraints? But what we don't do is we don't start with, what are the politics, and then we will figure out how to navigate until we achieve something. I think that's a backwards way of doing things.

So it does leave me open to the suggestion that, well, maybe you get to your bottom line too quick. But my response to that is the reason we've been able to do everything we've been able to do over the last two years, from saving the economy to passing historic health care legislation, to passing financial regulatory reform -- and by the way, for those of you, a lot of you -- a lot of your readership are consumers -- just go, for example, to the Consumer Financial Protection Board website that's already up, and the incredible amounts of information that people are getting now about credit cards and mortgages, and how they're going to be able to manage their money.

That's how we got "don't ask, don't tell" passed. That's how we've been able to get a treaty to reduce nuclear weapons.

What we're doing actually works pretty well. Sometimes maybe I'm not advertising as I should, but you guys might have ideas. (Laughter.) You guys are good marketers. (Laughter.) And if you have any dressing tips, I'll take those, as well. (Laughter.) Pocket square? (Laughter.) All right. I'm going to take that under advisement. (Laughter.)

Yes, right here.



Q Valerie Salembier from Harpers Bazaar. I actually want to thank you for something, on behalf of many New Yorkers in the room, for not holding the terrorist trials in New York City. It would have put such a strain on all of our services that I think it would have pretty much been unmanageable. But my question is how did you come to that decision?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I will be honest with you. You know, usually when somebody compliments me, I should just say thank you and move on. (Laughter.) But in the interest of full disclosure, this was a complicated issue for us. And I'm not entirely convinced that it actually would have been unmanageable. I think that in some ways we have blown up the image of these terrorists into these super scary figures. They are violent, distorted and evil people, but they're small people and they're thugs. And you arrest them, you lock them up, you put them in front of a judge and then you convict them. And my attitude is, is that for us to somehow treat these folks as profoundly different from the run-of-the-mill murderer or rapist is a mistake -- in one sense, in the sense that we elevate them in some ways. And I don't have that kind of regard for them.

Having said that, what is also true is, given what happened and the trauma of 9/11 and the sensitivities of New Yorkers, I understand why having the trial there would have scared people. I understand why politicians responded the way that they did. And for us to try to move forward in the face of those fears and that opposition would have further delayed justice that has been denied the survivors of 9/11 for a decade now. And I think our basic decision was that rather than to have a abstract legal battle that would put off our ability to go ahead and obtain justice, that we were better off going ahead and making this compromise.

But I want to be very clear. I continue to believe that Article III Accords can adequately handle, appropriately handle convicting people who are accused of killing folks. We do that all the time. And that's part of our tradition of a justice system that makes us the envy of the world. That's what we stand for. And I don't want us to ever lose that, and I don't want us to get scared by, as I said, these small men.

You want to tell me what pocket squares to buy? Is that it?  
(Laughter.)

Q Just a hint.

THE PRESIDENT: Just a handkerchief, all right.

Q Far would be for me to give you any tips on anything. I'm David Granger, I'm the editor of Esquire. Many days I wake up and I think the President must be thinking, not again -- there's just one disaster after another, whether it's the Gulf disaster, Fukushima Daiichi, it's just --

THE PRESIDENT: H1NI. Forgot about that one, didn't you?  
(Laughter.) Haiti.



Q We tend to forget.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

Q Are the things you've seen that we don't know about that have offered you particular beacons of hope? Is there one thing that surprised you and made you feel, yeah, everything is going to be fine?

THE PRESIDENT: You know, this will sound very corny and so I hesitate to offer it, but the American people, when you get a chance to just get out of this town, and you talk to them one on one -- and it doesn't matter where you do -- big city, small town, rural, urban -- they are decent, they are funny, they work hard, they carry out their responsibilities. They're distracted, especially because we're going through a very tough time economically, so they feel squeezed, and frankly, they're not spending a lot of time following the details of budget arguments or exactly what's happening in Libya. They just -- they've got too many other things to do.

But they're good people. And I think that the arguments that elevate themselves in the sort of fodder for cable news is very distant from where people live day to day. And so part of my job is to figure out how do I get our politics to match up with who the American people are -- because there is a mismatch right now. Our politics is much uglier, much more polarized, than how we live day to day.

I mean, I have no idea what sort of political affiliations there are in this room, but they're Democrats, they're Republicans, they're people who are conservative on some things, liberal on some things. If you guys go out to dinner you might have some arguments about some issues, and then you're friends and you talk about your kids and Little League or soccer or -- right? That's how most people live. And then they see these wacky folks who are just yelling and screaming and this is -- you know, "you're evil" and "you're ruining the nation" and "unpatriotic," and people just kind of go, huh?

Now, the problem is that feeds cynicism, and cynicism then leads to their withdrawal from the process. They get less information and then the political system goes even more haywire. And I think that what was powerful about 2008 was not my candidacy per se but it was the way for a moment there things were kind of matching back up. It felt like people said, yes, let's get together, let's try to work together to make this place better.

And I think that the rapidity of the recession, some of the very unpopular decisions -- I think right ones, but unpopular decisions we had to make to save the economy got everybody in a cynical, difficult mood again when it came to politics. So my job is to try to see if I can move that forward.



The last point I'd make is in terms of what makes me hopeful is the next generation. I think this generation of kids coming up, really smart, interesting kids. They're growing up at a time where they understand that tough things can happen. They have memories of 9/11; they now have memories of the worst recession since the Great Depression; the job market is tough for them as they're coming out of school. But their general instincts about justice and fairness -- interesting example: We went to Philadelphia to talk to some college activists. And it was a roundtable, and we invited college Democrats as well as Republicans. And we had this conversation. And there were a bunch of disagreements on budget and this and that and the other. Then -- this is shortly after we had passed "don't ask, don't tell" -- and the entire room was in complete agreement -- the notion that you would not let people serve because of sexual orientation, that makes no sense. There was just a taking for granted that everybody has to be treated fairly.

And we shouldn't take that for granted, because -- I won't say "we," but I'm old enough to remember when that wasn't the case. So those things make you optimistic.

All right. I got I think time for one more question. Go ahead.

Q I'm the general counsel of Hearst, so I don't write anything.  
(Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: Okay, you just keep people out of trouble, huh?

Q Well, and we have some of that, yes. But I actually want to thank you first for appointing Judge Sonia Sotomayor, who comes from New York, is a great woman, a great jurist, and represents really the New York we often don't see. And she was a spectacular choice.

THE PRESIDENT: She is a good lady.

Q Good lady.

THE PRESIDENT: Good lady.

Q But I want to ask you, what do you miss most about Chicago and being free? (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: I just miss -- it's interesting, I miss being anonymous. I mean, I miss on a Saturday morning, rolling out of bed, not shaving, getting into my car with my girls, driving to the supermarket, squeezing the fruit -- (laughter) -- getting my car washed, nobody really knowing who I am, taking a walk. Taking walks. I can't take a walk.

People ask about, it seems like you play golf more. I'm not a great golfer and the truth is, is that I'm not passionate about the sport. I have no intention of being a scratch golfer. It's the only excuse I have now to get outside for four hours at a stretch. It used to be I could just wander down the street.



And what I miss is, is that when I take a walk, I'm alone. Now, I love solitary walks, but whenever I go to Manhattan, I just want to hop out of the car. I just want to go through Central Park. I want to watch folks passing by. I just -- I used to, when I was in college, I'd walk from Harlem down to Battery Park, spend the whole day just watching people. So I miss that.

Thank you. (Applause.)

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MS. JARRETT: Gene is actually going to have to leave shortly to go and participate in a briefing with the President. But we wanted to have him here. And he's going to discuss briefly -- well, I'm going to introduce the whole panel and then we'll go with Gene.

So Gene's topic is going to be -- he's going to touch on two topics. And what I'm going to do is each person on the panel is going to talk about two topics, and then we're going to come back and open it up and pursue whatever you guys would like to pursue.

So Gene's two topics are going to be workplace flexibility -- something that's near and dear to my heart -- as well as paycheck fairness. And so that will be Gene's topic.

And then Tina is going to discuss -- Tina, who is the First Lady's chief of staff, is going to discuss her two top priorities -- "Let's Move," where we're going to completely erase childhood obesity in one generation, and then her other initiative, working with military families. And I think she's going to give you a little sneak preview of some news that's coming up -- am I right?

And then Melody Barnes, who is the Director of the Domestic Policy Council -- and I should have mentioned that Gene is the Director of the National Economic Council. And Melody is Domestic Policy Council.

And Melody is going to chat with you about health care, the Affordable Care Act, and what it means for women, which is obviously very important, and another top priority of the administration -- what we're doing to encourage women and girls to go into STEM fields -- so science, technology, engineering, and math.

So with that, I'll turn it over to Gene.

MR. SPERLING: The joint introduction of the President and Valerie reminds me, when I was much younger and I was on the '92 presidential campaign and it looked like we were going to win and they started writing articles about all these people like George Stephanopoulos, about how good-looking they were and smart they were. And a guy on my staff said, "Oh, they'll write something about you soon." So they wrote an article



about how late I stay up -- (laughter) -- how early I wake up. And I said, "Gee, that wasn't so good."

And then so the next article came out, and he said, "Don't worry, it will get better." Next article came out, and it was all about how much coffee I drank -- (laughter) -- how much I was around. So he put up the two articles on the door and he just put up a sign above it that said, "Sperling's Motto: He's not particularly good, but he's here a lot." (Laughter.) So, as you've heard here, I'm not on the bright, smart, brilliant, or powerful thing, and I'm old -- but I am here. (Laughter.)

So let me -- I do apologize, I'm going to be going to meet with the President as we -- he meets with the President of Colombia on the Colombia free trade agreement -- an accomplishment that here is not getting much notice, but in Colombia right now is one of the most important news things, and considered a real significant progress for us and them both.

But let me just say -- let me just hit a few things quickly, and I apologize that I can't stay for the Q&A. We were all very happy when we got the jobs report last Friday, because in the midst of the supply disruptions from Japan, Libya, gas prices going up, it was a sign that our job creation was still going -- 230,000 private sector jobs, 1.8 million over the last 12, 13 months. Not nearly good enough, but progress -- and much faster private sector job growth than we saw after the last recession.

That said, we know not nearly good enough, and we know that many families are still struggling to come back from what was the worst recession we've had since the Great Depression. And let me just hit three things, which is, one, one of the things you might not have noticed but is affecting everybody -- or many people who are reading -- is that in December, in an act of bipartisanship and leadership by this President, we not -- we didn't just extend the tax relief; we added a few things that are worth noting.

