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009	Memorandum	Make-A-Wish Visit - From: Ellie Schafer	2	01/17/2017	P6/b6;

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THE DAILY DIARY OF PRESIDENT BARACK H. OBAMA

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON D.C.



January 18, 2017
2:47 AM WEDNESDAY

START	END		DESCRIPTION
2:47 AM	2:47 AM	P	The President talked with White House Administration Switchboard operator, Sidney Jones.
7:30 AM	7:30 AM	R	The President received a wake up call from White House Administration Switchboard operator, Takesha Jones.
7:35 AM		R	The President was telephoned by the White House Administration Switchboard operator. The follow-up wake up call was not completed.
10:25 AM			The President went to the Oval Office.
10:25 AM	10:55 AM *		The President met for a daily intelligence briefing with: James R. Clapper Junior, Director of National Intelligence Denis McDonough, Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff Susan E. Rice, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs Avril D. Haines, Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor Lisa O. Monaco, Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism and Deputy National Security Advisor Benjamin J. Rhodes, Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategic Communications
10:55 AM *	10:59 AM		The President participated in a National Security Council (NSC) pre-brief with: Ms. Haines Josh White, acting Senior Director for South Asian Affairs, NSC Courtney Cooper, Director of Afghanistan, National Security Council (NSC)
10:59 AM	11:15 AM	R	The President talked on a secure line with the President of Afghanistan, Ashraf Ghani, and the CEO of Afghanistan, Dr. Abdullah Abdullah. The purpose of the call was to express appreciation for the steadfast partnership between the U.S. and Afghanistan.

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January 18, 2017
11:30 AM WEDNESDAY

START	END		DESCRIPTION
11:30 AM	11:33 AM		The President participated in a National Security Council (NSC) pre-brief with: Ms. Haines Brian C. Deese, Senior Advisor to the President Mr. White Anjana Modi, Director of India and the Subcontinent, NSC
11:33 AM	11:45 AM	R	The President talked with the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi. The purpose of the call was to thank him for his partnership and to review joint efforts of cooperation, as well as to offer congratulations on the upcoming 58th anniversary of India's Republic Day.
11:55 AM *	11:59 AM		The President had a drop by greeting with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Sylvia M. Burwell, and her family.
12:01 PM	12:06 PM		The President had a drop by greeting with his former press secretary Robert L. Gibbs, the Executive Vice President and Global Chief Communications Officer for McDonald's, and his son Ethan Gibbs.
12:10 PM	12:22 PM		The President met with U.S. Secret Service Special Agent in Charge (SAIC) Michael White.
12:22 PM	12:30 PM		The President had drop by meeting with Major Andrew D. "Drew" Contreras, White House Medical Unit physical therapist.
12:30 PM			The President went to the Oval Office dining room.
12:30 PM	1:00 PM		The President had lunch alone.
1:00 PM			The President returned to the Oval Office.
1:20 PM	1:30 PM		The President met with Fiona Reeves, Director of Presidential Correspondence.
1:40 PM	1:55 PM		The President met with the Secretary of Labor, Thomas E. Perez.
1:55 PM	2:00 PM		The President went to the South Portico.

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January 18, 2017
2:00 PM WEDNESDAY

START	END	DESCRIPTION
2:00 PM	2:10 PM	The President participated in a group photo opportunity with members of the U.S. Marine Band.
2:10 PM		The President returned to the Oval Office.
2:10 PM	2:17 PM	The President participated in a press pre-brief with: Joshua R. Earnest, Assistant to the President and Press Secretary Jennifer R. Psaki, Assistant to the President and Director of Communications Ambassador Rice Mr. Rhodes Eric H. Schultz, Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Press Secretary
2:17 PM	2:24 PM	The President went to the James S. Brady Press Briefing Room.
2:24 PM	3:23 PM	The President participated in a Final News Conference. [The President offered best wishes to the ailing former President George H.W. Bush and Mrs. Barbara Bush at the beginning of his remarks.]
3:24 PM	3:59 PM	The President participated in a farewell photo opportunity with the White House Press Office staff.
4:00 PM		The President returned to the Oval Office.
4:15 PM		The President went to the South Portico.
4:15 PM	4:21 PM	The President participated in a photo opportunity with members of the U.S. Secret Service Uniformed Division's White House Branch.
4:21 PM	4:24 PM	The President went to the Rose Garden.
4:24 PM	4:25 PM	The President participated in a farewell photo opportunity with clemency staff from the White House Counsel's Office, the Pardon Attorney's Office, and the Deputy Attorney General's Office.

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January 18, 2017
4:25 PM WEDNESDAY

START	END	DESCRIPTION
4:25 PM		The President returned to the Oval Office.
4:45 PM		The President went to the Roosevelt Room.
4:45 PM	5:20 PM	The President participated in an interview with the co-hosts of the "Pod Save America" podcast: Dan Pfeiffer, co-host, "Pod Save America" and Vice President of Communications of GoFundMe Jon Favreau, co-host, "Pod Save America" and founder of Crooked Media Jon Lovett, co-host, "Pod Save America" and founder, Crooked Media Tommy Vietor, co-host, "Pod Save America" and founder, Crooked Media
5:20 PM		The President returned to the Oval Office.
5:30 PM	5:49 PM *	The President met for a wrap up [tier 1] with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.
5:49 PM *	6:38 PM *	The President met for a wrap up [tier 2] with: Anita J. Decker Breckenridge, Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations) Jason B. Goldman, Deputy Assistant to the President & Chief Digital Officer Kori S. Schulman, Deputy Director of Digital Strategy Jennifer R. Psaki, Assistant to the President and Director of Communications Eric H. Schultz, Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Press Secretary
6:38 PM *	6:40 PM	The President participated in a farewell photo opportunity with his Assistant and Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations), Jason B. Goldman.
6:45 PM	7:00 PM	The President participated in a farewell photo opportunity with White House photographer Peter Souza and his wife Patti Lease.

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January 18, 2017
7:00 PM WEDNESDAY

START	END	DESCRIPTION
7:00 PM	7:16 PM	The President participated in a photo opportunity with a Make-A-Wish child: Ellie S. Schafer, Director of the Visitor's Office
7:16 PM		
9:32 PM	9:47 PM	P P6/b(6)

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January 18, 2017
2:47 AM WEDNESDAY

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103968	2:47 AM	2:47 AM	P	The President talked with White House Administration Switchboard operator, Sidney Jones.
103969	7:30 AM	7:30 AM	R	The President received a wake up call from White House Administration Switchboard operator, Takesha Jones.
103970	7:35 AM		R	The President was telephoned by the White House Administration Switchboard operator. The follow-up wake up call was not completed.
103974	10:25 AM			The President went to the Oval Office.
103975	10:25 AM	10:55 AM *		The President met for a daily intelligence briefing with: James R. Clapper Junior, Director of National Intelligence Denis McDonough, Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff Susan E. Rice, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs Avril D. Haines, Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor Lisa O. Monaco, Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism and Deputy National Security Advisor Benjamin J. Rhodes, Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategic Communications
103976	10:55 AM *	10:59 AM		The President participated in a National Security Council (NSC) pre-brief with: Ambassador Rice <i>Avril Haines</i> Josh White, acting Senior Director for South Asian Affairs, NSC Courtney Cooper, Director of Afghanistan, National Security Council (NSC)
103972	10:59 AM	11:15 AM	R	The President talked on a secure line with the President of Afghanistan, Ashraf Ghani, and the CEO of Afghanistan, Dr. Abdullah Abdullah. The purpose of the call was to express appreciation for the steadfast partnership between the U.S. and Afghanistan.

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January 18, 2017
11:02 AM WEDNESDAY

ID	START	END		DESCRIPTION
104003	11:02 AM	11:09 AM	R	The President and First Lady talked with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and her husband Professor Dr. Joachim Sauer. The purpose of the call was to express appreciation for their personal friendship and efforts to forge deeper partnership between Germany and the United States over the past eight years.
103977	11:30 AM	11:33 AM		The President participated in a National Security Council (NSC) pre-brief with: Ambassador Rice <i>Avril Haines per photo</i> Brian C. Deese, Senior Advisor to the President Mr. White Anjana Modi, Director of India and the Subcontinent, NSC
103973	11:33 AM	11:45 AM	R	The President talked with the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi. The purpose of the call was to thank him for his partnership and to review joint efforts of cooperation, as well as to offer congratulations on the upcoming 58th anniversary of India's Republic Day.
103978	11:55 AM *	11:59 AM		The President had a drop by greeting with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Sylvia M. Burwell, and her family.
104005	12:01 PM	12:06 PM		The President had a drop by greeting with his former press secretary Robert L. Gibbs, the Executive Vice President and Global Chief Communications Officer for McDonald's, and his son Ethan Gibbs.
103979	12:10 PM	12:22 PM		The President had a drop by meeting with Michael White. <i>SAIC</i>
103980	12:22 PM	12:30 PM		The President had drop by meeting with Major Andrew D. "Drew" Contreras, White House Medical Unit physical therapist.
103981	12:30 PM			The President went to the Oval Office dining room.
103982	12:30 PM	1:00 PM		The President had lunch alone.
103983	1:00 PM			The President returned to the Oval Office.

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January 18, 2017
1:20 PM WEDNESDAY

ID	START	END	DESCRIPTION
103984	1:20 PM	1:30 PM	The President met with Fiona Reeves, Director of Presidential Correspondence.
103985	1:40 PM	1:55 PM	The President met with the Secretary of Labor, Thomas E. Perez.
103986	1:55 PM	2:00 PM	The President went to the South Portico.
103987	2:00 PM	2:10 PM	The President participated in a group photo opportunity with members of the U.S. Marine Band.
103988	2:10 PM		The President returned to the Oval Office.
103989	2:10 PM	2:17 PM	The President participated in a press pre-brief with: Joshua R. Earnest, Assistant to the President and Press Secretary Jennifer R. Psaki, Assistant to the President and Director of Communications Ambassador Rice Mr. Rhodes Eric H. Schultz, Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Press Secretary
103990	2:17 PM	2:24 PM	The President went to the James S. Brady Press Briefing Room.
103991	2:24 PM	3:23 PM	The President participated in a Final News Conference. [The President offered best wishes to the ailing former President George H.W. Bush and Mrs. Barbara Bush at the beginning of his remarks.]
104006	3:24 PM	3:59 PM	The President participated in a farewell photo opportunity with the White House Press Office staff.
103992	4:00 PM		The President returned to the Oval Office.
104007	4:15 PM		The President went to the South Portico.
103993	4:15 PM	4:21 PM	The President participated in a photo opportunity with members of the U.S. Secret Service Uniformed Division's White House Branch.

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January 18, 2017
4:21 PM WEDNESDAY

ID	START	END	DESCRIPTION
104008	4:21 PM	4:24 PM	The President went to the Rose Garden.
104009	4:24 PM	4:25 PM	The President participated in a farewell photo opportunity with clemency staff from the White House Counsel's Office, the Pardon Attorney's Office, and the Deputy Attorney General's Office.
104010	4:25 PM		The President returned to the Oval Office.
103994	4:45 PM		The President went to the Roosevelt Room.
103995	4:45 PM	5:20 PM	The President participated in an interview with the co-hosts of the "Pod Save America" podcast: Dan Pfeiffer, co-host, "Pod Save America" and Vice President of Communications of GoFundMe Jon Favreau, co-host, "Pod Save America" and founder of Crooked Media Jon Lovett, co-host, "Pod Save America" and founder, Crooked Media Tommy Vietor, co-host, "Pod Save America" and founder, Crooked Media
103996	5:20 PM		The President returned to the Oval Office.
103997	5:30 PM	5:49 PM *	The President met for a wrap up [tier 1] with Secretary of State John F. Kerry.
103998	5:49 PM *	6:38 PM *	The President met for a wrap up [tier 2] with: +Dami's Anita J. Decker Breckenridge, Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations) Jason B. Goldman, Deputy Assistant to the President & Chief Digital Officer Kori S. Schulman, Deputy Director of Digital Strategy Jennifer R. Psaki, Assistant to the President and Director of Communications Eric H. Schultz, Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Press Secretary

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WASHINGTON D.C.



January 18, 2017
6:38 PM WEDNESDAY

ID	START	END	DESCRIPTION
103999	6:38 PM *	6:40 PM	The President participated in a farewell photo opportunity with his Assistant and Deputy Chief of Staff (Operations), Jason B. Goldman.
104000	6:45 PM	7:00 PM	The President participated in a farewell photo opportunity with White House photographer Peter Souza and his wife Patti Lease.
104001	7:00 PM	7:16 PM	The President participated in a photo opportunity with a Make-A-Wish child: [REDACTED] Ellie S. Schafer, Director of the Visitor's Office
104002	7:16 PM		[REDACTED]
103971	9:32 PM	9:47 PM P	[REDACTED] P6/b(6) [REDACTED]

PRIVATE

**MEETING BREAKDOWN FOR PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017
WASHINGTON, DC**

10:00 – 10:30 am PRESIDENTIAL DAILY BRIEFING

Location: The Oval Office

PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

1. Denis McDonough
2. Susan Rice
3. Avril Haines
4. Lisa Monaco
5. Ben Rhodes
6. Director Clapper

10:55 – 11:00 am FOREIGN LEADER CALL PREP

Location: The Oval Office

POC: Charlie Fromstein

PRESS: CLOSED

+ Avril (per photo)

Attendees:

1. Susan Rice, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
2. Josh White, Acting Senior Director for South Asian Affairs
3. Courtney Cooper, Director of Afghanistan

11:00 – 11:15 am FOREIGN LEADER CALL

Location: The Oval Office

POC: Charlie Fromstein

PRESS: CLOSED

Call to:

1. President Ghani of Afghanistan
2. Chief Executive Officer Abdullah of Afghanistan

Attendees:

1. Susan Rice, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
2. Josh White, Acting Senior Director for South Asian Affairs
3. Courtney Cooper, Director of Afghanistan

11:25 – 11:30 am FOREIGN LEADER CALL PREP

Location: The Oval Office

POC: Charlie Fromstein

PRESS: CLOSED

Arrival - per photo

Attendees:

1. Susan Rice, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
2. Brian Deese, Senior Advisor
3. Josh White, Acting Senior Director for South Asian Affairs
4. Anjana Modi, Director of India and the Subcontinent

11:30 – 11:45 am

FOREIGN LEADER CALL

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Charlie Fromstein
PRESS: CLOSED

Call to:

1. Prime Minister Modi of India

Attendees:

