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**From:** "Smith, Gayle" <gayle\_e.\_smith@nss.eop.gov>  
**To:** jpodesta@americanprogress.org  
**Subject:** Re: GDC Conference Call

Will call you then - Merry, merry - g

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**From:** John Podesta [mailto:jpodesta@americanprogress.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 16, 2013 10:35 PM  
**To:** Smith, Gayle  
**Subject:** Re: GDC Conference Call

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**From:** Smith, Gayle <Gayle\_E.\_Smith@nss.eop.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 16, 2013 5:23:39 PM  
**To:** John Podesta  
**Subject:** RE: GDC Conference Call

Well done...

Are you going to Truckee for Christmas? Couple thoughts for you before you come here...

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**From:** John Podesta [mailto:jpodesta@americanprogress.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 16, 2013 7:15 PM  
**To:** El-Erian, Mohamed; James Manyika; Richard C. Blum; Steve Schwager; Smita Singh; Esther Duflo; Sarah Degnan Kambou; William Reilly; Patricof@greycroft.com; gargee.ghosh@gatesfoundation.org  
**Cc:** Cantrill, Libby; Graff, Corinne; Jane Thomisee (jthomisee@usaid.gov); John Norris; Smith, Gayle  
**Subject:** Re: GDC Conference Call

A funny thing happened on my way to my 2nd GDC event. As I'm sure you have heard, President Obama has asked me to return to the White House for a year in the role of Counselor. He and I discussed my continued involvement in global development work and the post-2015 process. Secretary Kerry has also asked me to stay involved. While details of my role have not been finally resolved, I am confident that I will remain active on the issues and will continue to work with the great members of the GDC. Many of you, including Mohamed and James have been very kind in reaching out with words of encouragement and support. I want you all to know how much I appreciate that. I can't be on the call tomorrow, but look forward to interacting again in the New Year. My colleague John Norris remains available for any support the Council may need.

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**Cc:** Cantrill, Libby; Graff, Corrine; Jane Thomisee ([jthomisee@usaid.gov](mailto:jthomisee@usaid.gov))  
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Greetings. We hope you are all well.

For those of you who are able to make it, we will hold a short GDC conference call tomorrow at the usual time (10:30 am eastern; 7:30 am Pacific). This will be our last call of the year.

We will discuss follow-ups to last week's e-mails, where we stand on future meetings, any remaining issues from our last meetings, and whatever else you wish to cover.

Thanks and best regards

James and Mohamed

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