One, we added a 2 percent payroll tax cut for every family. Now, for families right now who might feel they're paying \$400 or \$500 more this year, perhaps, on gas prices, they have 2 percent less taken out of their paycheck every month on Social Security. That's \$1,000 for a family making \$50,000. That is an important cushion, and I think it's making a big difference for families, many who are really watching prices, watching every dollar, and for the economy right now.

Secondly, while no one else was focused on it, this President fought very hard to make sure that the Child Tax Credit provision that was put in inn 2009 that was designed just for the hardest-pressed families in our economy, families making below \$20,000, was extended. And that will mean up to \$1,000 for millions of families making under \$20,000, and then again extended a provision that helped families who have three children or more, the most hard-hit, with the Earned Income Tax Credit. Those two provisions together affects over 15 million families with over 30 million children -- poorest, hard-pressed families.



Of course, this doesn't get attention. But believe me, it matters deeply, because we do know it is families at the lower incomes right now who are still struggling the hardest to get back to a position of economic security following the recession this President inherited, which leads really into a second point, which is we all like to -- it is common to think of equal pay or the Paycheck Fairness Act as a women's issue. But it is a family security issue as well.

Two-thirds of moms are working. They are contributing to their families. And in a period where a lot of people are back in the workforce, but maybe working not as many hours, it is absolutely critical. And I have to say from an economic point of view, you can control for any variable you would like. You can control for education, training, experience -- you control for any variable, there is still a gap. There is still an inexplicable, unexplainable gap between the pay of men and the pay of women.

And it does suggest, at least the presumption, that there is still discrimination for women in pay. And this matters not just for women or not just for their families, but it matters for retirement in a big way. When you're paid less, your Social Security benefits are not as high; your pension is not as high.

One of the highest groups of poverty in our country right now are elderly women who are widowed. And to allow -- so when you're allowing discrimination in the workforce, you're allowing discrimination in retirement as well for women. And the Paycheck Fairness Act really just simply says -- pretty common sense -- where there is an inexplicable differential, the employer simply has to show, explain, that there is a bona fide reason that this is happening. That's really not too much. And there's no reason this should not pass and become law soon or some day.

Second point on workforce flexibility -- and Tina and Valerie and Melody and the First Lady, Michelle Obama, they have all taken such leadership on this issue, and the conference they had here last year. If you actually put "workforce flexibility," as I did, into Google and hit, you'll find about half of the entries for the first three or four pages are on the conference that they did last year. So it really has raised the profile.

But again here, too, this is really an economic issue as well as any other issue. If you look at one of the advantages we as a country have, if you look at places where we do better than Japan and many of our OECD competitors, it is in the fact that more women compete and are part of the workforce in the United States.

And that is a huge advantage. You want a workforce at full strength. You want all of your people to be educated, have opportunities. You will be stronger; you'll be more competitive. And so it is more important than ever.



And let me say another point, too, which I think everybody here knows is true. Workplace flexibility is not just about making it easier for somebody to keep working. It is about not leading to diminished career paths for people who are taking responsibility for their children.

It is not good enough to just have a workforce where you make it possible for someone to work while they are taking care of children if that creates an environment where you cannot succeed, you cannot move up. That is also diminishing the talent pool in your company. And one of the things our Council of Economic Advisers showed is that it is a win-win. The companies that are best at this do better, and we would do better if everyone did.

My sister actually used to hang out at the same place that Valerie Jarrett did. She's a professor of immunology at University of Chicago. She is rare, unfortunately. She is a woman with two kids who got through tenure at the University of Chicago. It is so difficult. It has been so difficult. I admire her so much.

There should be more flexibility whether you're trying to get tenure or trying to move up into management, so I think you have to take that part very seriously. And we're thinking about it.

And the administration -- one of the things the President and First Lady said was that we have to set an example, passed the Telework Enhancement Act of 2010, which requires federal agencies to take a number of steps to promote the use of work. So I'll tell you, one of the questions I get often, having been in a couple of administrations, what's a little different, well, for me, I'll tell you it's a little thing, but it makes all the difference in the world.

I was single last time. I'm married. I have two kids. But I'll tell you -- I know it's a little thing, but we now have a system where you can not only take your laptop, but we have a security system where you can get secure emails. For me, as a father, it makes all the difference in the world.

I wish I could tell you that you can't -- you can take weekends off here. You can't. You have to work on the weekends. But that little -- that one thing, for us, being able to take a laptop and have it secure at home, it just makes all the difference in the world for me being able to be productive at the workforce and still be home and be around for my kids.

And you can replicate that story over and over again, and it's just finding those things that make a difference. And I think those make a big difference, having been around, on who stays, who leaves. And we've all seen incredibly productive workers leave because it was just too much of a strain. That's a loss for them. It's a loss for the company. It's a loss for the country's economic potential.



So thank you very, very much. I'm sorry I can't stay for Q&A, but I'm honored that I was allowed to sit aside -- (laughter) -- and attend with some of the President's most talented, powerful, and bright advisors. Thank you. (Laughter and applause.)

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MS. JARRETT: Thank you, Gene. And I will say in all seriousness, not only is Gene brilliant and hardworking, and I can attest since our offices are down the hall from one another, that he does put in those long hours, but he also shares the President's passion for really doing the right thing, and that he's the one that speaks up in meetings. And he goes, wait a minute, wait a minute, this isn't fair; there's somebody who is going to be hurt by what's being considered. And he always keeps his focus on what's good for the American people. So I want you to leave on a serious note. (Applause.)

All right, so moving from west to east, let's hear now from Tina Tchen.

MS. TCHEN: Thanks, Valerie. One just little coda to Gene's story is that when we arrived here, you remember this? So when we actually first got here, in terms -- as a single working mom myself -- there were actually -- now that Gene has described the laptop world, which I know for you all sounds like kind of common -- because I came from Skadden, Arps and we've had laptops and secure ID, you know, for years, right? When we got here to the White House, there were five laptops in the entire White House complex. That was it. Everything else was hard-wired in; five laptops. I confess I got one because actually we distributed the five based on whether you had kids, and I had kids at home -- and I'm working so I got one.

And it was really over the course of the next six months of our administration, having to make the investment that now everybody has got docking stations, laptops. This is our campaign, kids coming from the most highly technological campaign ever, working into a place that had five laptops. So that's just a little flavor of what life here is like.

MS. JARRETT: Before you start, I've forgotten one important part of Tina's title. Not only is she chief of staff to the First Lady, she used to be the head of the Office of Public Engagement. And so she was a part of my team. And so it was with great remorse that I gave her up to the First Lady. But the one thing that the First Lady said that she could keep was being the executive director of the White House Council on Women and Girls. And so we partner that effort.

So I wanted to make sure that everybody knows that she continues to do that and will engage the First Lady more than we have in the past in the White House Council on Women and Girls.

MS. TCHEN: And I'm happy to answer questions on that, too, afterwards. I saw somebody had our Women in America report over here that we've put out, which we were so proud about, last month.



But what I really wanted to do for the First Lady was to give you a little bit of a preview of something we are doing next week -- budget shutdown hopefully not happening. And it's embargoed, I believe, the material in your folder, so you're among the really first press people to hear about this. And this is, as many of you know, really going back to the early days of the campaign, the First Lady was moved by and heard stories from military spouses. It really started -- you'll hear her talk about this next week -- as gathering roundtables of working women to speak about workplace flexibility, in fact.

And what she heard in those stories of working mothers were among those voices were military spouses. And she was so moved by not only hearing these spouses juggling the things that those of us who are working moms or working parents juggle, but layered on top of that, the anxiety and the stress of having that spouse be absent, not because they're traveling on a business trip but because they're traveling in a war zone; that they're in harm's way, they're really serving our country.

And she maintained that commitment through the campaign, which is, if she were fortunate to have the platform she now has to serve as a voice for those families -- and she spent the last two years together with a partner she didn't know she was going to have, but when the President chose Joe Biden as his running mate in their first meeting together, Dr. Biden and the First Lady realized that they shared that passion -- Jill Biden as a Blue Star mom herself, meaning she is the mother of a serving active duty military member. The Biden son, Bo, as many of you know, is a National Guard -- Delaware National Guard, and was actually deployed to Iraq and has been home now for the last two years.

But Dr. Biden has known for the last 10 years, firsthand, what it means to be a military family. And those two have shared that passion. They've continued those conversations for the last two years. That effort is now culminating now in a new campaign we will launch next Tuesday. We have a branding of it and you have it in your folders, called Joining Forces. I would ask you all to keep that until next Tuesday amongst us.

It is an effort to really go out to all Americans across the country to join in and learn about our military families, to serve as military families. It is a companion to a governmental effort that the President ordered -- we announced two months ago through the Presidential Study Directive -- Melody's shop at the Domestic Policy Council and our National Security Council share responsibility for overseeing the enhanced efforts by our entire federal government in implementing over 50 recommendations that each agency in the federal government is stepping up -- not only VA and DOD, but all of our agencies -- to support our military families and veterans to make sure they get jobs and they get the benefits, they get the services they need.

But the government alone can't do this. And as the President said, one percent of our country is really serving to protect the freedom of the rest of us -- the rest of our 99 percent -- and we owe them that honor and responsibility.



There are many of us -- the polls will show we overwhelmingly do support our troops, but the other thing the polls will show -- Blue Star families did a poll that shows that actually over 90 percent of military families don't feel it. They actually don't think the country today understands the struggle that they're going through. And that's the piece that the First Lady and Dr. Biden feel so passionately we have to turn around.

So we'll be launching Joining Forces next week as a broad-based, sustained initiative. We want it to be something that will outlast us here in Washington and be really part of our ongoing values and culture, that we not only honor the service of our all-volunteer force, but we make that honor real and tangible in ways that our military families can see and can feel.

So we'll have joiningforces.gov as a website. We will have a number of opportunities -- many companies who have stepped up to give us employment guarantees for military spouses, employing veterans. Education will be another area, to make sure that military children in schools get the education that they need and deserve, especially as they're moving, that their credits transfer, that they get support for AP classes. A lot of our schools that have a majority of military children are some of our worst-performing schools and have the least amount of services.

And, finally, the third area will be in the area of wellness, including mental health and getting, again, the voluntary sector -- individuals, the faith communities -- to support the wellness of our military families.

The other overarching area where you all come in is public awareness. And I would like to urge all of you, especially in the platforms that you have, to think about telling the stories of military families, showcasing what they're going through.

We had a roundtable yesterday with some military spouses, and every time you hear about what they are doing in their individual lives, it's incredibly moving, incredibly heroic. They don't volunteer and tell their stories on their own.