1. Susan Rice, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
2. Brian Deese, Senior Advisor
3. Josh White, Acting Senior Director for South Asian Affairs
4. Anjana Modi, Director of India and the Subcontinent

11:45 – 11:55 am

OVAL OFFICE DROP-BY WITH SYLVIA MATTHEWS BURWELL AND FAMILY

Location: The Oval Office
POC: David Lopez
Attendees: TBD participants
PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

1. Sylvia Matthews Burwell and family

12:00 – 12:30 pm

OVAL OFFICE DROP-BY WITH ROBERT GIBBS AND SON

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Ferial Govashiri
Attendees: 2 participants
PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

1. Robert Gibbs
2. Ethan Gibbs, Son

12:30 – 1:00 pm

LUNCH

Location: The Oval Office
PRESS: CLOSED

1:00 – 1:40 pm

POTUS TIME

Location: The Oval Office
PRESS: CLOSED

1:40 – 1:45 pm

MOVE TO THE SOUTH PORTICO

1:45 – 1:55 pm

GROUP PHOTO WITH THE MARINE BAND

Location: The South Portico
POC: Divya Kantamneni
Attendees: 158 participants
Setup: Standing Photo
Remarks: Informal
PRESS: CLOSED

Format:

- **YOU** greet the Marine Band, who will be pre-staged on the South Portico
- **YOU** pose for a group photo with the Marine Band
- **YOU** briefly thank the Marine Band for their work, then depart

Attendees manifested in the event memo

1:55 – 2:00 pm

MOVE TO THE OVAL OFFICE

2:00 – 2:10 pm

PRESS CONFERENCE PREP /

P6/b(6)

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Peter Velz // Desiree Barnes
PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

1. Josh Earnest
2. Jen Psaki
3. Ben Rhodes
4. Susan Rice
5. Eric Schultz

2:10 – 2:15 pm

MOVE TO THE PRESS BRIEFING ROOM

NOTE: The WH Videographer covers this movement

2:15 – 3:45 pm

PRESS CONFERENCE

Location: The Press Briefing Room
POC: Liz Allen
Attendees: Members of the Media
Setup: **YOU** deliver a prepared statement to the press and answer 7 questions
Remarks: Prepared
Sound/Podium: Dual Wired Mics // Blue Goose Lectern
Teleprompter: No
PRESS: OPEN // WH VIDEOGRAPHER

Format:

- **YOU** proceed to the lectern unannounced
- **YOU** deliver a prepared statement
- **YOU** answer 7 questions, as time allows
- **YOU** conclude and depart

3:45 – 3:50 pm

MOVE TO THE OVAL OFFICE

4:05 – 4:10 pm

MOVE TO THE SOUTH PORTICO

4:10 – 4:20 pm

GROUP PHOTO WITH USSS UNIFORMED DIVISION OFFICERS

Location: The South Portico
POC: Divya Kantamneni
Attendees: 150 participants
Setup: Standing Photo
Remarks: Informal
PRESS: CLOSED

Format:

- **YOU** greet the Uniformed Division officers, who will be pre-staged on the South Portico
- **YOU** pose for a group photo with the Uniformed Division
- **YOU** briefly thank the officers for their work, then depart

Attendees manifested in the event memo

4:20 – 4:25 pm

MOVE TO THE ROSE GARDEN STEPS

4:25 – 4:30 pm

GROUP PHOTO WITH CLEMENCY STAFF

Location: The Rose Garden Steps
POC: Divya Kantamneni
Attendees: 33 participants
Setup: Standing Photo
Remarks: Informal
PRESS: CLOSED

Format:

- **YOU** greet representatives from the Pardon Attorney's Office, Deputy Attorney General's Office and the White House Counsel's Office, who will be pre-staged on the Rose Garden Steps
- **YOU** pose for a group photo
- **YOU** briefly thank the group for their work, then depart

Attendees manifested in the event memo

4:30 – 4:35 pm

MOVE TO THE OVAL OFFICE

4:40 – 4:45 pm

INTERVIEW PREP

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Peter Velz
PRESS: CLOSED

NOTE: Following prep, **YOU** move to the Roosevelt Room

Attendees:

1. Jen Psaki
2. Josh Earnest
3. Cody Keenan
4. Rob O'Donnell

4:45 – 5:20 pm

INTERVIEW FOR “POD SAVE AMERICA” PODCAST

Location: The Roosevelt Room
POC: Rob O'Donnell
Attendees: 4 participants
Setup: Seated interview
Sound/Podium: Podcast Microphone
PRESS: CLOSED // WILL AIR 1/19

Format:

- **YOU** enter the room and greet participants
- **YOU** take **YOUR** seat
- **YOU** participate in a 30-minute interview
- Interview concludes
- **YOU** bid participants farewell and depart

Attendees:

1. Dan Pfeiffer, Co-Host, “Pod Save America” and VP of Communications at GoFundMe
2. Jon Favreau, Co-Host, “Pod Save America” and Crooked Media Founder
3. Jon Lovett, Co-Host, “Pod Save America” and Crooked Media Founder
4. Tommy Vietor, Co-Host, “Pod Save America” and Crooked Media Founder

5:30 – 6:00 pm

WRAP UP

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Jenny Wang
PRESS: CLOSED

6:00 – 6:30 pm

DESK TIME

Location: The Oval Office
PRESS: CLOSED

6:30 – 6:40 pm

MAKE-A-WISH VISIT

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Ellie Schafer
Attendees: 4 participants
PRESS: CLOSED

Format:

P6/b(6)

- **YOU** greet [] in the Oval Office
- **YOU** pose for a photo with []
- **YOU** pose for a photo with [] and her family
- [] and her family depart the Oval

<u>Attendees:</u>	
1.	P6/b(6)
2.	
3.	
4.	Ellie Schafer, White House Staff

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THE WHITE HOUSE

January 18, 2016

10:25 -11:05	PDB
* 11:10 – 11:17	Call w/Ghani
11:30 – 11:47	Call w/Modi
12:00 – 12:10	Sylvia Burwell drop-by
12:10 – 12:22	Michael White drop-by
12:22 – 12:30	Drew drop-by
12:30 -1:00	POTUS has lunch
1:00 – 1:20	Desk Time
1:20 – 1:30	POTUS talks to Fionna
1:40 – 1:55	POTUS talks to Tom Perez
2:00 – 2:10	POTUS takes a photo with the Marine band
2:10 – 2:17	POTUS preps for final press conference
2:17 – 3:59	Press Conference
4:00 – 4:15	Desk time
4:15 – 4:25	Photo with band
4:45 – 5:20	POD Save America interview
5:30 – 6:40	Wrap Up Tier I *Kerry Tier II *Breckenridge *Goldman *Schulman *Psaki *Schultz Photo w/Jason Furman
6:45 – 7:00	Photo w/Pete Souza and wife Patti Lease
7:00 – 7:16	Make a Wish Visit

* per NSC - Afghan call 10:59-11:15Am

Memorandum for the Record

January 19, 2017

Information per phone call with Janet Philips, White House Photo Office, for January 18, 2017:

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12:01 -12:06 Gibbs & son

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3:24 Farewell photo with White House Press Office staff

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4:24 Rose Garden photo

5:49 Kerry photo /end of meeting(?) Tier 2: add Denis

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Wednesday, January 18, 2017

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January 18, 2017

Readout of the President's Call with Prime Minister Modi of India

President Obama spoke by phone today with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India to thank the Prime Minister for his partnership and to review joint efforts of cooperation including defense, civil nuclear energy, and enhanced people-to-people ties. Recalling his visit as Chief Guest at India's Republic Day celebrations in 2015, President Obama wished the Prime Minister warm congratulations ahead of India's upcoming 68th Republic Day anniversary. Both leaders discussed the progress they have made on shared economic and security priorities, including recognition of India as a Major Defense Partner of the United States and addressing the global challenge of climate change.

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January 18, 2017

Readout of the President's Call with President Ghani and CEO Abdullah of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

President Obama spoke by phone today with President Ashraf Ghani of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, who was joined by Chief Executive Officer Dr. Abdullah Abdullah. President Obama expressed his deep appreciation for the steadfast partnership between the United States and Afghanistan. He commended the leaders for their commitment to the Afghan people and applauded the National Unity Government's efforts to reduce corruption and support the rule of law. The President encouraged both leaders to continue their shared efforts to enhance national unity and support a lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan.

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Subject: Summary of HoS Calls, 18 January

Good morning,

The following is a summary of today's HoS calls:

18 January:

1100 EST: Secure call with Afghan President Ghani...**call is confirmed.**

1130 EST: Nonsecure call with Indian Prime Minister Modi...**call is confirmed**

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PRESIDENT BARACK H. OBAMA

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

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January 18, 2017

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE

James S. Brady Press Briefing Room

2:24 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Good afternoon, everybody. Let me start out by saying that I was sorely tempted to wear a tan suit today -- (laughter) -- for my last press conference. But Michelle, whose fashion sense is a little better than mine, tells me that's not appropriate in January.

I covered a lot of the ground that I would want to cover in my farewell address last week. So I'm just going to say a couple of quick things before I start taking questions.

First, we have been in touch with the Bush family today, after hearing about President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush being admitted to the hospital this morning. They have not only dedicated their lives to this country, they have been a constant source of friendship and support and good counsel for Michelle and me over the years. They are as fine a

couple as we know. And so we want to send our prayers and our love to them. Really good people.

Second thing I want to do is to thank all of you. Some of you have been covering me for a long time -- folks like Christi and Win. Some of you I've just gotten to know. We have traveled the world together. We've hit a few singles, a few doubles together. I've offered advice that I thought was pretty sound, like "don't do stupid...stuff." (Laughter.) And even when you complained about my long answers, I just want you to know that the only reason they were long was because you asked six-part questions. (Laughter.)

But I have enjoyed working with all of you. That does not, of course, mean that I've enjoyed every story that you have filed. But that's the point of this relationship. You're not supposed to be sycophants, you're supposed to be skeptics. You're supposed to ask me tough questions. You're not supposed to be complimentary, but you're supposed to cast a critical eye on folks who hold enormous power and make sure that we are accountable to the people who sent us here.

And you have done that. And you've done it, for the most part, in ways that I could appreciate for fairness even if I didn't always agree with your conclusions. And having you in this building has made this place work better. It keeps us honest. It makes us work harder. It made us think about how we are doing what we do and whether or not we're able to deliver on what's been requested by our constituents.

And for example, every time you've asked "why haven't you cured Ebola yet," or "why is that still that hole in the Gulf," it has given me the ability to go back to my team and say, "will you get this solved before the next press conference?" (Laughter.)

I spent a lot of time in my farewell address talking about the state of our democracy. It goes without saying that essential to that is a free press. That is part of how this place, this country, this grand experiment in self-government has to work. It doesn't work if we don't have a well-informed citizenry. And you are the conduit through which they receive the information about what's taking place in the halls of power.

So America needs you, and our democracy needs you. We need you to establish a baseline of facts and evidence that we can use as a starting point for the kind of reasoned and informed debates that ultimately lead to progress. And so my hope is, is that you will continue with the same tenacity that you showed us to do the hard work of getting to the bottom of stories and getting them right, and to push those of us in power to be the best version of ourselves. And to push this country to be the best version of itself.

I have no doubt that you will do so. I'm looking forward to being an active consumer of your work rather than always the subject of it. I want to thank you all for your extraordinary service to our democracy.

And with that, I will take some questions. And I will start with Jeff Mason -- whose term apparently is not up. I thought we'd be going out together, brother, but you got to hang around for a while. (Laughter.)

Q I'm staying put.

THE PRESIDENT: Jeff Mason, Reuters.

Q Thank you, sir. Are you concerned, Mr. President, that commuting Chelsea Manning's sentence will send a message that leaking classified material will not generate a tough sentence to groups like WikiLeaks? How do you reconcile that in light of WikiLeaks' connection to Russia's hacking in last year's election? And related to that, Julian Assange has now offered to come to the United States. Are you seeking that? And would he be charged or arrested if he came here?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, first of all, let's be clear, Chelsea Manning has served a tough prison sentence. So the notion that the average person who was thinking about disclosing vital, classified information would think that it goes unpunished I don't think would get that impression from the sentence that Chelsea Manning has served.

It has been my view that given she went to trial, that due process was carried out, that she took responsibility for her crime, that the sentence that she received was very disproportional -- disproportionate relative to what other leakers had received, and that she had served a significant amount of time, that it made it sense to commute -- and not pardon -- her sentence.

And I feel very comfortable that justice has been served and that a message has still been sent that when it comes to our national security, that wherever possible, we need folks who may have legitimate concerns about the actions of government or their superiors or the agencies in which they work -- that they try to work through the established channels and avail themselves of the whistleblower protections that had been put in place.

I recognize that there's some folks who think they're not enough, and I think all of us, when we're working in big institutions, may find ourselves at times at odds with policies that are set. But when it comes to national security, we're often dealing with people in the field whose lives may be put at risk, or the safety and security and the ability of our military or our intelligence teams or embassies to function effectively. And that has to be kept in mind.

So with respect to WikiLeaks, I don't see a contradiction. First of all, I haven't commented on WikiLeaks, generally. The conclusions of the intelligence community with respect to the Russian hacking were not conclusive as to whether WikiLeaks was witting or not in being the conduit through which we heard about the DNC emails that were leaked.

I don't pay a lot of attention to Mr. Assange's tweets, so that wasn't a consideration in this instance. And I'd refer you to the Justice Department for any criminal investigations, indictments, extradition issues that may come up with him.

What I can say broadly is that, in this new cyber age, we're going to have to make sure that we continually work to find the right balance of accountability and openness and transparency that is the hallmark of our democracy, but also recognize that there are adversaries and bad actors out there who want to use that same openness in ways that hurt us -- whether that's in trying to commit financial crimes, or trying to commit acts of terrorism, or folks who want to interfere with our elections.

And we're going to have to continually build the kind of architecture that makes sure the best of our democracy is preserved; that our national security and intelligence agencies have the ability to carry out policy without advertising to our adversaries what it is that we're doing, but do so in a way that still keeps citizens up to speed on what their government is doing on their behalf.

But with respect to Chelsea Manning, I looked at the particulars of this case the same way I have for the other commutations and pardons that I've done, and I felt that in light of all the circumstances that commuting her sentence was entirely appropriate.

Margaret Brennan.

