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**Subject:** The beer summit

Good morning dan, we are trying to pull together an advance on tomorrow's meeting with the president, professor gates and sgt. Crowley (are you surprised?). And I'm trying to get a little more info and texture on the president's consultations between the news conference and his calls to crowley and gates. Who are some of the folks he talked to, and what was his primary concern? What clinched his decision to offer a meeting? Also, what does he hope to get out of tomorrow's session? As always, any help is appreciated. Thanks.

Best,  
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