So I would hope that you would join us. Many members of the Writers Guild, the Producers Guild, the Directors Guild, and we believe the Screen Actors Guild will vote shortly -- all of them, all the guilds will be stepping up and doing things out in Hollywood, on the West Coast, to get storylines into shows, into film PSAs. We will be having a print PSA. So you can get back in touch with us. I hope you will run the PSA for Joining Forces in your platforms.

And Courtney O'Donnell is in the back of the room. But also, our team in the First Lady's Office of Communication staff can get you any of the material that you need or answer any questions you might have if you



would like to work with us on promoting Joining Forces over the course of the next several months and years.

Secondly, "Let's Move," which I hope you all know about -- "Let's Move" has been for the last year a national campaign the First Lady has spearheaded to, as Valerie says, really attack the problem of childhood obesity. One-third of our children are obese. And it leads we know inexorably to diabetes, to heart disease, to serious health consequences for those families, serious economic consequences for us as a country.

And so the First Lady has really led "Let's Move" to change the national conversation. We had the one-year anniversary just a month ago. And again, one of the things that I'd like to suggest to all of you as a way to think about how to dig deeper in some of -- again, the opportunity you have to take a story and actually be out of this news cycle, as the President said, and dig deeper is this is a long-term effort, it's a longitudinal effort. We've had some great stories where last year we went to visit schools in Louisiana; we went to Mississippi with Haley Barbour; we went to Philadelphia where they're putting up green grocers. If you all go back to them -- I think a great idea is for you all to go back to those locations, see what's happened a year later or 18 months later. Are the kids still eating healthy?

Philadelphia, we know what happened when that green grocery store went in and there's actually a chain that's doing them around Philadelphia. Economic development is sprouting out throughout those neighborhoods, because now people can not only get healthy food, but they can get jobs, and there's growth and development happening.

So, again, I think there's a deeper dive on "Let's Move" that can really continue to move that childhood obesity conversation forward in ways that are very important to parents and to children and to teens as well. I know *Seventeen* is here, too. I think the whole issue of how do we help teens address this issue is an important one.

So we would look forward and welcome opportunities to work with all of you, so you can please be in touch with us.

MS. JARRETT: Thank you very much.

Okay, Melody.

MS. BARNES: Great. Thank you so much. It's a real pleasure to be with you all this afternoon. I am briefly just going to touch on two topics, the first one being our work on STEM -- science, technology, engineering, and math. And I know you all have information in your packets, so I'm not going to repeat a lot of it. But I will say a couple of things.

One, from the information you have, you can see that our global rankings overall are bad. We are about 17th in the world in science, about 24th in the world in math. That's abysmal, but particularly because



it affects our ability to innovate and our ability to be competitive, and certainly it affects our children's ability to compete for the jobs of the future. What we're doing is a real focus on turning this around.

The President, in some ways, sums it up. He says, you know, I want to make science and math and engineering cool again. And the same way that we focus on the NCAA champions and -- I went to Carolina undergrad, I believe in NCAA champions -- but maybe not this year -- I believe that you've got to focus on these topics and make children understand that this is important.

So we have set some big goals when it comes to STEM. One of those goals includes focusing on underrepresented populations, which includes women and girls.

We have also in our signature education program, which is called Race to the Top -- which is a competitive grant program that we're using to drive real education reform across the country -- we set as our only competitive priority a states focus on STEM. And you can see the 12 winners of our grants from this past year have all done really incredible, really interesting things to focus on greater STEM literacy, greater focus on curriculum and teaching in these areas, and also a focus on girls and women and getting interest and getting them into the pipeline.

We've also encouraged greater focus on teachers and set a goal for over 100,000 STEM teachers, training them and working with the National Science Foundation to make sure that they're in place in our schools. And also public-private partnerships. We know that we can't do it alone. We shouldn't. We don't have all the expertise. So we've worked with a number of CEOs -- in fact, over a hundred CEOs have signed up for Changing the Equation. Ursula Burns from Xerox, Sally Ride are a part of the leadership of that effort. And as a result, they're focusing on 100 different communities where they can make sure that STEM programming for underrepresented communities is taking place.

So those are some of the things that we've done. What sits underneath that I think is actually very interesting. And I'll just pause for a second to say my 10th grade biology teacher was a woman named P.Q. Taylor. P.Q. was an African American woman. She was tough. She was smart. She wanted us to learn. I loved her class. I still remember things from 10th grade biology and it's been a while since I took 10th grade biology.

The important thing, the reason I mention that is because having her stand in front of that class was an important message for me as a 15-year-old African American girl: I could do it. There was no reason why I couldn't imagine being a biologist, being a doctor. And they are things that I thought about doing; I simply decided I had other interests and other passions.

But it's important for us to send those messages. The American Association of University Women published an interesting report called,



"Why So Few?" And they talk about a couple of things; one, this myth that girls and women can't do math and the fact that we have to disband that myth, and the other one, that girls under-appreciate their success in the STEM topics -- that a girl who makes an A-minus will think, I didn't do so well; a boy who makes a B-plus will think, I am the man. (Laughter.) It's true. This is data. This is research.

MS. JARRETT: It goes beyond STEM. (Laughter.)

MS. BARNES: So we have to encourage, we have to support -- we have to change this way that girls think about math and science to get them into the pipeline.

Because the other important thing is what's happening in colleges and universities. A number of young women enter college and university with these interests, but particularly in areas like physics and computer science and chemistry. They just aren't graduating. And even fewer are getting master's degrees obviously. And even fewer are getting degrees in -- getting PhDs.

I remember I think the first year that we were here, in 2009, I was doing the Diane Rehm Show with two women who had just received the Nobel Prize. And listening to them talk about their journey, getting tenure -- Gene was talking about his sister -- doing their research and how difficult it was, and how difficult it was to raise a family. These are the kinds of things, that pipeline in college and university, that we can change. Very simple things: more collaborative learning, greater feedback, better understanding of how these topics relate to the real world. Also changes in departmental thinking as young women are going through this process.

So there are a number of things that we can do. There are a number of interesting issues that I think sit underneath the work that we're doing in these fields. But what we're trying to do in collaboration with our partners out there is to try and turn this around in the K-12 system, and also make sure that students who are going into university are prepared for these courses.

The other thing that I'll very briefly mention is our work on health care, which I'm sure you've all heard about. All of you have heard about it. I remember when we were all on the campaign and traveling around the country, in 2008 there were 21 million girls and women who didn't have health care.

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As a result of the Affordable Care Act, 15 million women will be covered. Back in 2008, 42 states legally could gender rate. That means that a 22-year-old woman could pay a premium that was about 150 percent higher than that of her male cohort. That is now illegal. And, as a result, when we have full implementation of the Affordable Care Act, those



forms of discrimination -- gender rating, preexisting conditions -- all of that will be off the table.

But what we're excited about, and I'll just mention to you now, are some of the things that are happening right now -- preexisting conditions for children now illegal. An insurance company cannot deny a child coverage because of a preexisting condition.

And I can tell you in real time -- I was leaving the hair salon that I've been going to literally for about 18 years. And the receptionist, who I've known for years and years, followed me out, ran behind me down the steps, and, she said, "Hey, Mel." And I said, what? And she said, look -- she has a three-year-old -- she said, I haven't been able to get health insurance for Naila (ph) since she was born because of a preexisting condition. She said, I just want to make sure the law now means that she can get health care insurance. And, I said, yes.

And, she said -- and it was like we could have brought her in here. She stood there on 18th street in Washington, D.C., and said, this is the best thing that has ever happened to me.

It is a game-changer for families. And when you think about those young adults up to age 26 that are going to be able to stay on their parents' insurance, whether they're married, whether they're living with them or not -- again, a game-changer, when you think of the kinds of debt burdens that students are often leaving college and university with. So that's very, very important to us as well.

And, finally, I'll just mention the free preventative care -- an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. That's going to be -- that is now something that is significantly affecting women; the ability to get a mammogram, the ability to get a flu shot, things that can really turn someone's life around.

So we're very, very proud of the things that have already gone into effect, what will happen in 2014, and some of the things in between that we're working on and looking forward to rolling out very soon. But it's important to us, because if a tree falls in the forest and no one knows about it -- so if people are not aware of the benefits available to them -- not everyone can chase someone down the front steps of a hair salon and ask that kind of a question. So it's very, very important. We're looking for ways to get that information out there. And I hope that you'll be interested in these stories and that kind of information as well.

So, thank you. (Applause.)

MS. JARRETT: Thank you, Mel.

Hannah is over there giving me the high sign. But I just wanted to touch two quick topics, and I'll do it in about a minute each before you leave. And then, of course, we want to engage with you and answer any questions that you may have and stay in touch on a regular basis.



But, first of all, before we came over here, the President and I stopped by a meeting that we had of about 120 federal employees from all the different federal agencies, and each one of them touch business.

And it's so important. Other than keeping America safe, creating jobs and getting our economy going is the President's number one priority. And so his message to all of them is to go out around the country and have roundtable discussions in all 50 states with small, medium and large businesses, and really listen to those businesses, and figure out what we can do with the federal government to create the kind of environment where they're going to want to invest and grow.

We're particularly focused on small business. And we have new regulations through the Small Business Administration. Karen Mills, our Administrator, is just amazing. She is going around the country and really helping small women-owned businesses, in particular get the access to capital that they so desperately need in order to grow.

The other topic I wanted to touch on briefly, because it's quite topical -- yesterday, the Vice President and I had a call with Arne Duncan and Russlynn Ali who runs civil rights in the Justice Department, as well as Lynn Rosenthal, who is here in the White House focusing on domestic violence. And we had a call with about 600 university presidents. And what we're really asking them to do is to engage with us to try to stop sexual violence in both elementary, middle school, high school, and the college campuses.

One in five women and girls under the age of -- graduating from college, will be victims of sexual assault sometime in that period of time. And in the general population for women it's one in six. That's just simply unacceptable. It's unacceptable. And so we really want the university presidents to work with us.

And there are many universities that have terrific programs and really come at that issue head on, and there are others that don't. And we really want to raise everyone's awareness as we work through new regulations that are going to put more of a burden on the universities to engage with them and make them partners in this process.

So that was just something else that's going on right now. I wanted to make sure that you guys all knew about.

So Hannah is nodding, which means "That's it. Valerie, be quiet." (Laughter.) So thank you all for coming. I wish that we had more time for Q&A, but you know where to find us. And we really want to help you get the word out about everything that's going on with the administration.

Thank you for coming today. (Applause.)

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PRESIDENT OBAMA: It is my great pleasure to welcome President Santos and the rest of the delegation from Colombia here to the White House.

I had the pleasure of meeting President Santos shortly after he was elected, on the sidelines of meetings at the United Nations, and we are now continuing our conversation.