Q Mr. President, thank you. The President-elect has said that he would consider lifting sanctions on Russia if they substantially reduced their nuclear stockpile. Given your own efforts at arms control, do you think that's an effective strategy? Knowing this office and Mr. Trump, how would you advise his advisors to help him be effective when he deals with Vladimir Putin? And given your actions recently on Russia, do you think those sanctions should be viewed as leverage?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, a couple of things. Number one, I think it is in America's interest and the world's interest that we have a constructive relationship with Russia. That's been my approach throughout my presidency. Where our interests have overlapped, we've worked together. At the beginning of my term, I did what I could to encourage Russia to be a constructive member of the international community, and tried to work with the President and the government of Russia in helping them diversify their economy, improve their economy, use the incredible talents of the Russian people in more constructive ways.

I think it's fair to say that after President Putin came back into the presidency that an escalating anti-American rhetoric and an approach to global affairs that seemed to be premised on the idea that whatever America is trying to do must be bad for Russia and so we want to try and counteract whatever they do -- that return to an adversarial spirit that I think existed during the Cold War has made the relationship more

difficult. And it was hammered home when Russia went into Crimea and portions of Ukraine.

The reason we imposed the sanctions, recall, was not because of nuclear weapons issues. It was because the independence and sovereignty of a country, Ukraine, had been encroached upon, by force, by Russia. That wasn't our judgment; that was the judgment of the entire international community. And Russia continues to occupy Ukrainian territory and meddle in Ukrainian affairs and support military surrogates who have violated basic international law and international norms.

What I've said to the Russians is, as soon as you've stop doing that the sanctions will be removed. And I think it would probably best serve not only American interest but also the interest of preserving international norms if we made sure that we don't confuse why these sanctions have been imposed with a whole set of other issues.

On nuclear issues, in my first term we negotiated the START II treaty. and that has substantially reduced our nuclear stockpiles, both Russia and the United States. I was prepared to go further. I told President Putin I was prepared to go further. They have been unwilling to negotiate. If President-elect Trump is able to restart those talks in a serious way, I think there remains a lot of room for our two countries to reduce our stockpiles. And part of the reason we've been successful on our nonproliferation agenda and on our nuclear security agenda is because we were leading by example.

I hope that continues. But I think it's important just to remember that the reason sanctions have been put in place against Russia has to do with their actions in Ukraine. And it is important for the United States to stand up for the basic principle that big countries don't go around and invade and bully smaller countries. I've said before, I expect Russia and Ukraine to have a strong relationship. They are, historically, bound together in all sorts of cultural and social ways. But Ukraine is an independent country.

And this is a good example of the vital role that America has to continue to play around the world in preserving basic norms and values, whether it's advocating on behalf of human rights, advocating on behalf of women's rights, advocating on behalf of freedom of the press.

The United States has not always been perfect in this regard. There are times where we, by necessity, are dealing with allies or friends or partners who, themselves, are not meeting the standards that we would like to see met when it comes to international rules and norms. But I can tell you that in every multilateral setting -- in the United Nations, in the G20, in the G7 -- the United States typically has been on the right side of these issues. And it is important for us to continue to be on the right side of these issues, because if we, the largest, strongest country and democracy in the world, are not willing to stand up on behalf of these values, then certainly China, Russia, and others will not.

Kevin Corke.

Q Thank you, Mr. President. You have been a strong supporter of the idea of a peaceful transfer of power, demonstrated not terribly far from the Rose Garden. And yet, even as you and I speak, there are more than five dozen Democrats that are going to boycott the inauguration of the incoming President. Do you support that? And what message would you send to Democrats to better demonstrate the peaceful transfer of power?

And if I could follow, I wanted to ask you about your conversations with the President-elect previously. And without getting into too much of the personal side of it, I'm just curious, were you able to use that opportunity to convince him to take a fresh look at some of the important ideas that you will leave this office with -- maintaining some semblance of the Affordable Care Act, some idea of keeping DREAMers here in the country without fear of deportation. Were you able to use personal stories to try to convince him? And how successful were you?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I won't go into details of my conversations with President-elect Trump. As I've said before, they are cordial. At times they've been fairly lengthy and they've been substantive. I can't tell you how convincing I've been. I think you'd had to ask him whether I've been convincing or not.

I have offered my best advice, counsel about certain issues both foreign and domestic. And my working assumption is, is that having won an election opposed to a number of my initiatives and certain aspects of my vision for where the country needs to go, it is appropriate for him to go forward with his vision and his values. And I don't expect that there's going to be enormous overlap.

It may be that on certain issues, once he comes into office and he looks at the complexities of how to, in fact, provide health care for everybody -- something he says he wants to do -- or wants to make sure that he is encouraging job creation and wage growth in this country, that that may lead him to some of the same conclusions that I arrived at once I got here.

But I don't think we'll know until he has an actual chance to get sworn in and sit behind that desk. And I think a lot of his views are going to be shaped by his advisors, the people around him -- which is why it's important to pay attention to these confirmation hearings.

I can tell you that -- and this is something I have told him -- that this is a job of such magnitude that you can't do it by yourself. You are enormously reliant on a team. Your Cabinet, your senior White House staff, all the way to fairly junior folks in their 20s and 30s, but who are executing on significant responsibilities.

And so how you put a team together to make sure that they're getting you the best information and they are teeing up the options from which you will ultimately make decisions, that's probably the most useful advice,

the most constructive advice that I've been able to give him. That if you find yourself isolated because the process breaks down, or if you're only hearing from people who agree with you on everything, or if you haven't created a process that is fact-checking and probing and asking hard questions about policies or promises that you've made, that's when you start making mistakes. And as I indicated in some of my previous remarks, reality has a way of biting back if you're not paying attention to it.

With respect to the inauguration, I'm not going to comment on those issues. All I know is I'm going to be there. So is Michelle. And I have been checking the weather, and I'm heartened by the fact that it won't be as cold as my first inauguration -- (laughter) -- because that was cold.

Jen Rodriguez.

Q Right here, Mr. President. Thank you very much. You have said that you would come back to fight for the DREAMers. You said that a couple of weeks ago. Are you fearful for the status of those DREAMers, the future of the young immigrants and all immigrants in this country with the new administration? And what did you mean when you said you would come back? Would you lobby Congress? Maybe explore the political arena again? And if I may ask you a second question -- why did you take action on "dry foot, wet foot" a week ago?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, let me be absolutely clear. I did not mean that I was going to be running for anything anytime soon. (Laughter.) What I meant is that it's important for me to take some time to process this amazing experience that we've gone through; to make sure that my wife, with whom I will be celebrating a 25th anniversary this year, is willing to re-up and put up with me for a little bit longer. I want to do some writing. I want to be quiet a little bit and not hear myself talk so darn much. I want to spend precious time with my girls.

So those are my priorities this year. But as I said before, I'm still a citizen. And I think it is important for Democrats or progressives who feel that they came out on the wrong side of this election to be able to distinguish between the normal back-and-forth, ebb and flow of policy -- are we going to raise taxes or are we going to lower taxes; are we going to expand this program or eliminate this program; how concerned are we about air pollution or climate change. Those are all normal parts of the debate. And as I've said before, in a democracy, sometimes you're going to win on those issues and sometimes you're going to lose.

I'm confident about the rightness of my positions on a lot of these points, but we got a new President and a Congress that are going to make their same determinations. And there will be a back-and-forth in Congress around those issues, and you guys will report on all that.

But there's difference between that normal functioning of politics and certain issues or certain moments where I think our core values may be

at stake. I put in that category, if I saw systematic discrimination being ratified in some fashion. I'd put in that category, explicit or functional obstacles to people being able to vote, to exercise their franchise. I'd put in that category, institutional efforts to silence dissent or the press.

And for me, at least, I would put in that category, efforts to round up kids who have grown up here and for all practical purposes are American kids and send them someplace else when they love this country; they are our kids' friends and their classmates, and are now entering into community colleges or, in some cases, serving in our military. The notion that we would just arbitrarily, or because of politics, punish those kids when they didn't do anything wrong themselves I think would be something that would merit me speaking out. It doesn't mean that I would get on the ballot anywhere.

With respect to "wet foot, dry foot," we underwent a monumental shift in our policy towards Cuba. My view was, after 50 years of a policy not working, it made sense for us to try to reopen diplomatic relations, to engage a Cuban government, to be honest with them about the strong disagreements we have around political repression and treatment of dissenters and freedom of press and freedom of religion, but that to make progress for the Cuban people, our best shot was to suddenly have the Cuban people interacting with Americans, and seeing the incredible success of the Cuban American community, and engaging in commerce and business and trade, and that it was through that process of opening up these bilateral relations that you would see over time serious and significant improvement.

Given that shift in the relationship, the policy that we had in place was "wet foot, dry foot," which treated Cuban emigres completely different from folks from El Salvador, or Guatemala, or Nicaragua, or any other part of the world, one that made a distinction between whether you got here by land or by foot -- that was a carryover of a old way of thinking that didn't make sense in this day and age, particularly as we're opening up travel between the two countries.

And so we had very lengthy consultations with the Department of Homeland Security. We had some tough negotiations with the Cuban government. But we arrived at a policy which we think is both fair and appropriate to the changing nature of the relationship between the two countries.

Nadia Bilbassy.

Q Thank you, sir. I appreciate the opportunity, and I want you and your family best of luck in the future.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

Q Mr. President, you have been criticized and even personally attacked for the U.N. Security Council resolution that considered the

Israeli settlements illegal and an obstacle to peace. Mr. Trump promised to move the embassy to Jerusalem. He appointed an ambassador that doesn't believe in the two-state solution. How worried are you about the U.S. leadership in the Arab world and beyond as an honest broker? Will this ignite a third intifada? Will this even protect Israel? And in retrospect, do you think that you should have held Israel more accountable, like President Bush, Senior, did with the loan guarantees? Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: I continue to be significantly worried about the Israeli-Palestinian issue. And I'm worried about it both because I think the status quo is unsustainable, that it is dangerous for Israel, that it is bad for Palestinians, it is bad for the region, and it is bad for America's national security.

And I came into this office wanting to do everything I could to encourage serious peace talks between Israelis and Palestinians. And we invested a lot of energy, a lot of time, a lot of effort, first year, second year, all the way until last year. Ultimately, what has always been clear is that we cannot force the parties to arrive at peace. What we can do is facilitate, provide a platform, encourage. But we can't force them to do it.

But in light of shifts in Israeli politics and Palestinian politics; a rightward drift in Israeli politics; a weakening of President Abbas's ability to move and take risks on behalf of peace in the Palestinian Territories; in light of all the dangers that have emerged in the region and the understandable fears that Israelis may have about the chaos and rise of groups like ISIL and the deterioration of Syria -- in light of all those things, what we at least wanted to do, understanding that the two parties wouldn't actually arrive at a final status agreement, is to preserve the possibility of a two-state solution. Because we do not see an alternative to it.

And I've said this directly to Prime Minister Netanyahu. I've said it inside of Israel. I've said it to Palestinians, as well. I don't see how this issues gets resolved in a way that maintains Israel as both Jewish and a democracy, because if you do not have two states, then in some form or fashion you are extending an occupation, functionally you end up having one state in which millions of people are disenfranchised and operate as second-class occupant -- residents. You can't even call them citizens, necessarily.

And so the goal of the resolution was to simply say that the settlements -- the growth of the settlements are creating a reality on the ground that increasingly will make a two-state solution impossible. And we believed, consistent with the position that had been taken with previous U.S. administrations for decades now, that it was important for us to send a signal, a wake-up call, that this moment may be passing, and Israeli voters and Palestinians need to understand that this moment may be passing. And hopefully that, then, creates a debate inside both Israeli

and Palestinian communities that won't result immediately in peace, but at least will lead to a more sober assessment of what the alternatives are.

So the President-elect will have his own policy. The ambassador -- or the candidate for the ambassadorship obviously has very different views than I do. That is their prerogative. That's part of what happens after elections. And I think my views are clear. We'll see how their approach plays itself out.

I don't want to project today what could end up happening, but obviously it's a volatile environment. What we've seen in the past is, when sudden, unilateral moves are made that speak to some of the core issues and sensitivities of either side, that can be explosive. And what we've tried to do in the transition is just to provide the context in which the President-elect may want to make some of these decisions.

Q Are you worried that this (inaudible) --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, that's part of what we've tried to indicate to the incoming team in our transition process, is pay attention to this, because this is volatile stuff. People feel deeply and passionately about this. And as I've said I think many times, the actions that we take have enormous consequences and ramifications.

We're the biggest kid on the block. And I think it is right and appropriate for a new President to test old assumptions and reexamine the old ways of doing things. But if you're going to make big shifts in policy, just make sure you've thought it through, and understand that there are going to be consequences, and actions typically create reactions, and so you want to be intentional about it. You don't want to do things off the cuff when it comes to an issue this volatile.

Chris Johnson.

Q On LGBT rights --

THE PRESIDENT: I'm sorry, where is Chris?

Q I'm right here in the back.

THE PRESIDENT: I'm sorry, didn't see you.

Q On LGBT rights, we've seen a lot of achievements over the past eight years, including signing hate crimes protection legislation, "don't ask, don't tell" repeal, marriage equality nationwide, and ensuring transgender people feel visible and accepted. How do you think LGBT rights will rank in terms of your accomplishments and your legacy? And how confident are you that progress will endure or continue under the President-elect?

THE PRESIDENT: I could not be prouder of the transformation that's taken place in our society just in the last decade. And I've said before,

I think we made some useful contributions to it, but the primary heroes in this stage of our growth as a democracy and a society are all the individual activists, and sons and daughters and couples who courageously said, this is who I am and I'm proud of it.

And that opened people's minds and opened their hearts. And, eventually, laws caught up. But I don't think any of that would have happened without the activism -- in some cases, loud and noisy, but in some cases, just quiet and very personal.

And I think that what we did as an administration was to help the society to move in a better direction, but to do so in a way that didn't create an enormous backlash, and was systematic and respectful of the fact that, in some cases, these issues were controversial.

I think the way we handled, for example, "don't ask, don't tell" -- being methodical about it, working with the Joint Chiefs, making sure that we showed this would not have an impact on the effectiveness of the greatest military on Earth -- and then to have Defense Secretary Bob Gates and Chairman Mike Mullen and a Joint Chiefs who were open to evidence and ultimately worked with me to do the right thing -- I am proud of that. But, again, none of that would have happened without this incredible transformation that was happening in society out there.

You know, when I gave Ellen the Presidential Medal of Freedom, I meant what I said. I think somebody that kind and likeable projecting into living rooms around the country -- that changed attitudes. And that wasn't easy to do for her. And that's just one small example of what was happening in countless communities all across the country.