The United States has an enormous interest in the development of Latin America and an enormous interest in progress in Colombia. We have been a partner there as Colombia dealt with some very difficult times and has now blossomed into a strong democracy that is respectful of human rights and is moving forward vigorously to provide economic opportunity for all of its people.

President Santos I think is at the forefront of a progressive and thoughtful agenda within Colombia. He's obviously initiating a whole range of reforms.. Colombia is also a leader when it comes to security in the region, and we are glad that we've been able to partner with Colombia not only to deal with security situations inside Colombia, but now increasingly Colombia can be a role model for the rest of the region.

And I just realized I was going to have translation, so let me stop there, and then we can continue.

In short, Colombia is one of our strongest partners not only in the region but around the world. And when we met in September, I suggested to President Santos that we should do even more to deepen and strengthen our relationship. And in pursuit of that deepening relationship, I dispatched my team to Colombia to discuss how we can finally move forward on trade agreements between our two countries.



So today, I am very pleased to announce that we have developed an action plan for labor rights in Colombia, consistent with our values and interests, but more importantly, consistent with President Santos' vision of a just and equitable society inside of Colombia. And we believe that this serves as a basis for us moving forward on a U.S.-Colombia free trade agreement.

Now, there's obviously a lot of work to do to translate this action plan into reality. And we are going to continue to engage with President Santos and his administration in an active process to ensure good working conditions, to make sure that trade unionists are protected, to make sure that we're creating a level of playing field for business and workers here and around the world.

And so I very much appreciate President Santos' efforts. He emphasized to me how important this is to him personally and the fact that Colombia sees a vision for its country in which all workers are treated fairly. And I have great confidence in his ability to be able to execute on this plan, and we look forward to working with him on it.

Now, obviously, the United States represents an important market for Colombian businesses, and so this is going to be a win for Colombia. It's also a win for the United States. This represents a potential \$1 billion of exports and it could mean thousands of jobs for workers here in the United States. And so I believe that we can structure a trade agreement that is a win-win for both our countries, and I'm looking forward to working with President Santos to ensure that both countries benefit. And this will help me meet my goal of making sure the United States has doubled exports over the coming years and that we're as competitive as we can be in a global marketplace in the 21st century.

Finally, let me just say that President Santos obviously has strong connections with the United States and particularly with the Kansas Jayhawks. (Laughter.) We were both disappointed that Kansas did not go all the way, but President Santos assures me that there's always next year.

And so I appreciate President Santos not only for having faith in my bracket, but also having faith in the strong relationship and friendship between the United States and Colombia.

And I am looking forward to visiting Colombia next year for the Summit of the Americas, in which I think, under President Santos' leadership, I'm confident we'll be able to do a lot of work to strengthen relations with all the countries in the hemisphere.

So, President Santos, welcome.

His English is better than mine, but he may decide to present in Spanish and have it translated into English so he can speak to his people back home.



Thank you.

PRESIDENT SANTOS: (As translated.) Well, I'm going to be speaking in Spanish because I'd like to have all of my countrymen in Colombia able to hear me.

First of all, I want to thank President Obama very deeply. I want to thank him personally and I also want to thank him on behalf of the Colombian people, and thank his administration for welcoming us to the White House and to the United States at this time. I know it's a very intense political time for you, so I think you very specially.

We met back in September, as the President said, and we decided then that we wanted to strengthen our relationship and we wanted to broaden our relationship. And I think that since then we've made good progress. And within that progress that I've referred to, the most important thing for Colombia, of course, is the good news that we've had with regard to the free trade agreement today. We've been working on getting a green light for this to go to Congress for five years, and we got that green light today.

This is a very important event for Colombia. It's important not just because of our foreign trade but also because of our relationship with the United States and for the progress and development of Colombia. We're extremely pleased as a result because this is part of the development plan that we're working on for Colombia to achieve development and even better progress with social justice.

And President Obama and I share common values -- values having to do with democracy, the progressive ideas that we share -- and this event takes us one step further in the defense of those values. The free trade agreement for Colombia means more jobs; it means more trade, more investment, more prosperity as a result. But the same is true for the United States. The United States has been losing markets in Colombia because of the free trade agreements that we have already signed with other nations. Now that relationship is going to become more balanced and the trade balance between us is going to be corrected.

The action plan that is giving the green light to the free trade agreement is one that establishes stronger defense of workers -- physical defense of workers. And in it, we put down in black and white objectives, and along with those objectives, a date for each one.

The first date we have set forth is April 22nd. April 22nd is going to carry with it a series of commitments with regard to worker protections, worker rights, the strengthening of justice. And so we are going to start off on April 22nd with making a presentation to Congress.

And so a number of measures are going to be taken after that with regard to objectives having to do with democracy, where the rights of all, and especially the rights of workers, are going to be guaranteed and



protected. This important step is going to strengthen our democracy, and it's going to restrengthen the capacity that we have to defend our workers' rights.

And, finally, the President and I had an opportunity to touch on other issues on the agenda that we share. Opening up the way for the free trade agreement allows us to take our strategic relationship even further. We discussed things like the upcoming Summit of the Americas, which is going to be hosted by Colombia in April of 2012, in the city of Cartagena.

We talked about how we will work together to follow up on President Obama's historic Latin America visit, a visit in which in his speech he presented an outline of how the United States will be working with Latin America. And we want to take specific actions now on Latin America and the United States in the relationship that they will be developing in the future.

As you know, the United States has a growing Hispanic population. This is a very important link with Latin America, and we want to strengthen it even more.

Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you. Thank you, everybody.

Q Did you make progress on the budget talks?

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, everybody.

Q No talk on the budget at all?

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, everybody.

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MR. CARNEY: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Good afternoon. As you know, in 15 minutes the President will be meeting with the Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate -- the President and Vice President will be meeting with them -- in the Oval Office to continue their discussions about the need to fully fund the government through the end of this fiscal year.

So I anticipate that you'll have questions for me about that, which I can entertain, but I'll tell you that I won't have much to say about that process since when I take those questions the meeting will be happening. And I'm sure we will get back to you after that meeting is finished.

In the meantime, I have with me today Jeff Zients, whom I know many of you know. He is the Deputy Director for Management at the Office of Management and Budget. He is responsible for overseeing the process for the entire federal government of dealing with contingency plans should there be a stop in funding if, in fact, there is a shutdown of government.

So that's part of the plans that exist. And you've had a lot of questions for me over the last days and weeks about what might happen if we cannot reach resolution. And Jeff is a much better person to answer those questions, so I have him with me here today.

I will turn it over to him. Questions on other issues, direct to me. Questions on the President and these negotiations, direct to me. And Jeff will start now.



Thanks.

MR. ZIENTS: Thanks, Jay. I thought I'd just say a few words up front and then take questions. The Office of Management and Budget, as all of you know, in addition to its budgeting role, is the agency that helps the President manage the executive branch. Jack Lew, our director, has asked me to be his point person on contingency planning, and our team has been at work working closely with the agencies across the past several weeks as they update their plans and refine them for how they will operate if Congress is unable to pass a funding bill for the government.

This week, given the Friday deadline, we ramped up our planning and are making the prudent moves necessary to have an orderly shutdown in case it should come to that. This morning we had a call with agency chiefs of staff and deputy secretaries and recommended they begin to notify their employees about the agencies' shutdown plans. These conversations will include what agency services will remain open and what employees will be furloughed.

Agencies also will begin to brief various stakeholders, including contractors, federal employee unions, state and local governments, grantees, key stakeholders about the agency shutdown plans. Also this afternoon, OMB Director Lew will issue official guidance to the agencies, instructing them to take steps to prepare for a possible lapse in funding. That memorandum will soon be posted on the OMB website.

We're taking these steps because responsible management demands it. We still hope that we do not have to execute the plans, but we are prepared to implement if necessary.

If there is a shutdown it would have very real effects on the services the American people rely on, as well as on the economy as a whole. In terms of how a shutdown would play out, generally speaking, services that are critical to safety of life and protection of property are excepted from a shutdown. Services that have alternative sources of funding, such as advanced appropriations, mandatory funds, or user fees, can also stay open.

Let me give some specific examples on what would be closed versus what would be open. As to what would be closed, the Federal Housing Administration -- FHA -- would not endorse any single-family mortgage loans or have staff available to process and approve new multi-family loans. FHA single-family lending represents a market share of more than 20 percent of overall loan volume of home purchases and refinancings.

There would be no new approvals of SBA-guaranteed loans for business working capital, real estate investment or job-creation activities.

National parks, national forests, and the Smithsonian Institution would all be closed.



The NIH Clinical Center will not take new patients, and no new clinical trials will start.

Those filing paper tax returns would not receive tax refunds from the IRS, and many taxpayers would not be able to receive service from the IRS to help them meet their tax obligations. For example, the 400 walk-in service centers would all be closed.

Permits and other approvals will not be processed, such as permits and clearances the EPA issues to allow building projects to proceed.

The Mine Safety and Health Administration would not be able to conduct regular safety and health inspections. Only emergency passport services would be open. Normal processing will not. Most of the veteran benefits customer support services would be suspended.

Most Department of Defense budget planning in preparation would cease and military personnel will not receive paychecks during a funding lapse.

Customer service will be significantly impacted across the federal government. For instance, if you have a question about your Social Security check or Medicare reimbursement, it may be very difficult to get an answer. Throughout the government, websites and online services will be shut down or at limited functionality.

As to some of the activities that will continue if there's a shutdown, the FAA would keep the air traffic control system open and safe. FEMA disaster operations would continue. Social Security checks will be sent to beneficiaries. National Weather Service alerts and forecasts, as well as volcano and earthquake monitoring by other agencies, would continue.

U.S. Postal Service would continue mail collection, delivery, and other operations. Custom and Border Protection activity would continue. Military operations in Afghanistan, Libya, and Iraq would continue. NASA satellite missions currently in operation would continue. SNAP, or what's better known as food stamps and other child nutrition benefits would continue. Most federal student aid operations would continue. Core federal law enforcement such as FBI and U.S. Marshals would continue, as would prison and detention operations.

So with that overview, let me now open it up for questions.

MR. CARNEY: Let me just -- I'll go ahead -- let me just say that Jeff is a font of information. But if you dig deep down in questions about specific agencies and operations within those agencies and how they're affected, he'll likely have to refer you to those agencies. So think about that when you're asking questions.

Ben.



Q Thanks, Jay. Thanks, Jeff. One of the scenarios being thrown about is that if a shutdown happens, it might last for a few days, that that's the period of time it would take for all parties to agree. How would you characterize the effect of a shutdown on the economy and the American people if in fact it only lasts for a few days? Would that be a seriously harmful force or is it only a sustained shutdown that would cause that --

MR. ZIENTS: Funding lapse is I guess early Saturday morning, 12:01 a.m., so it is a weekend. So if your few days were a couple days on the weekend, obviously less of an impact than if it was several business days. But between the FHA, the IRS that I talked about, businesses -- having come from the private sector, the inability to get a permit, that slows things down and leads to fewer jobs and other ramifications for the economy.