So I'm proud that in certain places we maybe provided a good block downfield to help the movement advance.

I don't think it is something that will be reversible because American society has changed; the attitudes of young people, in particular, have changed. That doesn't mean there aren't going to be some fights that are important -- legal issues, issues surrounding transgender persons -- there are still going to be some battles that need to take place.

But if you talk to young people of Malia, Sasha's generation, even if they're Republicans, even if they're conservative, many of them would tell you, I don't understand how you would discriminate against somebody because of sexual orientation. That's just sort of burned into them in pretty powerful ways.

April Ryan.

Q Thank you, Mr. President. Long before today you've been considered a rights President. Under your watch, people have said that you have expanded the rubber band of inclusion. And with the election and the incoming administration, people are saying that rubber band has

recoiled and maybe is even broken. And I'm taking you back to a time on Air Force One going to Selma, Alabama, when you said your job was to close the gaps that remain. And with that, what gaps still remain when it comes to rights issues on the table? And also what part will you play in fixing those gaps after -- in your new life?

And lastly, you are the first black President. Do you expect this country to see this again?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I'll answer the last question first. I think we're going to see people of merit rise up from every race, faith, corner of this country, because that's America's strength. When we have everybody getting a chance and everybody is on the field, we end up being better.

I think I've used this analogy before. We killed it in the Olympics in Brazil. And Michelle and I, we always have our -- the Olympic team here. And it's a lot of fun, first of all, just because anytime you're meeting somebody who is the best at anything, it's impressive. And these mostly very young people are all just so healthy-looking, and they just beam and exude fitness and health. And so we have a great time talking to them.

But they are of all shapes, sizes, colors -- the genetic diversity that is on display is remarkable. And if you look at a Simone Biles, and then you look at a Michael Phelps, they're completely different. And it's precisely because of those differences that we've got people here who can excel at any sport.

And, by the way, more than half of our medals came from women. And the reason is, is because we had the foresight several decades ago, with something called Title 9, to make sure that women got opportunities in sports, which is why our women compete better -- because they have more opportunities than folks in other countries.

So I use that as a metaphor. And if, in fact, we continue to keep opportunity open to everybody, then, yes, we're going to have a woman President, we're going to have a Latino President, and we'll have a Jewish President, a Hindu President. Who knows who we're going to have? I suspect we'll have a whole bunch of mixed-up Presidents at some point that nobody really knows what to call them. (Laughter.) And that's fine.

But what do I worry about? I obviously spent a lot of time on this, April, at my farewell address on Tuesday, so I won't go through the whole list. I worry about inequality, because I think that if we are not investing in making sure everybody plays a role in this economy, the economy will not grow as fast, and I think it will also lead to further and further separation between us as Americans -- not just along racial lines. There are a whole bunch of folks who voted for the President-elect because they feel forgotten and disenfranchised. They feel as if they're being looked down on. They feel as if their kids aren't going to have the same opportunities as they did.

And you don't want to have an America in which a very small sliver of people are doing really well and everybody else is fighting for scraps, as I said last week. Because that's oftentimes when racial divisions get magnified, because people think, well, the only way I'm going to get ahead is if I make sure somebody else gets less, somebody who doesn't look like me or doesn't worship at the same place I do. That's not a good recipe for our democracy.

I worry about, as I said in response to a previous question, making sure that the basic machinery of our democracy works better. We are the only country in the advanced world that makes it harder to vote rather than easier. And that dates back -- there's an ugly history to that that we should not be shy about talking about.

Q Voting rights?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, I'm talking about voting rights. The reason that we are the only country among advanced democracies that makes it harder to vote is it traces directly back to Jim Crow and the legacy of slavery. And it became sort of acceptable to restrict the franchise. And that's not who we are. That shouldn't be who we are. That's not when America works best.

So I hope that people pay a lot of attention to making sure that everybody has a chance to vote. Make it easier, not harder. This whole notion of election -- of voting fraud, this is something that has constantly been disproved. This is fake news -- the notion that there are a whole bunch of people out there who are going out there and are not eligible to vote and want to vote. We have the opposite problem. We have a whole bunch of people who are eligible to vote who don't vote. And so the idea that we'd put in place a whole bunch of barriers to people voting doesn't make sense.

And then, as I've said before, political gerrymandering that makes your vote matter less because politicians have decided you live in a district where everybody votes the same way you do so that these aren't competitive races, and we get 90 percent Democratic districts, 90 percent Republican districts -- that's bad for our democracy, too. I worry about that.

I think it is very important for us to make sure that our criminal justice system is fair and just. But I also think it's also very important to make sure that it is not politicized, that it maintains an integrity that is outside of partisan politics at every level.

I think at some point we're going to have to spend -- and this will require some action by the Supreme Court -- we have to reexamine just the flood of endless money that goes into our politics, which I think is very unhealthy.

So there are a whole bunch of things I worry about there. And as I said in my speech on Tuesday, we got more work to do on race. It is not - it is simply not true that things have gotten worse. They haven't. Things are getting better. And I have more confidence on racial issues in the next generation than I do in our generation or the previous generation. I think kids are smarter about it. They're more tolerant. They are more inclusive by instinct than we are. And hopefully my presidency maybe helped that along a little bit.

But, you know, we -- when we feel stress, when we feel pressure, when we're just fed information that encourages some of our worst instincts, we tend to fall back into some of the old racial fears and racial divisions and racial stereotypes. And it's very hard for us to break out of those, and to listen, and to think about people as people, and to imagine being in that person's shoes.

And by the way, it's no longer a black and white issue alone. You got Hispanic folks, and you got Asian folks, and this is not just the same old battles. We've got this stew that's bubbling up of people from everywhere. And we're going to have to make sure that we, in our own lives, in our own families and workplaces, do a better job of treating everybody with basic respect. And understanding that not everybody starts off in the same situation, and imagining what would it be like if you were born in an inner city and had no job prospects anywhere within a 20-mile radius, or how does it feel being born in some rural county where there's no job opportunities in a 20-mile radius -- and seeing those two things as connected as opposed to separate.

So we got work to do. But, overall, I think on this front, the trend lines ultimately, I think, will be good.

Christi Parsons. And Christi, you are going to get the last question.

Q Oh, no. (Laughter and groans.)

THE PRESIDENT: Christi is -- I've been knowing her since Springfield, Illinois. When I was a state senator, she listened to what I had to say. (Laughter.) So the least I can do is give her the last question as President of the United States.

Go on.

Q 217 numbers still work.

THE PRESIDENT: There you go. Go ahead.

Q Well, thank you, Mr. President. It has been an honor.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

Q And I have a personal question for you, because I know how much you like this. The First Lady puts the stakes of the 2016 election in very personal terms in a speech that resonated across the country, and she really spoke the concerns of a lot of women, LGBT folks, people of color, many others. And so I wonder now how you and the First Lady are talking to your daughters about the meaning of this election and how you interpret it for yourself and for them.

THE PRESIDENT: You know, every parent brags on their daughters or their sons. If your mom and dad don't brag on you, you know you got problems. (Laughter.) But, man, my daughters are something, and they just surprise and enchant and impress me more and more every single day as they grow up. And so these days, when we talk, we talk as parent to child, but also we learn from them.

And I think it was really interesting to see how Malia and Sasha reacted. They were disappointed. They paid attention to what their mom said during the campaign and believed it because it's consistent with what we've tried to teach them in our household, and what I've tried to model as a father with their mom, and what we've asked them to expect from future boyfriends or spouses.

But what we've also tried to teach them is resilience, and we've tried to teach them hope, and that the only thing that is the end of the world is the end of the world. And so you get knocked down, you get up, brush yourself off, and you get back to work. And that tended to be their attitude.

I think neither of them intend to pursue a future of politics -- and, in that, too, I think their mother's influence shows. (Laughter.) But both of them have grown up in an environment where I think they could not help but be patriotic, to love this country deeply, to see that it's flawed but see that they have responsibilities to fix it. And that they need to be active citizens, and they have to be in a position to talk to their friends and their teachers and their future coworkers in ways that try to shed some light as opposed to just generate a lot of sound and fury.

And I expect that's what they're going to do. They do not -- they don't mope. And what I really am proud of them -- what makes me proudest about them is that they also don't get cynical about it. They have not assumed because their side didn't win, or because some of the values that they care about don't seem as if they were vindicated, that automatically America has somehow rejected them or rejected their values. I don't think they feel that way.

I think that they have, in part through osmosis, in part through dinnertime conversations, appreciated the fact that this is a big, complicated country, and democracy is messy and it doesn't always work exactly the way you might want, it doesn't guarantee certain outcomes. But if you're engaged and you're involved, then there are a lot

more good people than bad in this country, and there's a core decency to this country, and that they got to be a part of lifting that up.

And I expect they will be. And in that sense, they are representative of this generation that makes me really optimistic.

I've been asked -- I've had some off-the-record conversations with some journalists where they said, okay, you seem like you're okay, but really, really, what are you thinking? (Laughter.) And I've said, no, what I'm saying really is what I think. I believe in this country. I believe in the American people. I believe that people are more good than bad. I believe tragic things happen, I think there's evil in the world, but I think that at the end of the day, if we work hard, and if we're true to those things in us that feel true and feel right, that the world gets a little better each time.

That's what this presidency has tried to be about. And I see that in the young people I've worked with. I couldn't be prouder of them. And so this is not just a matter of "No Drama Obama" -- this is what I really believe. It is true that behind closed doors I curse more than I do publicly. (Laughter.) And sometimes I get mad and frustrated, like everybody else does. But at my core, I think we're going to be okay. We just have to fight for it. We have to work for it, and not take it for granted. And I know that you will help us do that.

Thank you very much, press corps. Good luck.

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After final questions about POTUS's Palm Springs trip and future writing plans, Josh Earnest finished the briefing by saying: "Thank you all, it's been a genuine pleasure." He left at 2.15pm.

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Per Mark Knoller: By my count, it was his 39th solo WH news conference. His 21st in the WH briefing room. And his 224th pres availability of all kinds - such as joint press conferences with foreign leaders at home and abroad.

President was dressed in his basic blue suit, patterned tie and blue shirt. Acoustics were poor squashed against the wall. I'm fully confident of the following quotes but, as always, please check against transcripts. These are just a few highlights, not a comprehensive report since PC was open press, broadcast live, everyone there, etc. Started out with pleasantries on relationship with press, how he looks forward to reading news as a consumer rather than the object of the writing.

Q&A

Chelsea Manning: ``Chelsea Manning served a tough prison sentence.''

Russia: ``It is in America's interest and the world's interest to have a constructive relationship with Russia.''

He talked also about WikiLeaks, negotiating with Russia, nuclear stockpiles.

Talking to Trump: Conversations are ``cordial, at times they've been lengthy.''

And they've been substantive. ``Having won the election, it is appropriate for him to go forward with his vision, his values.''

Holds out possibility Trump will change on the job. Needs good staff to help him out. ``This is a job of such magnitude that you can't do it by yourself.''

``Reality has a way of biting (fighting) back if you're not paying attention.''

No comment on Rep John Lewis, Dems who are choosing to boycott Inauguration. On afterward: ``It's important for me to take some time to process this (amazing?) experience.''

Think he said he's not running for anything in future but not 100%.

Made a distinction between normal ebb and flow of politics, things like taxes, climate change. But there are others where ``our core values may be at stake.''

Among them are discrimination, efforts to silence the press, and deporting DACA people, dividing immigrant families.

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More Obama's final PC:

On Cuba dry foot/wet foot. ``That was a carryover of an old way of thinking.'' After negotiations with Cuban government, ``we arrived at a policy that was appropriate and fair to the changing nature of the relationship.'' Israel/Palestine/Arab world: ``The status quo is unsustainable.'' Lack of progress in peace talks is ``bad for the region and bad for America's national security.'' US can provide a platform and facilitate, ``but we can't force them to do it.'' On US position on controversial UN resolution: ``It's important to send a signal, a wake-up call that this moment may be passing.'' ``The president-elect will have his own policy.'' His choice for ambassador to Israel has different views. ``The actions we take have enormous consequences. We're the biggest kid on the block.'' LGBT rights: ``I could not be prouder of the transformation that has taken place in our society in the last decade.'' Administration worked with military to end `don't ask, don't tell.' Administration main job was to help society move in a different direction. But ``there are still gonna be some battles taking place.'' Olympics/Title IX/expanding opportunities: U.S. eventually will have ``a woman president, a Latino president, a Jewish president, a Hindu president.'' Inequality: ``I don't want to have an America in which a small number of people are doing well and the rest are getting by on scraps.'' Voting rights: ``Ugly history'' of racism. The US is the only country (among those with elections) ``that makes it harder to vote.'' Legacy of Jim Crow/claims about voter fraud. Claims of voter fraud have been constantly debunked. Problem in US isn't that unqualified people are casting ballots illegally. ``We have the opposite problem.'' People who want to vote cannot. Race relations remain difficult but ``it is simply not true that things have gotten worse. Things have gotten better.'' Problem of rural people, no jobs, no opportunity, no hope. ``We got a lot of work to do.''

Final question was on the girls, Malia and Sasha. The president and FLOTUS ``tried to teach them resilience, tried to teach them hope.'' Taught them when they get knocked down, get back up and go forward. ``That tended to be their attitude.'' ``Both of them have grown up in an America where they couldn't help but be patriotic.'' (Think POTUS said `they don't mope' but definitely check transcript on that one.)

The girls don't get cynical. ``There are a lot more good people than bad in this country.'' ``I couldn't be prouder'' of Malia and Sasha.

Dan Freedman

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Travel/photo lid called at 5pm.

Have a good evening!

Dan Freedman

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January 17, 2017

**DAILY GUIDANCE AND PRESS SCHEDULE FOR
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017**

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

In the afternoon, the President will hold his final press conference. This press conference in the Brady Press Briefing Room is open press.

In-Town Travel Pool

Wires: AP, Reuters, Bloomberg
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9:30AM	In-Town Pool Call Time
10:00AM	THE PRESIDENT receives the Presidential Daily Briefing <i>Oval Office</i> <i>Closed Press</i>
2:15PM	THE PRESIDENT holds his final press conference <i>Brady Press Briefing Room</i> <i>Open Press</i>

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January 12, 2017

VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN TO TRAVEL TO UKRAINE AND SWITZERLAND

On January 15-18, 2017, the Vice President will travel to Kyiv, Ukraine and Davos, Switzerland. In Ukraine the Vice President will participate in bilateral meetings with President Poroshenko and Prime Minister Groyzman. The Vice President's trip to Ukraine will underscore U.S. support -- and highlight his personal involvement in providing support -- for Ukrainian independence, democratic development, prosperity and security. The trip will also celebrate 25 years of diplomatic relations, and look forward to a steadfast partnership over the next 25 years.

While in Switzerland, the Vice President will attend the World Economic Forum in Davos. The Vice President will deliver remarks on the Cancer Moonshot and deliver an address on Foreign Policy. The Vice President will also participate in several bilateral meetings.

Additional details to follow.

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For

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017

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**MEETING BREAKDOWN FOR PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2017
WASHINGTON, DC**

10:00 – 10:30 am PRESIDENTIAL DAILY BRIEFING

Location: The Oval Office
PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

1. Denis McDonough
2. Susan Rice
3. Avril Haines
4. Lisa Monaco
5. Ben Rhodes
6. Director Clapper

10:55 – 11:00 am FOREIGN LEADER CALL PREP

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Charlie Fromstein
PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

1. Susan Rice, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
2. Josh White, Acting Senior Director for South Asian Affairs
3. Courtney Cooper, Director of Afghanistan

11:00 – 11:15 am FOREIGN LEADER CALL

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Charlie Fromstein
PRESS: CLOSED

Call to:

1. President Ghani of Afghanistan
2. Chief Executive Officer Abdullah of Afghanistan

Attendees:

1. Susan Rice, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
2. Josh White, Acting Senior Director for South Asian Affairs
3. Courtney Cooper, Director of Afghanistan

11:25 – 11:30 am FOREIGN LEADER CALL PREP

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Charlie Fromstein
PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

1. Susan Rice, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
2. Brian Deese, Senior Advisor
3. Josh White, Acting Senior Director for South Asian Affairs
4. Anjana Modi, Director of India and the Subcontinent

11:30 – 11:45 am

FOREIGN LEADER CALL

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Charlie Fromstein
PRESS: CLOSED

Call to:

1. Prime Minister Modi of India

Attendees:

1. Susan Rice, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
2. Brian Deese, Senior Advisor
3. Josh White, Acting Senior Director for South Asian Affairs
4. Anjana Modi, Director of India and the Subcontinent

11:45 – 11:55 am

OVAL OFFICE DROP-BY WITH SYLVIA MATTHEWS BURWELL AND FAMILY

Location: The Oval Office
POC: David Lopez
Attendees: TBD participants
PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

1. Sylvia Matthews Burwell and family

12:00 – 12:30 pm

OVAL OFFICE DROP-BY WITH ROBERT GIBBS AND SON

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Ferial Govashiri
Attendees: 2 participants
PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

1. Robert Gibbs
2. Ethan Gibbs, Son

12:30 – 1:00 pm

LUNCH

Location: The Oval Office
PRESS: CLOSED

1:00 – 1:40 pm

POTUS TIME

Location: The Oval Office
PRESS: CLOSED

1:40 – 1:45 pm

MOVE TO THE SOUTH PORTICO

1:45 – 1:55 pm

GROUP PHOTO WITH THE MARINE BAND

Location: The South Portico
POC: Divya Kantamneni
Attendees: 158 participants
Setup: Standing Photo
Remarks: Informal
PRESS: CLOSED

Format:

- **YOU** greet the Marine Band, who will be pre-staged on the South Portico
- **YOU** pose for a group photo with the Marine Band
- **YOU** briefly thank the Marine Band for their work, then depart

Attendees manifested in the event memo

1:55 – 2:00 pm

MOVE TO THE OVAL OFFICE

2:00 – 2:10 pm

PRESS CONFERENCE PREP //

P6/b(6)

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Peter Velz // Desiree Barnes
PRESS: CLOSED

Attendees:

1. Josh Earnest
2. Jen Psaki
3. Ben Rhodes
4. Susan Rice
5. Eric Schultz

2:10 – 2:15 pm

MOVE TO THE PRESS BRIEFING ROOM

NOTE: The WH Videographer covers this movement

2:15 – 3:45 pm

PRESS CONFERENCE

Location: The Press Briefing Room
POC: Liz Allen
Attendees: Members of the Media
Setup: **YOU** deliver a prepared statement to the press and answer 7 questions
Remarks: Prepared
Sound/Podium: Dual Wired Mics // Blue Goose Lectern
Teleprompter: No
PRESS: OPEN // WH VIDEOGRAPHER

Format:

- **YOU** proceed to the lectern unannounced
- **YOU** deliver a prepared statement
- **YOU** answer 7 questions, as time allows
- **YOU** conclude and depart

3:45 – 3:50 pm

MOVE TO THE OVAL OFFICE

4:05 – 4:10 pm

MOVE TO THE SOUTH PORTICO

4:10 – 4:20 pm

GROUP PHOTO WITH USSS UNIFORMED DIVISION OFFICERS

Location: The South Portico
POC: Divya Kantamneni
Attendees: 150 participants
Setup: Standing Photo
Remarks: Informal
PRESS: CLOSED

Format:

- **YOU** greet the Uniformed Division officers, who will be pre-staged on the South Portico
- **YOU** pose for a group photo with the Uniformed Division
- **YOU** briefly thank the officers for their work, then depart

Attendees manifested in the event memo

4:20 – 4:25 pm

MOVE TO THE ROSE GARDEN STEPS

4:25 – 4:30 pm

GROUP PHOTO WITH CLEMENCY STAFF

Location: The Rose Garden Steps
POC: Divya Kantamneni
Attendees: 33 participants
Setup: Standing Photo
Remarks: Informal
PRESS: CLOSED

Format:

- **YOU** greet representatives from the Pardon Attorney's Office, Deputy Attorney General's Office and the White House Counsel's Office, who will be pre-staged on the Rose Garden Steps
- **YOU** pose for a group photo
- **YOU** briefly thank the group for their work, then depart

Attendees manifested in the event memo

4:30 – 4:35 pm

MOVE TO THE OVAL OFFICE

4:40 – 4:45 pm

INTERVIEW PREP

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Peter Velz
PRESS: CLOSED
NOTE: Following prep, **YOU** move to the Roosevelt Room

Attendees:

1. Jen Psaki
2. Josh Earnest
3. Cody Keenan
4. Rob O'Donnell

4:45 – 5:20 pm

INTERVIEW FOR “POD SAVE AMERICA” PODCAST

Location: The Roosevelt Room
POC: Rob O'Donnell
Attendees: 4 participants
Setup: Seated interview
Sound/Podium: Podcast Microphone
PRESS: CLOSED // WILL AIR 1/19

Format:

- **YOU** enter the room and greet participants
- **YOU** take **YOUR** seat
- **YOU** participate in a 30-minute interview
- Interview concludes
- **YOU** bid participants farewell and depart

Attendees:

1. Dan Pfeiffer, Co-Host, “Pod Save America” and VP of Communications at GoFundMe
2. Jon Favreau, Co-Host, “Pod Save America” and Crooked Media Founder
3. Jon Lovett, Co-Host, “Pod Save America” and Crooked Media Founder
4. Tommy Vietor, Co-Host, “Pod Save America” and Crooked Media Founder

5:30 – 6:00 pm

WRAP UP

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Jenny Wang
PRESS: CLOSED

6:00 – 6:30 pm

DESK TIME

Location: The Oval Office
PRESS: CLOSED

6:30 – 6:40 pm

MAKE-A-WISH VISIT

Location: The Oval Office
POC: Ellie Schafer
Attendees: 4 participants
PRESS: CLOSED

Format:

- **YOU** greet [] in the Oval Office
- **YOU** pose for a photo with []
- **YOU** pose for a photo with [] and her family
- [] and her family depart the Oval

P6/b(6)

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<u>Attendees:</u>	
1.	Make-A-Wish Child
2.	Mother
3.	Father
4.	Ellie Schafer, White House Staff

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January 18, 2017

DEPARTURE PHOTO

DATE: January 18, 2017
LOCATION: South Portico
TIME: 1:45 – 1:55 PM
From: Anita Breckenridge

I. PURPOSE

YOU will take a departure photo with the United States Marine Band.

II. PARTICIPANTS

- Attached at Tab A

III. PRESS PLAN

CLOSED Press.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- YOU arrive to the South Portico and greet the US Marine Band.
- YOU pose for a group photo with the US Marine Band.
- YOU briefly thank the US Marine Band.
- YOU depart.

V. REMARKS

N/A

VI. ATTACHMENT

- A. List of Participants for Group Click with the US Marine Band

PARTICIPANTS IN US MARINE BAND GROUP PHOTO

Abbracciamento, John	Musician
Albright, Benjamin	Musician
Bailey, Janet	Musician
Bange, Darren	Musician
Barclay, John	EA To The Director
Barlow, Samuel	Musician
Barrett, Leslye	Musician
Bauer, Jonathon	Stage Crew
Bellino, Anthony	Musician
Bennear, Kevin	Musician
Bernier, William	Musician
Bisesi, Jonathan	Musician
Bonner, Robert	Musician
Botelho, Marcio	Musician
Brady, Daniel	Musician
Bryant, Landres	Musician
Buettgen, Cecilia	Musician
Bullard, Alexander	Musician
Burian, Douglas	Operations Officer
Calil, Jose	Admin Clerk
Chmara, Michael	Musician
Clark, James	Musician
Clay, Aaron	Musician
Constantine, David	Musician
Cradler, John	Musician
Crawford, Franklin	Musician
Cripe, Max	Musician
Cross, Jane	Library
Davenport, Clifton	Supply Clerk
Dees, Andrew	Musician
Deluccio, Joseph	Musician
Dewey, Glenn	Musician
Diaz, Hiram	Musician
Dobbeck, Nishana	Library
Disano, Lucia	Musician
Dooley, Ellen	Musician
duBois, Kristin	Public Affairs
Dugan, Timothy	Musician
Dupuis, Kurt	Musician
Eubank, Brandon	Musician
Ferrari, Christian	Musician
Fettig, Jason	Director/Commanding Officer

Franke, Christopher	Musician
Gaims, Parker	Musician
Gauvain, Zachary	Musician
Gearhart, Scott	Musician
Ghadiali, Rachel	Public Affairs
Gonzalez, Daniel	Stage Crew
Gonzalez, Swen	Stage Crew
Goodlett IV, Otis	Musician
Gotcher, Vicki	Musician
Grant, Christopher	Musician
Grimsey, Karen	Musician
Haglund, David	Musician
Hanson Gerber, Deborah	Musician
Harding, Hilary	Musician
Harding, Matthew	Musician
Hart, Sarah	Musician
Hill, Betsy	Musician
Holmes, Crystal	Admin Chief
Huizenga, Timothy	Musician
Jacobi, Andrew	Musician
Jenkins, David	Musician
Jenkins, Mark	Musician
Johnson, Karen	Musician
Johnson, Karl	Musician
Kawaller, Meaghan	Musician
Kiewitt, Shannon	Musician
King, Duane	Drum Major
Kolle, Bernard	Musician
Latimer, Foster	Musician
LeBlanc, Joseph	Musician
Longoria, Nomar	Musician
Madrid, Regino	Musician
Maloy Jr, Thomas	Musician
Matera, Elizabeth	Musician
McCabe, Amy	Musician
McClarty, James	Musician
McFarlane, Christopher	Musician
McGeorge, Ryan	Musician
McLaughlin, Rebecca	Musician
Mergen, Michael	Musician
Metzger, Michael	Musician
Mills, Jennifer	Library
Mitchell, Preston	Operations
Morgan Jr, Patrick	Musician
Morton, Courtney	Musician

Mottola, AnnaMaria	Musician
Mowry, Trevor	Musician
Mula, John	Musician
Munoz, Jesse	Stage Crew
Murray, David	Musician
Ninmer, Scott	Staff Arranger
Novak, Gerald	Musician
Nowlin, Ryan	Assistant Director
Olsen, Tilden	Library
Ong, Harry	Musician
Orban, Daniel	Musician
Owen, Steven	Musician
Paddock, Tracey	Musician
Patterson, Donald	Copyist
Paul, Charles	Library
Paul, Jennifer	Musician
Paulson, Glenn	Musician
Perry, Rachel	Musician
Plunk, Elisabeth	Musician
Prescott, Charlaine	Musician
Questad, Mark	Musician
Quinzi, Douglas	Musician
Rakers, Michelle	Assistant Director
Reaves, Christopher	Musician
Richard, Greta	Musician
Rider, Susan	Musician
Ridlington, Gregory	Musician
RodriguezKeeton, Zoraida	Supply Chief
Rose, Christopher	Musician
Rust, Brian	Public Affairs
Sabo, Eric	Musician
Samson, William	Musician
Santiago, Kimberly	Admin Clerk
Santos, Kara	Musician
Sato, Fern	Musician
Schmitt, Christopher	Musician
Schwendinger, Jamie	Information Systems
Sharp, Russell	Musician
Sheffield, Sara	Musician
Shieh, Francis	Musician
Simmons, Amanda	Public Affairs
Siegel, Rachel	Musician
Singer, Robert	Musician
Smith, Chaerim	Musician
Smith, Miles	Musician

Strouf, Jeffrey	Musician
Stute, Caroline	Musician
Summers, Matthew	Musician
Temme, Steven	Musician
Terry Jr, Charles	Stage Manager
Thiele, Mark	Musician
Thomas, Blake	Stage Crew
Tiedeman, Christopher	Musician
Tran, Tam	Musician
Troy, Jonathon	Musician
Turnmire, Brian	Musician
Urzy nicok, Michelle	Musician
Vare III, Frederick	Musician
Vinson, Tessa	Musician
Wang, Foster	Musician
Wang, Sheng-Tsung	Musician
Warnick, Michael	Musician
Weil, Brad	Musician
Wharton, Kira	Library
Wildman, Simon	Musician
Willet t, Charles	Musician
Williams, Steven	Assistant Drum Major
Wilson, Russell	Musician
Wilson, Peter	Musician
Wolin, Kenneth	Musician
Young, David	Musician
Zenobia, Heather	Musician

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DEPARTURE PHOTO

DATE: January 18, 2017
LOCATION: South Portico & Rose Garden
TIME: 4:10 – 4:30 PM
From: Anita Breckenridge

I. PURPOSE

YOU will take two group departure photos with USSS Uniformed Division (UD) officers and clemency staff.

The clemency group will include staff from the Pardon Attorney's Office, the Deputy Attorney General's Office and the White House Counsel's Office.