So, overall, if we were to have a shutdown, obviously the shorter the better. But the impact I think will be immediately felt on the economy.

Q So do you think that -- is it fair to say that if it should last only a few days, that that -- I mean, I guess to kind of sum this up, that's not that big of a deal, which is kind of an argument that's being posed?

MR. ZIENTS: When I think about the scale of the number of operations that will be shut down and then would have to be reopened, I think the impact on the economy, even for a short period of time, could be relatively significant. Furthermore, what does it say about confidence in the country if the government actually indeed shuts down.

MR. CARNEY: Caren.

Q Would the government still be able to release economic data?

MR. ZIENTS: For the most part -- to Jay's question -- for the most part, no, but specific, statistical agencies should follow up with the agencies who can give you the detailed answer to that question.

MR. CARNEY: Jake.

Q Two questions. One is, why would the decision be made, or how is the decision made that troops, who you say will continue to be fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq, would not receive paychecks while Social Security checks --

MR. ZIENTS: That's actually -- that's actually not a decision. That comes from what is their funding source. And if we have no money in the annual appropriations we can't pay the troops. So they will continue to earn their money, but they will not receive paychecks.

Q Just because it's a different source than Social Security.



MR. ZIENTS: Absolutely.

Q And then the other question I have is it sounds like it would -- based on what you're saying it would be a good idea for President Obama to sign the short-term funding bill that the House Republicans are putting out that we just got a veto threat about. Would it not be better for the country?

MR. CARNEY: Jake, I think, as you mentioned, we have issued a veto threat on that measure, and the reasoning behind that is precisely because the President has signed several short-term extensions to allow for time to continue negotiations. Those negotiations have gone on for quite a while now. They, at the highest level, begin again in a few minutes. And he remains confident that if all sides are reasonable, all sides are willing to give, all sides are willing to accept that they cannot get 100 percent of what they want, that we should get this done.

He has said also that he willing to sign a short-term CR that is essentially clean, that allows for time to get an agreement that might be reached -- time for that agreement to work its way through the Congress because of the rules and procedures in the Congress. But he does not believe that we should sign another short-term measure that carries within it a lot of policy implications in order to kick this can down the road and pay the tollbooth any longer. It is simply no way to do business.

We are at a point now, as you know, where the President and Democrats have demonstrated their willingness to come more than halfway, if you -- towards the Republicans. If you start here with zero and here with 100, 73 is quite a distance. If you start here with zero and here with 61, 33 is significantly more than halfway. And in these negotiations, what has to happen is a closing of the gap, not a furthering of the gap. That's our position.

And we also believe, as the President said last night -- for those of you who stayed late -- and has said previously, that this is not the vehicle, this is not the appropriate vehicle to have ideological or political agenda items debated and voted on. They can be done elsewhere. This work needs to be completed. The funding of the government, the substantial spending cuts that are included in these measures and that the President and Democrats are very willing to support, that needs to be done. And it can be done very quickly if all sides are reasonable and reach an agreement.

Q And the veto threat, I didn't see -- other than the idea that it serves as a distraction, I didn't see enumerated the policy implications that you're talking about. Can you explain what is in this short-term CR that the President finds objectionable?

MR. CARNEY: The point is, is that the President and the Democrats, we have been negotiating in good faith and we have closed the gap. As the President said last night in the meeting he had, a long meeting with the Speaker of the House and the Senate Majority Leader, that it clarified



some of the issues that remained, it narrowed the number of issues that remain, and staff worked literally through the night on those issues, and that we have already demonstrated how we can get to substantial spending cuts -- the largest in history, larger as a percentage of the GDP since 1982 in Ronald Reagan's first term.

That is the President's position. It is the Democrats' position. We do not need another short-term measure with \$12 billion of additional spending cuts separate from these negotiations because we are now at a point where we can get the deal done. The people expect us to get the deal done. It is simply small ball compared to the big issues that we face, and it is enormously frustrating I think for most Americans to see politics or other issues separate -- create a situation, a stalemate situation, that could lead to a shutdown of government that creates the kind of problems that Jeff just enumerated. That's why the President called the meeting today; that's why he called it last night; that's why he is so focused on it right now, so we can get this done.

But let's -- if we're going to start down that road, what I'd like to do, so that Jeff can get back to work, is if you have more questions specifically for him on his issues, let's do that. Otherwise we'll let him go.

Q If you can just tell us what a shutdown would look like at the White House here, who would be impacted. Would much of the staff not be essential?

MR. ZIENTS: The White House is part of the Executive Office of the President. The Executive Office of the President is using the same framework that I talked about before in terms of funding sources and activities to determine who's furloughed and who's not furloughed. And the bottom line is there will be many fewer staff at the White House if indeed we're shut down.

Q Can you give us anything more specific than that? Will the chief of staff be working? Will Jay be working? (Laughter.)

MR. ZIENTS: Commissioned officers are working and politically appointed Senate-confirmed folks are working. Many political appointees will not be working.

MR. CARNEY: Chip.

Q You talked about the effect on the economy of FHA and Small Business Administration and all that kind of thing. But this is an administration that believes that government spending can stimulate the economy. Isn't the greatest effect on the economy kind of the anti-stimulus of having 800,000 people suddenly not working and not doing government work? Is this an anti-stimulus, exactly the opposite of the stimulus plan the President --



MR. ZIENTS: Well, 800,000 is the number of folks that didn't work in 1995, and we believe that we're going to be in that same vicinity if indeed the government is shut down. And, yes, that has a -- to use your words -- anti-stimulus effect.

Q Is that more powerful than the SBA and FHA and all those kind of things? Isn't that really what would affect the economy most?

MR. ZIENTS: Actually, I don't think so. I think that while that's not insignificant, and also we have to think about those lives, 800,000 people and their families and how they're going to be impacted -- and these are dedicated public servants -- I think the effect of FHA on the housing market, people not getting their tax returns, SBA loans -- these collectively have a major impact on the economy.

Q Two quick semantics questions. Do you still use "essential" and "non-essential," and would it be accurate, as Michele Bachmann says, to call this a government slowdown, not a government shutdown?

MR. ZIENTS: Well, I think there are a bunch of different legal terms. I think the easiest way to think about it is furloughed and non-furloughed employees. And as I articulated, there are many services that are going to be shut down and some essential services will remain open.

MR. CARNEY: Savannah.

Q Can you explain how the shutdown will cost ultimately the government money? I'm not talking about the ripple effects that Chip was talking about, but some have suggested that it actually will cost the government to shut down.

MR. ZIENTS: Well, in some situations, oftentimes -- I alluded to this earlier -- when you have to shut something down, that costs money, and ramping something back up costs money. So --

Q Is that the case here?

MR. ZIENTS: Yes, absolutely. That's built into contractors. It's built into a lot of the different cost structures of the federal government.

Q What is that likely to be, and is that independent of the amount of time -- I mean, even for a couple of days if you've got to ramp down, you got to restart, there would be a cost associated with that. How much is that likely --

MR. ZIENTS: We have not -- as to the actual government operations, we've not sized that. We will do so if indeed we reach that point. But I don't have an estimate for that. Again, the cost on the economy I think is far greater, as I articulated earlier.

MR. CARNEY: Carol.



Q To Wendell's question, do you have any estimates based on the last time that this happened, what it costs to --

MR. ZIENTS: I do not.

MR. CARNEY: Mark.

Q Is it the administration's plan to reimburse furloughed employees for lost pay?

MR. ZIENTS: As you know, in 1995, indeed, furloughed employees were paid. It's Congress's decision, but the administration will support reimbursement.

MR. CARNEY: Ari.

Q If American people have specific questions about services, whether they will or will not be available, particularly if switchboards are shut down, is there any way for them to find out before they go to a government office whether that service will be there for them?

MR. ZIENTS: It's going to be difficult because, as you said, customer service lines are going to be down, 800 numbers are going to be down, many websites are going to be down, many websites are going to be at limited levels in terms of updating of information. So I think we'll count on all of you to help disseminate that information in the unfortunate event of a shutdown.

MR. CARNEY: Helene.

Q Can you explain just a little more for me the whole IRS part of this, because aren't a lot of these IRS workers seasonal and isn't there a fear that after April 15th they're not going to be available to do a lot of these tax returns anyway?

MR. ZIENTS: I don't know the composition of the IRS workforce, but to the extent there are seasonal workers, to go back to Savannah's question, there will be real transition costs if you were to not allow them to work because they're furloughed. Presumably they would seek other employment and might not be available when the government reopens. So that's again an example of the type of cost that we'll suffer for having to shut down and then reopen.

Q So income tax returns could be delayed even more than --

MR. ZIENTS: Oh, absolutely. I mean, I think this is peak season. And 30 percent of returns are paper-based, so if we were shut down during peak season we'd have a significant backlog and then we'd have the problem of ramping back up and dealing with that backlog. So there could be significant delays.



Q Can you quantify at all the cost per day to the economy? You said there will be an impact. Have you guys put any numbers on this as far as beyond the payroll or other services that are affected?

MR. ZIENTS: We have not. I think other economists have attempted to do so, but those are not numbers that we have.

MR. CARNEY: Christi and then Sam.

Q Hi, Jeff. Thank you for coming to the briefing room. Political appointees, can they voluntarily work?

MR. ZIENTS: No.

Q Can they use their BlackBerries?

MR. ZIENTS: No.

Q They can't use their BlackBerries at all?

Q Why couldn't you volunteer? Why can't you volunteer?

MR. ZIENTS: There's laws against volunteering.

Q Will they be punished?

MR. ZIENTS: It is illegal to volunteer.

Q Will there be a fine?

Q What about Jay? You haven't answered the Jay issue.

Q Is there a fine?

MR. CARNEY: I unfortunately -- (laughter) -- I'll be here.

Q He does work.

MR. ZIENTS: Let me not go to the specifics. Let me not go the specifics of volunteering and fines, because I don't know those. Overall, this is governed by the Antideficiency Act, where violations of the Antideficiency Act are criminal violations. So this stuff is very serious.

And if we were to shut down at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday morning, those that are furloughed need to power down their BlackBerries and not do any work. And those who are working cannot reach out to those employees for work purposes.

Q And also, will Air Force One fly?



MR. CARNEY: That's a very good question. I'll have to take that. I assume it falls under one of those categories. But we can take that question, Christi.

Sam.