II. PARTICIPANTS

- Attached at Tab A and Tab B

III. PRESS PLAN

CLOSED Press.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- YOU arrive to the South Portico and greet USSS UD officers.
- YOU pose for a group photo with USSS UD officers.
- YOU briefly thank USSS UD officers.
- YOU arrive to the Rose Garden steps and greet Clemency staff.
- YOU pose for a group photo with Clemency staff.
- YOU briefly thank Clemency staff.
- YOU depart.

V. REMARKS

N/A

VI. ATTACHMENTS

- A. Summary of Participants for Group Photo with USSS Uniformed Division officers

B. List of Participants for Group Photo with Clemency staff

PARTICIPANTS IN USSS UNIFORMED DIVISION OFFICER GROUP PHOTO

This group photo includes approximately 150 USSS Uniformed Division officers.

In addition to the White House Branch post standers, the group will include members from the Emergency Response Unit, Counter Sniper Unit, K-9 Unit, Foreign Missions Branch, Crime Scene Search Unit and the Special Operations Section.

PARTICIPANTS IN CLEMENCY STAFF GROUP PHOTO

- **Neil Eggleston**, AP and Counsel to the President
- **Brent Wible**, SAP and Senior Counsel to the President
- **Josh Friedman**, SAP and Associate Counsel to the President
- **Jen Yeh**, Associate Counsel
- **Nick Miranda**, Associate Counsel
- **Lynn Eisenberg**, Associate Counsel
- **Gabe Kader**, Assistant Counsel
- **Caroline McKay**, Legal Assistant
- **Robert Zauzmer**, Pardon Attorney
- **Larry Kupers**, Deputy Pardon Attorney
- **Will Taylor**, Executive Officer
- **Kira Gillespie**, Senior Attorney Advisor
- **Rosalind Sargent-Burns**, Senior Attorney Advisor
- **Emilie Williams**, Attorney Advisor
- **Eric Opanga**, Attorney Advisor
- **Christina Smith**, Attorney Advisor
- **Casey Potter**, Attorney Advisor
- **Thomas Stutsman**, Attorney Advisor
- **Meredith Smith**, Attorney Advisor
- **Jennifer Trujillo**, Attorney Advisor
- **Jaclyn Paolucci**, Attorney Advisor
- **Sarah Black**, Attorney Advisor
- **Aaron Fleischer**, Attorney Advisor Detailee
- **Gary Peters**, Attorney Advisor Detailee
- **Jennifer Mills**, Supervisory Paralegal Specialist
- **Monique Alexander**, Program Specialist
- **Ashlie Medley**, Paralegal Specialist
- **William Newsome**, Paralegal Specialist
- **Rhonda Moore**, Paralegal Contractor
- **Nicole Weeks**, Paralegal Contractor
- **Sally Yates**, Deputy Attorney General
- **Brian Tomney**, Associate Deputy Attorney General
- **Tonya Atwell**, Administrative Assistant

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January 17, 2017

INTERVIEW FOR "POD SAVE AMERICA" PODCAST

DATE: January 18, 2017
LOCATION: The Roosevelt Room
TIME: 4:45 – 5:20 PM
From: Pat Cunnane

I. PURPOSE

YOU will sit down for a 30-minute discussion with Jon Favreau and Dan Pfeiffer for their podcast, "Pod Save America," which is the most popular podcast – political or otherwise – in the country. The podcast is part of a new company formed by YOUR former staffers, Jon Favreau, Jon Lovett and Tommy Vietor, called Crooked Media – a place to "talk about politics that informs, entertains, and inspires action." Jon and Dan are looking to have a casual, free-ranging conversation with YOU about

YOUR reflections on the last eight years as well as YOUR take on the state of politics and the media today. They will also ask YOU to discuss YOUR plans and hopes for the future.

Jon and Dan started a political podcast early last year on Bill Simmons's The Ringer Network, called "Keepin' it 1600." "Pod Save America" launched two weeks ago. Jon and Dan tape their podcast on Thursday, while Jon, Jon Lovett and Tommy Vietor tape another edition of "Pod Save America" on Mondays. Tommy and Jon Lovett will back-bench this interview and potentially ask one question each at the end of the interview. PLEASE NOTE: We have provided episodes of the podcasts to the Outer Oval in case YOU would like to get a feel for the show.

Quick background on Jon, Jon, Tommy and Dan: Aside from co-hosting "Pod Save America," Dan is a Senior VP of Communications at GoFundMe; Jon Lovett created a short-lived show on NBC called *1600 Penn*; Jon Favreau and Tommy Vietor started a speechwriting and consulting firm called Fenway Strategies.

II. PARTICIPANTS

- Dan Pfeiffer, Co-Host, "Pod Save America" and VP of Communications at GoFundMe
- Jon Favreau, Co-Host, "Pod Save America" and Crooked Media Founder
- Jon Lovett, Co-Host, "Pod Save America" and Crooked Media Founder
- Tommy Vietor, Co-Host, "Pod Save America" and Crooked Media Founder

III. PRESS PLAN

CLOSED Press. This interview will run Thursday morning.

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- YOU are prepped in the Oval Office.
- YOU enter the Roosevelt Room and greet participants.
- YOU take YOUR seat.
- YOU participate in a 30-minute interview.
- Interview concludes.
- YOU bid participants farewell and depart.

V. ATTACHMENTS

- A. "Crooked Media" Mission Statement
- B. White House Record – Post Presidency/Future of the Party

CROOKED MEDIA MISSION STATEMENT

What is Crooked Media?

We couldn't find a place to talk about politics the way actual human beings talk. So we decided to create one.

In 2016, a sane conversation about politics was most needed but hardest to find. Cable news panels, you may have noticed, are not the best. Twitter is a great place to slowly lose your mind. Everywhere, the work of excellent journalists competes with clickbait, fake news, and whatever Donald Trump is tweeting about.

With the help of Bill Simmons and the excellent team at *The Ringer*, we started a podcast called *Keepin' It 1600* to have a conversation about politics we couldn't find anywhere else. We brought our partisan views, but also years of experience in the White House and on winning political campaigns (except Lovett). We brought on guests who agreed with us and those who didn't – Democrats and Republicans, journalists and columnists, authors and comedians. We tried to keep the conversation substantive, funny, honest, open, and focused on the overwhelming probability that Donald Trump would lose in November.

We were a little off on that last one. But we were wrong about more than just the outcome of the election. We were wrong to focus so much on punditry instead of advocacy. We were wrong to talk more about what *would* happen instead of what *should* happen. And most of all, Hillary Clinton was wrong to not come on our podcast.

It is why she lost.

Here's what we're still right about: Now, more than ever, we need a better conversation about politics in this country. Trump's victory is a reflection of what's decayed all around us – in our political parties, our government, our media, our democratic institutions, and our culture. But even as Trump's win has proven many assumptions wrong, there's one last assumption we're not ready to jettison: that America can be decent and fair and hopeful and for everyone. And we can all play a role in making that true.

For our part, we're launching Crooked Media – a place to talk about politics that informs, entertains, and inspires action.

Crooked Media's first offering is our new podcast, *Pod Save America*, which you can sign up for right here. *Pod Save America* will pick up the conversation where *Keepin' It 1600* left off, hosted by Crooked Media co-founders Jon Favreau, Jon Lovett, and Tommy Vietor, and joined once a week by co-host Dan Pfeiffer (who is smart enough to keep his day job).

In the coming months, Crooked Media will expand beyond *Pod Save America*. You'll see additional podcasts, live video, written content (gotta get those clicks) and new voices from a wide variety of backgrounds and beliefs – people who bring perspectives and life experiences from beyond Washington, where a younger generation is looking for ways to join in the fight. There will still be analysis, but with a new emphasis on activism and political participation.

We're not journalists, we're not unbiased, we're not always serious and we're certainly not always right. But we promise a no-bullshit conversation about politics where you can laugh, cry, scream, ridicule us daily, share your ideas, and hopefully decide that you want to help fix this mess too. That goes for Democrats who want to learn from our party's mistakes (which is hard because things are so perfect), Republicans ready to hold Trump accountable (fingers crossed on that one!), and everybody, everywhere who's been asking the same question: What do we do now?

If there's one thing we've learned from 2016, it's that there are no experts with all the answers. There is no secret plan. And there is no hero coming to save us. Anyone can help figure this out. You can do it. We can figure it out together. We can be patient and thoughtful and open to new ideas. We can challenge ourselves to be better and smarter. We can be tough on our opponents, forgiving of our allies, and we can take our country back. Or this little enterprise will fail. Either way, hope you sign up on iTunes!

WHITE HOUSE RECORD – POST PRESIDENCY/FUTURE OF THE PARTY

YOUR Interview with David Axelrod

Q Just a couple more things. Are you worried about the Corbyn-ization of the Democratic Party? You saw the Labor Party sort of disintegrate in the face of their defeat and move so far left that it's in a very frail state. And there is an impulse to respond to the power of Trump by being as edgy --

THE PRESIDENT: On the left.

Q On the left.

THE PRESIDENT: I don't worry about that, partly because I think that the Democratic Party has stayed pretty grounded in fact than reality. Trump emerged out of a decade, maybe two, in which the Republican Party, because of having to say no for tactical reasons, moved further and further and further away from what we would consider to be a basic consensus around things like climate change or how the economy works, and started filling up with all kinds of conspiracy theorizing that became kind of common wisdom, or conventional wisdom within the Republican Party base. That hasn't happened with the Democratic Party. I think people like the passion that Bernie brought, but Bernie Sanders is a pretty centralist politician relative to --

Q Corbyn.

THE PRESIDENT: Relative to Corbyn or relative to some of the Republicans.

Q Oh, I see what you're saying.

THE PRESIDENT: So I don't worry about that. What I do worry about is that in an era where we are looking for simple solutions, that -- and 100 percent of what we want, when we want it -- that we end up starting to shut ourselves off from different points of view, shutting down debate, becoming more dogmatic, becoming more brittle. And I don't see that being a successful strategy for us winning over the country.

Remember, we won the popular vote. We don't have very good population distribution from the Democratic perspective. So I've told this story about how I was in Brooklyn campaigning I think for de Blasio, and this woman comes up, hugs me, "How can we help you? We love the U.S." And I said, move to Nebraska. (Laughter.) I've got a million -- votes in --

Q She obviously didn't. Let me -- before you go, because you've been real generous with your time here -- what about you? I see this conflict coming down the line here, which is, you once told me that you admired the Bushes for the way they've handled their post-presidency, and the sense that they gave you the room that you needed to do what you needed to do. And I know you feel strongly about that. On the other hand, people are kind of looking to you now to be kind of the point of the sphere and resistance to this new administration, and partly because of the absence of anybody else.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I think, look, my intentions on January 21st is to sleep, take my wife on a nice vacation, and she has said it better be nice, because she's earned it.

Q She deserves it.

THE PRESIDENT: She deserves it. I'm going to start thinking about the first book I want to write. We've got to unpack -- and I don't need your help on that either. (Laughter.) And look, I have to be quiet for a while. And I don't mean politically, I mean internally. I have to still myself.

Q And that's going to take some time.

THE PRESIDENT: It is.

Q It's hard to leave here. I know in some small way what that's like.

THE PRESIDENT: So you just have to -- you have to get back in tune with your center, and process what's happened before you make a bunch of good decisions.

With respect to my priorities when I leave, it is to build that next generation of leadership -- organizers, journalists, politicians. I see them in America, I see them around the world, 20-year-olds, 30-year-olds who are just full of talent, full of idealism. And the question is, how do we link them up, how do we give them the tools for them to bring about progressive change. And I want to use my presidential center as a mechanism for developing that next generation of talent. That's my long-term interest, because I don't want to be the guy who's -- I joke I'm like the old guy at the bar who's just hanging around reliving old glories. No, that's --

Q The good news is I think everybody will buy you a drink. (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: I want to make sure that I'm doing everything I can to amplify and lift up a next generation of voices, not just in politics but in civic life. And I have the connections and the credibility to be able to do that in some unique ways.

Short term with respect to the Democratic Party, I think even before I leave here, what I can do is give people some sense of direction. And we already started talking about this. I think what I can do is not do it myself, but say to those who are still in the game right now: Look, think about this, think about you're organizing that; what are you doing to make sure that young talent is out there in the field being supported; how are you making sure that your message is reaching everybody and not just those who have already been converted; identifying really talented staff and organizers who are already out there, and encouraging them to get involved.

So I think over the next 45 days what I can say is, here's how I would do it if I were sticking around, but I'm not sticking around -- by virtue of the Constitution and because I believe in the wisdom that George Washington showed, that at a certain point you make room for new voices and fresh lights. Now, that doesn't mean that if a year from now, or a year and a half from now,

or two years from now there is an issue of such moment, such import that isn't just a debate about a particular tax bill or a particular policy, but goes to some foundational issues about our democracy, that I might not weigh in, I'm still a citizen. And that carries with it duties and obligations.

But the day-to-day scrum, that's not only -- not only is it contrary to tradition for the ex-President to be involved in that, but I also think would inhibit the development of those new voices. And I know they're out there; I've seen them. You know them, too.

Q I do.

THE PRESIDENT: There's a little bit of a generation gap in some ways.

Q There are some great young leaders out there.

THE PRESIDENT: Yeah. It's just that they're -- they haven't quite gotten to prime age yet. And what we want to do is maybe accelerate their presence on the scene. And that's where I can be helpful -- shine a spotlight on all the great work that's being done and all the wonderful young Americans who will help lead the way in the future.

11/29/16: Rolling Stone: The Day After: Obama on His Legacy, Trump's Win and the Path Forward by Jann S. Wenner

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/features/obama-on-his-legacy-trumps-win-and-the-path-forward-w452527>

[JANN S. WENNER:] What's your plan going to be going forward with this?

[OBAMA:] You know, I'm gonna sleep for a couple of weeks when I get out of here, take my wife on a well-deserved vacation. And I'll spend time in my first year out of office writing a book, and I'm gonna be organizing my presidential center, which is gonna be focused on precisely this issue of how do we train and empower the next generation of leadership. How do we rethink our storytelling, the messaging and the use of technology and digital media, so that we can make a persuasive case across the country? And not just in San Francisco or Manhattan but everywhere, about why climate change matters or why issues of economic inequality have to be addressed. So I will continue to be very active, and Michelle is going to continue to be very active -- and [on] the very thing that brought us here, which is our belief that when you work with people on the ground at a grassroots level, change happens. When people feel disconnected from the institutions of government, they can swing back and forth in all sorts of ways.