Q Thanks. Jeff, as you reach out -- as you let these employees know that they -- that are going to be furloughed, are you giving them a worst-case scenario about how long this could last?

MR. ZIENTS: We're not speculating at all. I mean, right now we're doing everything we can to make sure that this doesn't happen, as Jay has talked about, and if in the unfortunate scenario it happens that we're able to execute on the shutdown plans.

MR. CARNEY: Keith.

Q What's the potential fallout and danger if there's a national emergency during a government shutdown?

MR. ZIENTS: National emergency personnel are for the most part going to be at work, and some will be on call. So we will be well positioned to deal with a national emergency.

Q But aren't there many other logistical issues that other agencies would have to pick up, I mean, if there's some kind of an attack?

MR. ZIENTS: If something like that was to occur, agencies would look at the legal framework and how it's changed since they did their planning based on the circumstance and, therefore, would be able to bring back appropriate employees if necessary as dictated by the circumstance.

MR. CARNEY: Let's do two more here. Sam, and yes, sir.

Q It might be out of your purview, but private contractors who work inside government buildings, do you have any models about how they'll be affected economically or in terms of their workload?

MR. ZIENTS: Same framework. So if they're doing activities that come from multiyear funding or user fees, i.e., there are dollars to fund, then they'll continue to execute on their contracts. If they are part of these activities, protection of life or property, then they'll continue to work. Otherwise, they will not. Those contracts will not be in place.

Q In reaction to the Japan tsunami, what about U.S. relief efforts in Japan and elsewhere -- relief efforts abroad? Would those continue? And what about the radiation monitoring here in the continental United States?

MR. ZIENTS: I believe the monitoring would continue, and the specific relief efforts I think you need to follow up with the agencies. It's a case-by-case situation.



Q How about embassies and consulates?

MR. ZIENTS: Embassies and consulates will continue to operate at lower levels of service. And I had mentioned earlier, only emergency passports; so regular passports and visas will not be processed.

Q What classifies emergency passports? I mean, what --

MR. ZIENTS: State Department could help you with that.

Q Jeff, what about the big dig out there? Does that stop?  
(Laughter.) Is there a --

Q Is there a national security --

Q -- a shining cloud, a shining light --

Q It's only infrastructure.

MR. ZIENTS: Again, I don't know the specifics of the big dig, but EOP has its plan, as I said earlier, and it will use -- it uses the exact same framework -- is there multiyear funding or not in this situation? Clearly, it would not be a protection of life.

Q Jeff, this is confusing for us, but what would you say to the rank-and-file worker who's sitting there wondering today, what's my status after Friday?

MR. ZIENTS: First of all, I'd say -- I very much sympathize. It's a hard, hard, hard situation for people to operate with this level of uncertainty. And so we have asked agencies to begin communicating to employees as to --if there is a shutdown, hoping again that there is not -- what their status will be. Will they be furloughed or will they indeed be at work?

MR. CARNEY: Thank you very much. Thank you. We'll move on. Appreciate it, Jeff.

Q Thanks, Jeff.

MR. CARNEY: Okay. As I said at the top, I just want to warn you as you ask your questions that I don't want to get ahead of a very important meeting that's happening as we speak. And with that admonition I will call on Mr. Feller.

Q Thank you, Jay. Last night the President said from this room that the issues were narrowing. Based on what Speaker Boehner and Leader Reid said today, it certainly doesn't seem like that; it seems like it's going the other direction. What happened since last night? Where did this get off the rails?



MR. CARNEY: Well, Ben, what I would say is, because they are in there discussing just these issues right now, I'm not going to get into details about proposals and counterproposals, but I will say that at the very least, the meeting, the long meeting, 84-minute meeting last night in the Oval Office, did produce clarity about what the issues are and what the avenues would be to discussing and hopefully resolving them.

So what we have said and what remains true is that, as I discussed earlier, that the numbers we have shown that we are willing to do, is end the debate about whether or not we're serious about reducing spending. I mean, it simply cannot be suggested that the President of the United States endorses a proposal to reduce discretionary -- non-defense discretionary spending by \$73 billion, or overall spending by \$73 billion in this measure, which is the largest nominal reduction, discretionary reduction, in history and the largest as a percentage of the economy since 1982, that that does not represent a serious commitment to reducing spending and reducing the deficit. There's an agreement on that.

There is also -- there are some lines that the President has drawn about what are essential priorities that must be funded because of their significance to economic growth and our economic future. He has also made clear that this is not the place -- and we believe the American people would broadly agree with this notion -- that this is not the place -- a funding measure, an appropriations measure for last year's business, for the remaining six months of this fiscal year -- is not the place to inject contentious ideological political agenda items.

Within those parameters, there is a great deal of room for a compromise, again, because we have shown ourselves willing to go -- meet the Republicans so much further than halfway because we agree on the importance of cutting spending and because we all agree that a government shutdown would be harmful. It would cause great uncertainty in the economy. Somebody asked how many days we would be planning for. Well, we don't -- you know, how would we know? And that's part of the uncertainty that's created since it's contingent upon a settlement, an agreement, among the political parties and a bill that passes Congress and is signed by the President. So -- and that's in addition to all the ramifications that Jeff just outlined.

So the leadership in the Congress has said they want to avert a shutdown. The President has made very clear he wants to avert a shutdown. The means by which we can achieve that are very clear. And with any luck, an agreement will be reached and we will avoid that situation.

Q Two other quick ones. You mentioned the term "clarity," but Leader Reid said today that there's essentially agreement on the numbers and you're down to these ideological policy issues. And the Speaker's office is saying that as of this morning that's not true. What's the White House stand?



MR. CARNEY: Well, again, I just outlined our stand in terms of where we have been and the fact that there was an agreement on \$73 billion, which, by the way, is the same number in terms of the degree of spending cuts that was first put forward by the Speaker of the House and the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee at the beginning of this process. Remaining issues need to be worked out, and hopefully they will be because it will be awfully hard to explain why they -- why the issues that prevented that from happening were important enough to cause the kind of uncertainty and economic problems that would follow a government shutdown.

Q The last one, quickly, as candidly as you can, does the President think that House Republicans genuinely want to solve this or does he think that they want a government shutdown?

MR. CARNEY: I think the President is not interested in assigning motivation. He believes that -- he takes the Speaker of the House at his word, Senate Minority Leader at his word, about their desire to avoid a shutdown. The Speaker of the House mentioned not that long ago that, as I think Savannah or someone -- Savannah brought up, that it would actually cost more to shut the government down than it would save money. And that's just leaving out the broader economic implications of this.

And obviously it's a large body of lawmakers, so to guess at the motivations of individual lawmakers would be a pointless exercise. What he's doing is negotiating with the leader of the House Republicans, and his team is negotiating with the relevant leaders of the process to try to reach a deal.

Jake.

Q I think she wanted --

MR. CARNEY: You looked like you didn't want to call on you.

Q No, I was looking at my notes. I definitely have a question.

MR. CARNEY: Yes, sorry, go ahead.

Q Can you talk about the President's approach in these meetings? How specific is he getting on the details of the discussion? Is he offering proposals on some of the most sensitive issues like Planned Parenthood and the environmental issues? Or is he just telling the two sides, look, there's a lot at stake, you've got to reach a deal?

MR. CARNEY: Without going into the details of a private meeting from last night or previous private meetings, or obviously the one that's happening now, I will simply say that he spent nearly an hour and a half in the room with leaders last night, so it was obviously a fairly detailed conversation. Now, there were others in the room who are masters of the some of the arcane details, but he's very engaged.



But he believes also that this is not that complicated, it simply is not that complicated, and that there are -- if we are reasonable, there are fairly clear and acceptable ways to get from here to there.

Q But is he actually mediating in the sense of saying, look, you're this far apart on this issue; how about we do it this way? Is he offering specifics in that way?

MR. CARNEY: Again, I don't -- except to say that he is clearly very much engaged in this, I don't want to characterize the back and forth, because I think that's -- it's important to protect the privacy of those discussions in the name of hoping that by doing that we can help achieve a result.

Yes, Jake.

Q While the President was working with congressional leaders throughout 2010, does he wish that he had asked them to pass a budget for fiscal year 2011?

MR. CARNEY: Look, I think the President was very hopeful at the end of last year that funding for the full year could have been achieved. It was obviously a time with a lot on the table. And there was, as you remember, an unexpected by most, I think, observers and very significant bipartisan agreement on a tax cut compromise and further measures to help advance the recovery that was taking hold last year.

So he -- he obviously fully supports and has always supported the idea that Congress would get its work done and move forward. But these are complicated issues -- or they can be. What is the case on this, is that we have been focused on this portion of the fiscal year now for many, many weeks. We have -- the President has signed into law already several extensions, continuing resolutions with significant spending cuts contained within them in order to allow more time to get -- to reach a compromise.

It is -- we are well past time for that to take place. It is -- the issues that confront us here at the White House and on Capitol Hill are too large to continue to linger over this negotiation, because we should just get a deal and move on.

Q I interviewed a number of people who will be hurt by a government shutdown; President Obama cited one of them last night. I don't really sense that they care much about whether or not the President is fed up with the number of continuing resolutions. I think they just want to be able to get their tax refunds and their military pay.

MR. CARNEY: And my guess is that they're fed up with the noise they hear from Washington when they find out that they're -- in the scope of the size of the economy and the distance of their differences, that Washington can't simply get this done and be reasonable. And, again, we simply say -- and obviously we rely on those who hear us speak and write



about our positions -- we believe we have been, the President has been very reasonable and demonstrated a significant willingness to find common ground.

So what I would say --

Q Can I finish my question?

MR. CARNEY: Let me just -- let me finish my answer, then you can finish your question. But the -- he entirely sympathizes, and I think that's why he cited the gentleman that you referenced, with the uncertainty this creates. It should not be this way. It does not need to be this way. And passing a continuing resolution for another week so we can kick the can down the field a little further without focusing on what we can get done now does not add to the certainty that the economy needs or that individuals need.

Q Right, but my point would be I think that they --

MR. CARNEY: This is a question, not a debate, right?

Q Yes. What I want to know is, what would the President say if somebody says, wait a second, you mean you actually -- the Republicans are offering another short-term resolution so I will get paid next week, but you just don't want to sign it because you're fed up with the --

MR. CARNEY: Well, the President supports a clean -- an essentially -- a simple continuing resolution that would allow that to happen --

Q So it isn't --

MR. CARNEY: -- to allow -- includes \$12 billion in additional spending cuts which then -- there are already \$73 billion in the proposal on the table from the President and the Democrats -- and muddies the issue, again, when we are on the verge of a potential compromise. So we are focused on the work at hand today and we believe that it can get done. We believe the American people want it done. We take the leaders of Congress at their word that they want it done. And that's why he's in there now.