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[JANN S. WENNER:] You can now buy marijuana legally on the entire West Coast. So why are we still waging the War on Drugs? It is a colossal failure. Why are we still dancing around the subject and making marijuana equivalent to a Schedule I drug?

[OBAMA:] Look, I've been very clear about my belief that we should try to discourage substance abuse. And I am not somebody who believes that legalization is a panacea. But I do believe that treating this as a public-health issue, the same way we do with cigarettes or alcohol, is the much smarter way to deal with it. Typically how these classifications are changed are not done by presidential edict but are done either legislatively or through the DEA. As you might imagine, the DEA, whose job it is historically to enforce drug laws, is not always going to be on the cutting edge about these issues.

[JANN S. WENNER:] [Laughs] What about you? Are you gonna get on the cutting edge?

[OBAMA:] Look, I am now very much in lame-duck status. And I will have the opportunity as a private citizen to describe where I think we need to go. But in light of these referenda passing, including in California, I've already said, and as I think I mentioned on Bill Maher's show, where he asked me about the same issue, that it is untenable over the long term for the Justice Department or the DEA to be enforcing a patchwork of laws, where something that's legal in one state could get you a 20-year prison sentence in another. So this is a debate that is now ripe, much in the same way that we ended up making progress on same-sex marriage. There's something to this whole states-being-laboratories-of-democracy and an evolutionary approach. You now have about a fifth of the country where this is legal.

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[JANN S. WENNER:] Do you think the weight of history will constrain him to some extent?

[OBAMA:] I think sitting behind that desk is sobering, and that it will have an impact on him as it has on every president. But I think the most important constraint on any president is the American people themselves, of an informed citizenry that is active and participating and engaged. And that is going to be something that I will, in my own modest ways, continue to try to encourage for the rest of my life.

11/28/16: The New Yorker: Obama Reckons With A Trump Presidency By David Remnick

<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2016/11/28/obama-reckons-with-a-trump-presidency>

The sense that, on the level of politics and policy, there was work to be done ("I know how to build a bridge to that new social compact") infused the post-Presidential role that he sketched for himself. "I'll be fifty-five when I leave"—he knocked on a wooden end table—"assuming that I get a couple more decades of good health, at least, then I think both Michelle and I are interested in creating platforms that train, empower, network, boost the next generation of leadership. And I think that, whatever shape my Presidential center takes, I'm less interested in a building and campaign posters and Michelle's dresses, although I think it's fair to say that Michelle's dresses will be the biggest draw by a huge margin. But what we'll be most interested in is programming that helps the next Michelle Obama or the next Barack Obama, who right now is sitting out there and has no idea how to make their ideals live, isn't quite sure what to do—to give them resources and ways to think about social change."

He seemed to be returning to the days when he was a community organizer in the Altgeld Gardens housing project, on the South Side of Chicago. "The thing that I have always been convinced of," he said, "the running thread through my career, has been this notion that when

ordinary people get engaged, pay attention, learn about the forces that affect their lives and are able to join up with others, good stuff happens.”

Every ex-Presidency is marked, of course, by the Presidential memoir, and Obama acknowledged that the genre has been vexed. “My observation in reading Presidential memoirs is that they are very heavy on ‘and then this happened, and then that happened,’ ” he said. He noted that he hadn’t managed to keep a diary in the White House and marvelled at the “remarkable discipline that Jimmy Carter apparently had where each day he was describing what he had for breakfast and what happened here and what happened there.” He admitted that as a writer he could never be as free as he was in his first book, “Dreams from My Father.” “Some of it is just by virtue of decorum,” he said. “If you have meetings with people that they’ve assumed were private and suddenly you’re just spilling the beans, it’s a little bit like telling on an old girlfriend about something.”

11/20/16: Remarks by President Obama and Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada after Bilateral Meeting

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/11/20/remarks-president-obama-and-prime-minister-trudeau-canada-after>

PRESIDENT OBAMA: So I have to say that there are few leaders around the world who I think combine vision and talent and values the way that Justin does. And I am very much looking forward to his continued leadership in the years to come. And I look forward to visiting Canada often as a private citizen, and may stop in and check in with his beautiful family when I get the opportunity.

But the one thing I think that we emphasized is that through conservative governments, liberal governments, Democratic or Republican governments, the relationship between the United States and Canada is one of the most important constants in the world, and I have no doubt that that will continue.

So thank you, Justin.

11/2016: Vanity Fair: Barack Obama And Doris Kearns Goodwin: The Ultimate Exit Interview

<http://www.vanityfair.com/news/2016/09/barack-obama-doris-kearns-goodwin-interview>

GOODWIN: So what is it going to be like when this weight is lifted? What are you going to be able to do that you haven’t been able to do for eight years?

OBAMA: Well, I’m hoping I can take a walk. [Laughter.] And ...

GOODWIN: Somewhere else, not just with ...

OBAMA: Yes, not just around and around the South Lawn with my chief of staff and my team and my dogs. [Laughter.]

GOODWIN: What else? You drove around in a car in that comedy video with Jerry Seinfeld, right? You hadn’t done it for a while.

OBAMA: I’m looking to negotiate to see maybe if I can take a drive somewhere at least on some open road

11/14/16: Remarks by the President in Conference Call with Grassroots Supporters and OFA Alumni

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/11/14/remarks-president-conference-call-grassroots-supporters-and-ofa-alumni>

So don't mope. And don't get complacent. The majority of the American people believe in a diverse, tolerant, optimistic, dynamic, inclusive vision. And as somebody who knows a thing or two about organizing, I want you to remember never to underestimate yourselves, because you guys are the best organizers I know. So don't suddenly veer off into isolation. Keep on working. Stay connected.

I know David and others are going to convene folks at other times. So stay close to each other. Generate ideas. Take some time to reflect and let's brainstorm in terms of how you're going to work together to move forward. Understand that I'm going to be constrained in what I do with all of you until I am again a private citizen. But that's not so far off. It's basically six, eight weeks away. And I will have some time for vacation, but you're going to see me early next year, and we're going to be in a position where we can start cooking up all kinds of great stuff to do. In the meantime, make sure that you stay involved locally. Find organizations that are speaking to your passions. Continue to be engaged with OFA around issues that -- or just information and networking and ideas-sharing that can be done. And if you do those things, I promise you that next year Michelle and I are going to be right there with you, and the clouds are going to start parting and the sun is going to come back out, and we're going to be busy, involved in the amazing stuff that we've been doing all these years before.

And I've got all kinds of thoughts and ideas about it, but this isn't the best time to share them. The point is, I'm still fired up and I'm still ready to go. And I hope that all of you are, as well. And just in pure political terms, I've been reminding my staff that when I came into Washington in 2005, and was sworn in as a senator, it was the same moment that George Bush was sworn back in as President of the United States for the second term, and Republican controlled the House and Republicans controlled the Senate. And Tom Daschle, who had been the Democratic Majority Leader, had lost his seat, and it looked very, very bleak. Two years later, Democrats were winning back the Congress, and four years later I was President.

That's pretty unlikely, but that's how stuff works when you've got amazing people all across the country who are willing to put their all into making this country better. What was true then is true now. So like I said, you've got another few days to feel bad, and then we got to get busy. All right?

11/14/16: Remarks by the President in Conference Call with DNC Stakeholders

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/11/15/remarks-president-conference-call-dnc-stakeholders>

And in the months ahead, my hope is, is that we're convening Democrats at every level from the DNC to local ward and town committees to assess where we've fallen short and how we can build for elections not just in presidential years, but every year. Because I've been on this for a while. And I said this in my press conference. We have better ideas. But they have to be heard for us to actually translate those ideas into votes and ultimately into action.

And the challenge we have is that partly because of geographic distribution, there are big chunks of the country that just aren't hearing us. And they won't hear us if we're not showing up and if we're not there fighting day in, day out for those ideas.

And that is not something that you can just do every four years. It's something that you got to do over a lengthy period of time -- building trust, building relationships, making sure that people understand what we're about, focusing on down ballot, recruiting, training candidates, reaching out to every community -- whether they agree or disagree. Because even in communities that are

rock-solid Republican, there's a difference between us losing 60-40 or losing 80-20. And that can swing an election.

We got to train new voters. We got to train volunteers. All that work has to be done. And look, one of the challenges that I've discovered being President is I'd like to be organizer-in-chief, but it's hard. You got Syria, and you got NATO, and you have summit meetings and economic issues that you have to deal with on ongoing basis. You try to get legislation done. That's why the DNC is so important. That's why our local state parties are so important. And although we haven't been able to do as much as I would like in order to assure that we've got the results we did in this election, I'm absolutely confident that it can be done. We just got to be a little more strategic, and we got to work a little bit harder.

And for the next two months, my main job is to make sure we finish up strong so that when I turn over the keys, I can continue to say unequivocally and demonstrably that the country is better off than when I found it. Part of that is also facilitating a decent transition so that the American people are as well served as they can be with the incoming administration.

But then I'm going to be a private citizen, and I'm not going to stop, as citizen, working on behalf of the things that I care about, and I'm hoping that I'm going to have the opportunity to work with a whole bunch of you in all kinds of different ways. And now is not the time for me to spell out how that might happen, but I'm sure that we are going to be working shoulder to shoulder for many, many years to come.

11/2016: Vanity Fair: Barack Obama And Doris Kearns Goodwin: The Ultimate Exit Interview

<http://www.vanityfair.com/news/2016/09/barack-obama-doris-kearns-goodwin-interview>

OBAMA: Oh, absolutely. I think since the systematic emergence of terrorism and the assassination attempts, everything has tightened. My hope is that it loosens back up once I leave. There are a couple of particular bodysurfing beaches that I've not been to in Hawaii for a long time that I want to go back to. [Laughter.] And there are places I want to visit where if I'm wearing a baseball cap and some sunglasses I think I can get away with and mingle in a crowd. But, you know, when I leave I'll be 55, and I'll have an entirely new chapter of my life—the work I want to do with a presidential-center library, creating a platform for the next generation of young leaders across disciplines to work together ... [and other] things that in some ways I suspect I'm able to do better out of this office.

10/24/16: President Barack Obama Interviewed on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"

KIMMEL: And you're staying in Washington, D.C., which is unusual for an exiting president.

OBAMA: I'm like the old guy at the bar, you know, where you went to high school, right?...

OBAMA: Sasha is a sophomore and she's doing great in the school she currently attends, and you know, our attitude is that if you have a teenager and you really want to make sure that they never talk to you again, then pull them out of high school right in the middle of...

KIMMEL: Yeah, you're right. Yeah.

OBAMA: ... of sophomore year. So look, they've made so many sacrifices.

KIMMEL: They have. Yeah. And they didn't get to decide that.

OBAMA: And I want to -- exactly. So I want to make sure that they get the ability to, you know, have what's best for them for a time...

OBAMA: It has been the privilege of a lifetime, but I do have to remind everybody that Michelle and I will still be alive in three months...

(LAUGHTER) And you know, hopefully you invite me onto the show once in a while.

10/19/16: Popsugar: Michelle Obama Just Gave Us a Major Hint About What She'll Do After the White House

<http://www.popsugar.com/news/What-Michelle-Obama-Do-Next-42516108>

One thing is clear: Michelle is dedicated to healthy living. But she hinted that she could change her focus from children to adult women. "We focused on kids for a reason. It's hard to change adults, and it's hard to change it from a political position or a perceived political position. Kids, everybody can get behind. It's a bipartisan thing," she said.

10/17/16: Remarks by the President and Vice President on the Cancer Moonshot Report

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/10/17/remarks-president-and-vice-president-cancer-moonshot-report>

And so although we're going to be leaving soon, what I think we're going to be able to leave behind is a architecture and a framework for organizing these efforts over the next several years. And we're already beginning to see results as people across disciplines who previously were working in isolation are now joining together and realizing we've all got one objective. And so I could not be prouder of the work that Joe, Jill and this team have done. I gladly am going to be accepting this report, and, more importantly, I'm looking forward not only to laying the ground work for the next administration to pick up the baton and run with it, but I know that Joe and Jill and I and Michelle will all continue to be involved after we've left this office in making sure that this works.

10/11/16: President Barack Obama Participates in an ESPN Town Hall on Sports, Race and Achievement

VERRETT: We certainly covered a lot of ground here. What's next for you when you leave office?

OBAMA: I'm going to sleep for two weeks. (LAUGHTER)

And I'm going to take Michelle on a really nice vacation...

VERRETT: OK.

OBAMA: ... because she deserves it. She has been putting up with me for quite some time. And then we're going to continue to work on the issues that we care deeply about. Most prominently, we're going to be interested in figuring out how we can develop the next generation of leaders, so we're going to be spending a lot of time with things like My Brother's Keeper, Let Girls Learn, try to create a platform where young activists, like Nandi (ph) and others can get trained and learn from each other and be supported because, at the end of the day, when you look at American history, when you look at human history, it's -- it's young people like you that drive change and progress. You know, and to paraphrase Robert Kennedy, you ask not why, but why not.

VERRETT: Yes.

OBAMA: Why shouldn't we have a more just society? Why shouldn't we be able to have more opportunity for every child? Why shouldn't we be able to make sure that our criminal justice system works for everybody? And so Michelle and -- I think if we look back 20 years from now and can say that we helped to contribute to the leadership of the next generation to replace us and to exceed what we have accomplished, we'll feel pretty good about ourselves.

10/11/16: International Day of the Girl Op-Ed by First Lady Michelle Obama

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/10/11/international-day-girl-op-ed-first-lady-michelle-obama>

I hope you will be as moved by their stories as I was – and I hope you’ll visit LetGirlsLearn.Gov to learn more about how you can take action to help girls like them worldwide go to school. Unlike so many girls around the world, we have a voice. That’s why, particularly on this International Day of the Girl, I ask that you use yours to help these girls get the education they deserve. They’re counting on us, and I have no intention of letting them down. I plan to keep working on their behalf, not just for the rest of my time as First Lady, but for the rest of my life. I hope you will join me.

9/8/16: Huffington Post: Obamas Cover Essence, Open Up About Their Impact On Black Kids

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/obamas-cover-essence-applaud-the-impact-theyve-had-on-black-kids_us_57d15b4de4b00642712ba1e3

The power of representation is certainly not lost on POTUS either. In 2014, Obama launched “My Brother’s Keeper,” an initiative that aims to provide mentorship and guidance to young men of color. It’s a move he sees as one of his most notable achievements, and one he hopes will live on long after he’s gone. “For me, things like My Brother’s Keeper... that’s something I’m confident we’ll be continuing after we leave,” Obama said.