Yes, Dan.

Q Jay, you mentioned that the President said he doesn't believe that this is that complicated. Well, obviously it's very complicated if they can't reach an agreement.

MR. CARNEY: Well, Dan, is that a question?

Q Well, it's part question, part statement. I mean, isn't it complicated? Because to this point --

MR. CARNEY: Well, Dan --



Q -- there have been all these meetings and --

MR. CARNEY: -- I think I've outlined and I think the President has and others have that we have a situation where in the beginning of this process the Speaker of the House and the chairman of the Appropriations Committee proposed a funding bill for the rest of fiscal year 2011 which would have -- which called for \$73 billion in spending cuts. Through this process, they then -- the House then decided that wasn't enough and passed a resolution with \$100 billion in spending cuts -- \$100 billion plus -- based on the President's proposed 2011 budget.

The Democrats have come -- and the President -- have come from that starting point, the same starting point if you put it at zero, to \$73 billion. And in any definition of meeting the Republicans more than halfway, I think we have -- we've met that and exceeded it. Spending cuts are the issue. Republicans have made that clear and we agree that spending cuts are important. The President has demonstrated his commitment to reducing spending.

And what we have left now is a debate about a relatively small number and how you compose those cuts, and whether or not, for example, you reduce funding for Head Start for children or you eliminate spending for highway projects that are earmarked -- that are designated for earmarks; whether you cut funding for medical research or you cut funding that the Pentagon has deemed wasteful and unnecessary. Those are some of the choices. When we talk about getting the composition of the numbers, those are really the choices on the table.

At another level, there are these issues -- this issue of the injection of policy matters that are highly contentious and should be debated on their own precisely because they're highly contentious, and do not belong in a funding bill because the insertion of them in there is precisely designed to inject politics in a process that the American people do not want politics injected into.

Q Just to follow on Ben's question, so there's no agreement on a number? Or is there agreement on a number?

MR. CARNEY: Well, look, they're negotiating now. What I will tell you is --

Q Well, last night, did they have an agreement last night on a number?

MR. CARNEY: I'm not going to characterize anything more than what was said by the President in terms of last night's discussions. What we have said, and I know anybody who has sources on the Hill can confirm, that there was an agreement on a target of \$73 billion for the appropriators to work off of to try to find a way to a deal. And that's been true now for more -- well more than a week.



Yes, Chip.

Q Jay, I just want to understand, are you saying the President will not support any one-week unclean CR even if that's the only choice other than a shutdown?

MR. CARNEY: Chip, you're setting up straw men because we believe these negotiations should bear -- can and we hope will bear fruit. And I have simply said that the President has made clear that he will sign a short-term extension if it is simple and for the purpose of facilitating the conclusion of an agreement reached on the rest of the fiscal year; not so he can start the process all over again, move the goal post a little further, reopen everything, and hope we get there in a week. That's just not acceptable for the American people. It's not the way to run a business and it's not the way to run government.

Q Does it have to be perfectly clean --

MR. CARNEY: I'm not going to negotiate with you, Chip. We put out a statement, a pretty clear statement. And more importantly, there are important conversations happening in the Oval Office right now.

Q One other. Reid, Durbin, and Schumer are just repeatedly taking shot after shot at the Tea Party, blaming them for being the problem here. Does the President agree with that assessment?

MR. CARNEY: The President, again, is focused on the conversations he's having with the leaders of the House and the Senate and the appropriations committees, and his staff is working with relevant staff and members to try to get this done. It's not -- he's not characterizing motivations, he just simply thinks that the American people broadly expect their leaders in Washington to work it out; to have in the way that they reach a solution the same kind of approach that most of us have when we resolve a problem, and that is to give a little, compromise, and accept a good deal on behalf of the American people. But, again, let's -- we're going to have more for this to say, obviously, about this as the afternoon continues. So let's -- I encourage us not to dwell too much longer.

Wendell and then Carol.

Q You've repeatedly said that the President has gone more than halfway. What's your response to some liberals who say he's already given up too much?

MR. CARNEY: What I would say is that the President made clear with his fiscal year 2012 budget and with his positions in this process that he has been willing, in the name of reaching common ground and in recognition of the fact that spending -- reducing spending is important, to accept cuts that in an ideal world he would hope would not be necessary because they are cuts to -- in some cases, to programs that he thinks are very worthy and would merit fuller funding if we did not all need to tighten our belts and share the sacrifice. So that's his position.



Q And if I could try again with Karen's question. Majority Leader Reid said today, "We have bent and bent as much as the President will let us bend." Who's negotiating here? Is it the President and Boehner? Is it Reid and Boehner? Is it a three-way --

MR. CARNEY: In the room last night, there was the President of the United States, Speaker of the House, the Senate Majority Leader. That's who was in the room -- and the Vice President, and obviously relevant staff. But the appropriations chairs are significantly engaged because this is an appropriations bill. And as are -- everybody obviously then talks to and gets input from the people in their committee, caucus, or staff.

So this is a congressional matter, no question. It obviously is very much of concern to the President because of his priorities, and because of the potential damage that could be caused by a shutdown of government -- to the economy and to individuals. So he is very engaged in this process as well.

Q Are there just two sides, though? The President and the Majority Leader of the Senate totally on the same page here?

MR. CARNEY: The President and, as I've said I think three or four times, the Democrats have presented a position that represents \$73 billion in reductions, in spending reductions. And that is a position they share.

Savannah -- and let's -- probably just a couple more.

Q So this veto threat that you've issued, essentially it reflects a judgment that this one-week budget extension is worse than a government shutdown?

MR. CARNEY: Savannah, look, you can parse it in a lot of ways. What we've said is that if we can focus on getting a deal on the rest of the year, the President will sign a measure that allows for a very short period of time to get that process done. If we have an agreement and there is a day or two or three or a few more days necessary to push that pig through the python, then you do that. But you do not continue the cycle that we've been on, because it hasn't gotten us to conclusion. It has created more uncertainty.

Q But just so people understand, the cycle you describe -- you have judged, the President has judged -- that cycle is worse than a government shutdown. He'd rather see a government shutdown.

MR. CARNEY: He does not believe -- no. He does not believe that a shutdown is necessary and that we're not -- if everyone is serious about getting a compromise and finding common ground, then they will do that in these negotiations, and they will, if necessary, agree that in order to get an agreement through the end of the year, they will support a simple



"clean" CR for several days to allow that to happen. It is not necessary to start all over again when we are so close to getting it done.

Q Haven't the Republicans kind of out-maneuvered you, because if it gets to the point where the Republicans pass a one-week extension and the President is going to veto it as he's promised --

MR. CARNEY: Savannah, I'm not going to --

Q -- then he's the person that's the instrument of the government shutting down.

MR. CARNEY: You're saying if, if, if. I don't think that the people are interested in who's out-maneuvering or who's playing the best politics. They got a lot on their minds. They have gas prices on their minds. They have job security on their minds. They do not believe that this is necessary. And I think that acting on behalf of the people who brought them here, the elected leaders who represent the American people, I think -- more importantly, the President thinks -- that they need to sit down and work it out. And that's why they're doing just that right now, we hope.

Carol.

Q Can I ask you on Japan --

MR. CARNEY: Yes.

Q Can you give us a comment on that? Was the President briefed on that? (Inaudible) the White House (inaudible) assessment --

MR. CARNEY: The President is aware of the earthquake. I was with him when he was notified. And we are monitoring that. We have seen the reports. We have also seen the reports that the power plant at Fukushima was not affected and that -- and also seen the reports that there is not expected to be a tsunami.

So, again, this is information that's coming in that we're analyzing, so -- but we're obviously aware of the situation.

I'm going to --

Q Can I just follow up on the --

MR. CARNEY: Okay, this is the last one.

Q You said he'll agree with a short-term extension if there's an agreement. If they're close to an agreement then --

MR. CARNEY: I don't want to negotiate the --



Q Well, I just want to figure out at what point would you guys actually agree to an extension to let them continue to talk? Is there a hard and fast agreement at midnight tomorrow?

MR. CARNEY: We'll let you know. We'll let you know.

Thanks very much.

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1:33 P.M. EDT



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Attached is a proclamation signed by the President today regarding National Volunteer Week.

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**Schedule for First Lady Michelle Obama**  
**Thursday, April 7, 2011**  
**Washington, DC**

**Weather:**  
Washington, D.C. 69/50, Partly Cloudy/PM Showers, 50% chance of precipitation

**Time Zone:**  
Washington, DC Eastern Time Zone

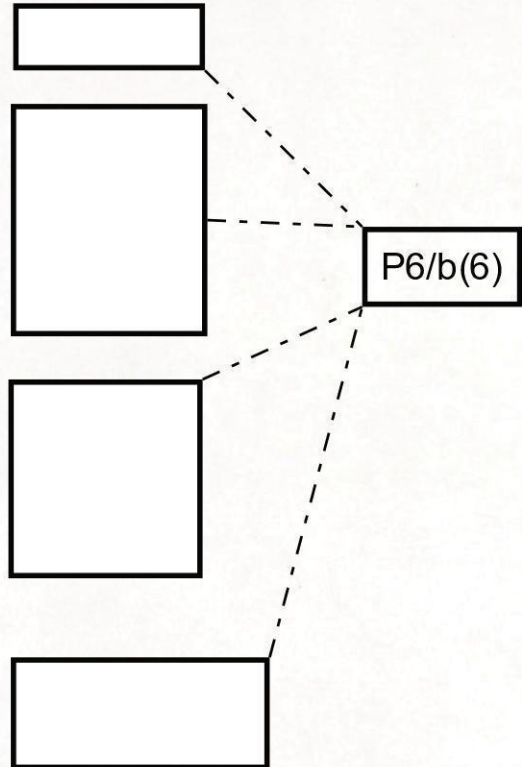
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Photographer Samantha Appleton

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Site Ashley Laatz  
Press Jen Mullin  
Site / Press Pamela Hillsman  
Site / Press Gina Lee

**Attire:**  
Business

Scheduling contact: Jeannette Cleland  
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**Thursday, April 7, 2011**  
**Washington, DC**

AM – 10:55 am **NO SCHEDULE**

10:55 – 11:00 am **MOVE TO EAST WING**

11:00 – 12:00 pm **SENIOR STAFF MEETING**  
Location: White House  
Room: First Lady's Office  
Attendees: Tina Tchen, Melissa Winter, Franny Starkey, Jocelyn Frye,  
Trooper Sanders, Kristina Schake, Jeremy Bernard,  
Robin Schepper, Sarah Hurwitz

12:00 – 12:30 pm [Redacted]

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Location: White House  
Room: First Lady's Office

12:30 – 1:25 pm



1:25 – 1:30 pm

**MOVE TO EAST WING**

1:30 – 2:00 pm

**SPEECH DISCUSSION**

Location: White House  
Room: First Lady's Office  
Attendees: Tina Tchen, Melissa Winter, Kristina Schake, Semonti Stephens,  
Trooper Sanders, Jocelyn Frye, Sarah Hurwitz

**Format:**

- YOU discuss your commencement speeches.

2:00 – 2:55 pm

**SPEECH PREP**

Location: White House  
Room: First Lady's Office  
Attendees: Tina Tchen, Melissa Winter, Kristina Schake, Semonti Stephens,  
Trooper Sanders, Matt Flavin, Jocelyn Frye, Terry Szuplat

**Format:**

- YOU rehearse your Joining Forces launch and Camp Lejeune speeches.

2:55 – 3:00 pm

**MOVE TO MAP ROOM**

3:00 – 4:00 pm

**NBA PSA TAPING**

Location: White House  
Room: Map Room  
Staff: Katie McCormick Lelyveld, Robin Schepper  
Set-up: Standing, direct-to-camera  
Remarks: Prepared  
Teleprompter: YES  
PRESS: NBA crew only

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**Format:**

- YOU tape one NBA PSA; standing direct-to-camera (note: the room will appear in the PSA "as is" and there will not be a green or white screen).
- YOU tape the one NBA PSA script several times to capture the different shots – close-up, medium, and waist-up.
- YOU tape the first line of the script, "If you're anything like our family, then you love to play basketball," while taking three steps to a mark, to provide movement with the message.
- YOU also tape 6 one-line messages to promote upcoming collaborations between Let's Move! and the NBA.
- Following the conclusion of the taping, YOU depart.

4:00 – 5:30 pm



5:35 – 5:50 pm

**EN ROUTE RITZ CARLTON PENTAGON CITY**

Limo: FLOTUS, Kristen Jarvis  
Staff: Alan Fitts, Semonti Stephens, Trooper Sanders,



5:50 – 5:55 pm

**ARRIVE RITZ CARLTON PENTAGON CITY // ELEVATOR  
MOVEMENT TO 2ND FLOOR**

Location: Ritz Carlton Pentagon City  
Arlington, VA  
Hold: Salon 1  
Site: Ashley Laatz  
Staff: Trooper Sanders  
PRESS: CLOSED

**ELEVATOR MANIFEST:**

Capacity: 10

Elevator 1:

Elevator 2:

5:55 – 6:00 pm

**ARRIVAL GREET**

Location: Ritz Carlton Pentagon City  
Arlington, VA  
Room: Hallway outside of Salon 1  
Site: Ashley Laatz  
Staff: Trooper Sanders  
PRESS: CLOSED

**Greeted by:**

- Jim Knotts, Operation Homefront
- Carly Samuelson, Operation Homefront
- Mrs. Deborah Mullen, spouse of Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Mrs. Suzie Schwartz, spouse of General Norton Schwartz, Chief of Staff, US Air Force
- Angella Reid, General Manager, Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City

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6:00 – 6:10 pm

**PHOTOLINE**

Location: Ritz Carlton Pentagon City  
Arlington, VA  
Room: Salon 1  
Attendees: 14  
Staff: Trooper Sanders  
Site: Ashley Laatz  
Set-up: Standing photoline, TBD backdrop  
PRESS: CLOSED // Official WH Photographer

**Format:**

- YOU participate in a 5-click photoline with the awardees, their families, and award presenter from each branch.
- YOU take one group photo with the Military Child of the Year Awardees (5 people).

6:10 – 6:30 pm

**MILITARY CHILD OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Location: Ritz Carlton Pentagon City



Arlington, VA  
 Room: Grand Ballroom  
 Attendees: 200  
 Presenters: Lt. General William Troy, Director of Army Staff; Gen. Joseph Dunford, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; Adm. Jonathan Greenert, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; General Norton Schwartz, Chief of Staff, US Air Force; Vice ADM Sally Brice-O'Hara, Vice Commandant, US Coast Guard  
 Staff: Trooper Sanders  
 Site: Ashley Laatz  
 Set-up: You speak from a podium with the Operation Homefront seal; backdrop is royal blue pipe and drape with Navy, Army, Marine, Air Force, Coast Guard and US flags. Presenters seated on stage behind YOU.  
 Remarks: Prepared  
 Teleprompter: YES  
 PRESS: OPEN  
**Format:**  
 - Jim Knotts, Operation Homefront, delivers welcome and introduces YOU.  
 - YOU deliver prepared remarks.  
 - Following your remarks, YOU depart stage right and depart.

6:30 – 6:35 pm

**ELEVATOR MOVEMENT TO DEPART**

<b><u>ELEVATOR MANIFEST:</u></b>	
Capacity: 10	
Elevator 1:	[REDACTED]
Elevator 2:	[REDACTED]

6:35 – 6:45 pm

**EN ROUTE WHITE HOUSE**

Limo: FLOTUS, Kristen Jarvis  
 Staff: Alan Fitts, Semonti Stephens, Trooper Sanders, Sam Appleton, Jenny Nielsen, WHCA, WHMU

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6:45 – PM

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**Schedule for Vice President Joe Biden**  
**Thursday April 7, 2011**  
**Washington, DC**

**Weather:**

Washington, DC

Partly Cloudy; 71//49; 20% chance of precipitation

**Time Zone:**

Washington, DC

Eastern Daylight Time

**Vice President's Staff:**

Senior Executive Assistant

Michele Smith

Personal Aide

Fran Person

Staff Assistant

Kellen Suber

Military Aide

LTC Tim Stefanick



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NAVAL OBSERVATORY

9:15 am – 9:30 am

DEPART NAVAL OBSERVATORY EN ROUTE WHITE HOUSE

[Drive Time: 15 mins]

Lead:

Spare: Person, WHMU

Limo: Vice President

Control: LTC Stefanick, WHCA

9:30 am

ARRIVE WHITE HOUSE//PROCEED TO OVAL OFFICE

9:30 am – 10:00 am

ATTEND PRESIDENT'S DAILY INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING

Location: The White House

Room: Oval Office

Staff: Tony Blinken

PRESS: CLOSED

10:00 am – 10:05 am

PROCEED TO SITUATION ROOM WITH THE PRESIDENT

4/6/2011 6:44 PM



10:05 am - 10:50 am

**ATTEND PRESIDENT'S MEETING ON LIBYA**

Location: The White House  
Room: Situation Room  
Staff: Tony Blinken  
PRESS: CLOSED

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

**ATTEND PRESIDENT'S FISCAL POLICY MEETING**

Location: The White House  
Room: Roosevelt Room  
Staff: Bruce Reed  
PRESS: CLOSED

12:30 pm - 12:55 pm

**WEEKLY LUNCH WITH THE PRESIDENT**

Location: The White House  
Room: Private Dining Room  
PRESS: CLOSED

12:55 pm - 1:00 pm

**PROCEED TO EAST ROOM WITH THE PRESIDENT**

1:00 pm - 1:15 pm

**DROP BY WOUNDED WARRIORS WHITE HOUSE TOUR WITH THE PRESIDENT**

Location: The White House  
Room: East Room  
Setup: wounded warriors set on risers; President Obama and YOU greet them and take a group photo.  
Staff: Bobbi Doorenbos  
PRESS: CLOSED

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm

**DAILY BUDGET BRIEFING (t)**

Location: The White House  
Room: West Wing office  
Staff: Bruce Reed  
Jack Lew  
Rob Nabors  
Gene Sperling  
Pete Rouse  
Phil Schiliro  
PRESS: CLOSED

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

**MEETING WITH SENATOR LINDSEY GRAHAM**

Location: The White House  
Room: West Wing office  
PRESS: CLOSED

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

**PREP FOR HEARST MAGAZINE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

Location: The White House  
Room: West Wing office  
Staff: Bruce Reed  
Amy Dudley



PRESS: Matt Teper  
CLOSED  
Note: YOU address the Hearst Magazine Management  
Conference tomorrow, Friday April 8 at the  
Newseum in Washington, DC

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm

**MEETING WITH TONY BLINKEN**

Location: The White House  
Room: West Wing office  
PRESS: CLOSED

5:15 pm – 5:30 pm

**DEPART WHITE HOUSE EN ROUTE NAVAL OBSERVATORY**

[Drive Time: 15 mins]  
Lead:  
Spare: Person, WHMU  
Limo: Vice President  
Control: LTC Stefanick, WHCA

5:30 pm

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April 6, 2011

**DAILY GUIDANCE FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT**  
**Thursday, April 7, 2011**

In the morning, the Vice President will attend the Presidential Daily Briefing in the Oval Office.

In the afternoon, the President and the Vice President will meet for lunch in the Private Dining Room.

Afterwards, the Vice President will meet with Director of the Office of Management and Budget . Jacob Lew, Director of the National Economic Council Gene Sperling, and senior advisors to discuss the budget. At 2:15 PM, he will meet with Senator Lindsey Graham. These meetings are closed press.

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April 6, 2011

**DAILY GUIDANCE AND PRESS SCHEDULE FOR  
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011**

In the morning, the President and the Vice President will receive the Presidential Daily Briefing in the Oval Office. This meeting is closed press.

In the afternoon, the President and the Vice President will meet for lunch in the Private Dining Room. This lunch is closed press.

Later in the afternoon, the President will meet with Secretary of the Treasury Geithner in the Oval Office. This meeting is closed press.

Later, the President and Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos will meet in the Oval Office. This meeting is closed press.

Following the meeting, the President and Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos will deliver statements to the press in the Oval Office. These statements are pooled press.

**In-town Travel Pool**

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Print: The Hill  
Radio: SRN

**EDT**

**9:30AM Pool Call Time**

**9:30AM THE PRESIDENT and THE VICE PRESIDENT receive the Presidential Daily Briefing**  
*Oval Office*



*Closed Press*

- 12:30PM**     **THE PRESIDENT and THE VICE PRESIDENT meet for lunch**  
*Private Dining Room*  
*Closed Press*
- 2:00PM**     **THE PRESIDENT meets with Secretary of the Treasury Geithner**  
*Oval Office*  
*Closed Press*
- 3:45PM**     **THE PRESIDENT meets with Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos**  
*Oval Office*  
*Closed Press*
- 4:20PM**     **THE PRESIDENT and Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos will deliver statements to the press**  
*Oval Office*  
*Pooled Press (Gather Time 4:05PM – Brady Press Briefing Room)*

**Briefing Schedule**

**12:30PM**     **Briefing by Press Secretary Jay Carney**

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