9/7/16: Remarks by President Obama at YSEALI Town Hall

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/09/07/remarks-president-obama-yseali-town-hall>

Q Thank you. Thank you, sir. I like to ask since YSEALI means so much to you, how will you ensure that YSEALI continues after you step down?

PRESIDENT OBAMA: Well, it's a great question. There are two things that we're going to do. First of all, we're working with the State Department, my foreign ministry, so that YSEALI continues after I've left. The program to bring student members of YSEALI to the United States, to maintain the networks -- we're trying to institutionalize that so that it continues after I'm gone. What I'm also going to do is, in my own work as an ex-President, I'm hoping to continue to work with young people through my presidential center. And so one of the components that I've discussed with my team is how I can continue to interact with the YSEALI alumni, and we can share ideas and I can continue to meet with you and we can work on projects together. So I'll continue to stay involved. But the YSEALI program itself we will continue to run through the State Department. And I'm confident that it will continue to do great things. (Applause.)

8/3/16: Remarks by the President at the Young African Leaders Initiative Town Hall

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/08/03/remarks-president-young-african-leaders-initiative-town-hall>

I can't, and America cannot, solve all those problems. And if I were to promise that, I would not be telling the truth. (Applause.) But what I can do is to make sure that the program continues, that the network continues to get built, and that the State Department is engaged with your countries explaining why what you represent is so important to the continent.

And what I can also commit to is, is that even after I am President, that this will be a program that I continue to participate in and work with because it's something that I'm very, very proud of.

6/29/16: Remarks by President Obama, Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada, and President Peña Nieto of Mexico in North American Leaders' Summit Press Conference

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/06/30/remarks-president-obama-prime-minister-trudeau-canada-and-president-pe%C3%B1a>

When I ran in 2008, and the reason I ran again, and the reason even after I leave this office I will continue to work in some capacity in public service is because I care about people and I want to make sure every kid in America has the same opportunities that I had. And I care about poor people who are working really hard and don't have a chance to advance. And I care about workers being able to have a collective voice in the workplace and get their fair share of the pie. And I want to make sure that kids are getting a decent education, and a working mom has childcare that she can trust. And I think we should have a tax system that's fair, and that folks like me who have benefitted from the incredible opportunities in my society should pay a little bit more to make sure that somebody else's kids who weren't as lucky have those same opportunities.

6/22/16: Press Briefing by Press Secretary Josh Earnest

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/06/22/press-briefing-press-secretary-josh-earnest>

Q Will the President sometime in his future consider becoming, if offered, the commissioner of Major League Baseball?

MR. EARNEST: Well, I'm not aware of any offer like that that's being considered. Obviously the President is a fan of his hometown Chicago White Sox. But I think the President has discussed previously that he would have an interest, potentially, if the opportunity arose under the right circumstances, to be part of an ownership group of an NBA franchise. So the President is obviously a big NBA fan. So I don't know if that kind of opportunity will present itself, but I suspect that's something that he would enjoy.

Q It's now out there.

MR. EARNEST: I guess it is. I guess it is.

6/14/16: Remarks by the First Lady at the United State of Women Summit Dinner

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/06/14/remarks-first-lady-united-state-women-summit-dinner>

Because while my time as First Lady may soon be coming to -- I shouldn't say "may," it is soon coming to -- (laughter) -- let's not get that confused. (Laughter.) When it comes to the issue of global girls' education, believe me, I am just getting started. (Applause.) I am so excited to continue working on this issue not just for the next seven months as First Lady, but for the rest of my life. And it's going to be good work, because there are a lot of good partners in this room. And I am so looking forward to really diving in.

6/13/16: President Obama Interview With Bloomberg Businessweek

<http://www.bloomberg.com/features/2016-obama-anti-business-president/>

Do you have any desire to run a company yourself?

Well, I've said this before and, I think, surprised a lot of people, but if I think about what would stir my passions had I not gone into politics, it'd probably be starting some kind of business. The skill set of starting my presidential campaigns—and building the kinds of teams that we did and marketing ideas—I think would be the same kinds of skills that I would enjoy exercising in the private sector.

Now, I'm always careful about drawing too many easy parallels there, because sometimes there are CEOs who come in and start explaining to me how I should be running the presidency. And I sometimes have to stop them and say, "All right. One, I appreciate your advice. But imagine a situation in which half your board and management were actively trying to get rid of you and prevent you from accomplishing anything. And you had 2 million employees, and you couldn't fire a large portion of them. And your competitors weren't simply promoting their own products, but were continually saying how your products were the worst that were ever invented and will cause a civilizational crisis. If you pull that all together, then you've got about half of what I'm dealing with on a daily basis.

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What industries would you think about going into?

Well, you know, it's hard to say. But what I will say is that—just to bring things full circle about innovation—the conversations I have with Silicon Valley and with venture capital pull together my interests in science and organization in a way I find really satisfying. You know, you think about something like precision medicine: the work we've done to try to build off of breakthroughs in the human genome; the fact that now you can have your personal genome mapped for a thousand bucks instead of \$100,000; and the potential for us to identify what your tendencies are, and to sculpt medicines that are uniquely effective for you. That's just an example of something I can sit and listen and talk to folks for hours about. We're going to have a global entrepreneurship summit—the last one of a series that we began when I first came into office. And the enthusiasm from around the world about these summits speaks to the advantage that we continue to have here in the United States. It's this notion that if you get a good idea, and you organize some people to support you, and you learn from your mistakes, you can create something entirely new.

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You can become Bill Gates.

You can become Bill Gates. Or, in some cases, you can electrify a village. You can save water in a desert. That's the thing about the U.S. economy that continues to be unique. And it's tied to capitalism and markets, but it's also tied to a faith in science and reason and a mindset that says there's always something new to discover, and we don't know everything, and we're going to try new things, and we're pragmatic. And if we ever lose that, then we will have lost what has made us an incredible force for good in the world. If we sustain it, then we can maintain the kind of progress that has been made. I always tell interns and young people who I talk to that as tough as things seem right now, do not believe people when they tell you they wish they could go back to the good old days.

Because the good old days aren't—I'm now old enough where I remember some of those good old days.

4/28/16: Remarks by the President to College Reporters

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/04/28/remarks-president-college-reporters>

So I'll keep on talking about this even after I leave the presidency. You got me started. I went on a rant, didn't I? (Laughter.) All right. So I'm counting on you guys. Don't let me down, all right? Don't let the country down. You guys are going to be delivering the message to your peer group that this is the greatest country on Earth, but only because we have great citizens who are willing to invest their time and energy and effort to become informed on the issues, to argue about it in a respectful way, and to try to collectively solve the many challenges that we face. The good news is, is that there are no challenges, as JFK said, that 'man creates that man can't solve.' I would add women to that. (Laughter.)

4/22/16: Washington Post: As Obama's 'My Brother's Keeper' turns two, officials believe it will endure

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/education/wp/2016/04/22/as-obamas-my-brothers-keeper-turns-two-officials-believe-it-will-endure/>

Broderick Johnson, chairman of the My Brother's Keeper Task Force, said that the initiative has resulted in changes within the government — including new cross-agency partnerships — that will endure. Local officials have created their own plans to close race and gender gaps that are not tied to who's in the White House, he said. And Obama has said that he will remain committed to the goals of My Brother's Keeper long after leaving 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. "The president has made clear this is work that is lifetime work," Johnson said.

3/30/16: Remarks by the President on Commutations of Prison Sentences

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/03/30/remarks-president-commutations-prison-sentences>

I am going to continue to emphasize the importance of pardons and commutations going forward. Today, we commuted 61 additional individuals who are deserving and who I believe will be looking at the people sitting here at this table as models and inspiration for what is possible in their lives. That will mean that, at this point, I will have commuted *268[248] sentences, which is more than the previous six Presidents combined. But we're not done, and we're going to keep on working on this until I leave. It's something that I'm going to keep on working on even after I leave the presidency, because -- some of you know we had an Easter Prayer Breakfast with ministers, pastors from all around the country of all denominations in which we read Scripture and were reminded of Jesus's teachings. And at the heart of my faith, and what I believe is at the heart of the American ideal is, is that we're all imperfect. We all make mistakes. We have to own those mistakes. We have to take responsibility and learn from those mistakes. But we as a society have to make sure that people who do take responsibility and own and learn from those mistakes are able to continue to be part of the American family. It's the right thing to do. It's the smart thing to do.

3/30/16: Remarks by the President and the Vice President at Easter Prayer Breakfast

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/03/30/remarks-president-and-vice-president-easter-prayer-breakfast>

And I want to remind you all that after a good chunk of sleep when I get out of here, I'm going to be right out there with you doing some work. (Laughter.) So you're not rid of me yet, even after we're done with the presidency. But I am going to take three, four months where I just sleep. (Laughter.) And I hope you all don't mind that.

3/3/16: USA Today, Reporting by Gregory Korte

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2016/03/03/obamas-remain-dc-after-presidency-so-daughter-can-finish-high-school/81275904/>

"We're going to have to stay a couple of years so Sasha can finish. Transferring someone in the middle of high school — tough," he said while eating lunch at a Milwaukee restaurant. Beyond that? "We haven't figured that out yet," he said.

1/14/16: Remarks by the President in State of the Union Rollout Town Hall

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/01/14/remarks-president-state-union-rollout-town-hall>

Q My first question is: What are your plans to do when you leave office? And can you please give my grandmother a hug? (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: See, now first of all, I know your grandma put you up to that. (Laughter.)

So I will give your grandma a hug because you did such a nice job asking the question.

(Applause.)

In terms of my plans, look, I've got so much work to do this next year that -- Michelle and I, we haven't had a chance to really step back and think about it. But as I said at the State of Union, when I get out, I'm still holding the most important job in a democracy, and that is the office of citizen. So I will continue to work on the things that Michelle and I care so deeply about. We want to encourage young people to get involved. We want to improve education. We want to make sure that our criminal justice system works the way it should. We want to make sure that we are promoting science education and learning. We want to work internationally to help other countries develop. So we're going to have a busy agenda, but I'm not overthinking that right now because I've got a whole bunch of stuff to do between now and next year. All right? But thank you for the question.

11/17/15: President Obama and Bill Simmons: The GQ Interview

<http://www.gq.com/story/president-obama-bill-simmons-interview-gq-men-of-the-year>
Baseball, football, basketball, all the commissioner jobs open up next year. Which one would you want?

Well, I'm best suited for basketball. But I cannot believe that the commissioner of football gets paid \$44 million a year.

What perk of being president are you going to miss the most?

So the clear answer would be Air Force One: an amazing plane with an amazing crew, they clear out airspace so you don't have to wait. And you land anytime, you leave anytime. But it may be Marine One, because even post presidency, I may be able to round up a private plane sometime, but it's tough not to have your helicopter waiting for you. *[laughs]*

11/9/15: Remarks by the President at Organizing for Action Event

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/11/09/remarks-president-organizing-action-event>

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, we can. Our unfinished business does not depend solely on me, or on a member of Congress, or the next President we elect. It depends on all of us -- what we, the people, can do together. And that's something that I'm going to be focusing on in my final year in office, the idea of an active, involved, engaged citizenship. (Applause.) That's what I'm going to be focused on after I leave office -- an engaged, active, focused citizenship.

5/4/15: Remarks by the President at Launch of the My Brother's Keeper Alliance

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/05/04/remarks-president-launch-my-brothers-keeper-alliance>

And that's what My Brother's Keeper is about, that's what this alliance is about. And we are in this for the long haul. We're going to keep doing our work at the White House on these issues. Sometimes it won't be a lot of fanfare. I notice we don't always get a lot of reporting on this issue when there's not a crisis in some neighborhood. But we're just going to keep on plugging away. And this will remain a mission for me and for Michelle not just for the rest of my presidency, but for the rest of my life. (Applause.)

4/30/15: Remarks by the President in Discovery Education Webinar with Middle School Students

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/04/30/remarks-president-discovery-education-webinar-middle-school-students>

THE PRESIDENT: -- and eventually I had the opportunity to run for President. But I'll be done being President in a couple of years, and I'll still be a pretty young man -- not compared to you guys, but I'll still be pretty young. And so I'll go back to doing the kinds of work that I was doing before, just trying to find ways to help people -- help young people get educations, and help people get jobs, and try to bring businesses into neighborhoods that don't have enough businesses. That's the kind of work that I really love to do.

8/31/15: Jen Friedman, Statement to Politico

<http://www.politico.com/story/2015/08/president-obama-columbia-university-213202>

White House deputy press secretary Jen Friedman also rolled back the idea that big news was being made, saying in a statement, "The President has long talked about his respect for Columbia University and his desire to continue working with them. However, at this point no decisions have been finalized about his post-Presidency plans."

10/27/14: POTUS Interview with Jeffrey Toobin, The New Yorker

<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2014/10/27/obama-brief>

"I love the law, intellectually," Obama went on. "I love nutting out these problems, wrestling with these arguments. I love teaching. I miss the classroom and engaging with students. But I think being a Justice is a little bit too monastic for me. Particularly after having spent six years and what will be eight years in this bubble, I think I need to get outside a little bit more."

6/10/14: Remarks by the President in Q&A with David Karp, CEO of Tumblr

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/06/10/remarks-president-qa-david-karp-ceo-tumblr>

KARP: It looks like we have time for one more question, so let's switch over to a lighter one. There are plenty of young people out there today who are watching your career incredibly closely. They're thinking about their futures, their careers, their educations that they're going off to pursue. Astonishment asked, "Where do you see yourself in 10 years?" (Laughter.)

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I haven't projected out 10 years. I'm really focused on making sure that I make every day in the next two and a half years count, because it's an incredible privilege to be in this office. And even when I'm frustrated with Congress or I'm frustrated with the press and how it's reporting things and Washington generally, I also know that there's something I can do every single day that's helping somebody and that sometimes without a lot of fanfare we're making it easier for a business to get a loan, and we're making it easier for a young person to get an education, and we're making it easier for a family to get health care, and making sure that each day I come away with something that we've done to make it a little easier for folks to work their way into the middle class, to stay in the middle class, to save for retirement, to finance their kids' college educations -- that's a good day for me.

I know what I'll do right after the next President is inaugurated. I'll be on a beach somewhere drinking out of a coconut. (Laughter.) But that probably won't last too long.

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