From: Kaleta, Judy (OST)
Sent: Tue, 16 Feb 2021 16:39:07 +0000
To: Carlson, Terence (OST);Huezo, Hector (OST);Deavers, Lynn (OST)
Cc: Cialeo, Christopher (OST)
Subject: FW: Question re: Sec media

From: Hirshberg, Danielle (OST)
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:27 AM
To: Kaleta, Judy (OST) <Judy.Kaleta@dot.gov>; Cialeo, Christopher (OST) <christopher.cialeo@dot.gov>
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2:30 works for me! Will send invite

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Of course. What time works for you? 11:30 to 12:30, 2:00-3 or 5?

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Sent: Wed, 15 Sep 2021 21:19:11 +0000
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Subject: RE: time sensitive: help with language about documentary on Secretary's campaign

Judy, thank you again for the heads up. How about the following?

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From: Kaleta, Judy (OST) <Judy.Kaleta@dot.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 5:00 PM
To: Carlson, Terence (OST) <Terence.Carlson@dot.gov>; Huezo, Hector (OST) <hector.o.huezo@dot.gov>; Cialeo, Christopher (OST) <christopher.cialeo@dot.gov>
Subject: FW: time sensitive: help with language about documentary on Secretary's campaign

Let's discuss.

From: Halle, Benjamin (OST) <benjamin.halle@dot.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 12:30 PM
To: Kaleta, Judy (OST) <Judy.Kaleta@dot.gov>
Subject: time sensitive: help with language about documentary on Secretary's campaign

Hi Judy,

Ben Halle here on the public affairs team. I'm reaching out to you about a documentary that will soon be coming out about the Secretary's campaign. I believe info about the documentary was shared with you this winter during vetting process. We're now hearing that the documentary, which was purchased by Amazon, will be coming out in the next few weeks. The Secretary has NO financial stake in the film and for ethics reasons will not be doing any promotion of the film either.

I'm looking for your help with language to provide to Amazon and any other media outlets that reach out about the film to explain why the Secretary cannot participate in activities. Could you help provide some language about how, ethically, a federal government employee cannot participate in promoting a film like this?

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Thanks, and appreciate your help on this.

Ben

Ben Halle
Deputy Public Affairs Director
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TO: Secretary Buttigieg
FR: Public Affairs
DT: Tuesday, October 12, 2021

RE: News of the Day/TPs on BBB/BID

Mayor Pete Documentary

- Documentary premiering soon in Chicago/NYC
  Suggested points:

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Southwest Airlines Delays

- Over the weekend, Southwest Airlines canceled more than 1800 flights.

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USMMA

- On September 27, 2021 a student (identified as Class of '22) at the US Merchant Marine Academy posted anonymously on a blog about an experience she had of being raped at age 19 while aboard a Maersk vessel as part of the Academy's Sea Year Program. In her account she says she choose to not report the incident and continued to sail on for the next 50 days. (b)(5)

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- Locally Newsday ran an editorial calling for YOU to take a leadership role on this issue, for Academy and industry to tackle the culture that created this situation, for the Coast Guard to step up their enforcement role and for Congress to revisit whether USMMA is subject to Title IX or Uniform Code of Military Justice.
- A trade publication posted that Maersk took the evidence in the woman's post and used it to identify the ship and employees involved and are initiating an investigation and suspending the five involved officers that were on the ship.
    - "There are enough details for us to be able to identify which ship and which employees are involved. That is why we have something that forms the basis for initiating an investigation, and that is why we have suspended the five involved officers who [were] on the ship," APMM technical manager Palle Laursen told the outlet. "We are deeply shaken by this. The way in which the incident is described is not only contrary to ordinary decency, but also in particular to our values and what we stand for in Maersk."
- CNN posted a story last night with the story with the headline "'I was trapped': Shipping giant investigates alleged rape of 19-year-old during federal training program". Daily Beast picked it up today as well. Their reporting notes that "Five crew members at the world's biggest container shipping company have been suspended after a student at a U.S. federal service academy published an anonymous blog saying she was raped at sea."

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COVID

- TX Gov Abbott on Monday banned any entity in state, including private business, from mandating vaccines for workers or customers. Expands previous orders. Abbott calls mandate "federal overreach" and hurting livelihoods of Texans and threatening state's economic recovery.
- Psaki at WH briefing today: "I think it's pretty clear when you make a choice that's against all public health info and data out there that it's not based on what is in the interest of the people you are governing. It's perhaps in the interests of your own politics." Court challenges expected.
- TX companies: American Airlines, Southwest, AT&T, Hewlett-Packard have vaccine mandates.
- Fauci says enjoy Halloween, trick-or-treating okay
- Daily cases around 90k, down nearly 25% over last two weeks. Deaths around 1,800, down 10% over last two weeks. Hot spots: Idaho, MT, ND, WV, AK.
- POTUS last week in Chicago where he met with public and private sector leaders who have implemented vaccination requirements, including Governor Pritzker, Mayor Lightfoot, and United CEO Scott Kirby. (b)(5)

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- Report shows vaccine mandates work (report is in YOUR tabs)
  - Vaccination requirements have increased vaccination rates by 20+ percentage points to over 90% in many organizations.
  - Vaccination requirements have already helped cut the rate of unvaccinated Americans by one-third.
- Report shows vaccination requirements are good for the economy
  - Increasing vaccination rates could return up to 5 million workers to the labor force.
- Vaccination requirements are becoming the standard across all sectors and have broad public support.
  - More than 3,500 organizations have already stepped up to require vaccinations, and thousands more will require vaccinations in the weeks ahead.
  - Businesses, labor unions, workers, and a majority of the public support vaccination requirements. The Business Roundtable—which represents more than 200 businesses that employ a total of 20 million workers—as well as some of the largest labor unions in the country, including the National Education Association and the American Federation for Teachers, all support the President's plan to increase vaccinations. And, public polls from Fox News, Axios, and the Associated Press among others, show that strong margins of Americans support vaccination requirements.

Infrastructure & Reconciliation:

- Speaker Pelosi today reiterated Dems need to start making cuts to reconciliation package: "If there are fewer dollars to spend, there are choices to be made." Suggests she wants to keep more in, but reduce years to save costs.

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- Dems considering means-testing for some programs
- Sanders says Medicare expansion is non-negotiable
- CPC Chair Jayapal says progressives are willing to compromise with "such slim margins and no room for disagreement" but says they still don't have a counter proposal

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- Biden and Dem leaders said to have slashed reconciliation bill to $2T or less during House meeting last Friday; discussion whether to keep as many programs as possible with reduced costs or limited duration; or cutting initiatives entirely
- Biden in MI Tuesday on infrastructure (remarks are in YOUR tabs)

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- Dem leaders operating on self-imposed 10/31 deadline for both bills
- Maj Leader Schumer: "Nobody is going to get everything they want. But no matter what, our final proposal will deliver the core promise we made to the American people," and "I think Democrats of all different — the progressive folks, the more moderate folks — all realize there is going to have to be give on every side to get this done"
- Biden at Capitol Friday assured this would get done: "I'm telling you, we're going to get this done. It doesn't matter when. It doesn't matter whether it's in six minutes, six days or six weeks. We're going to get it done."
- Reaction from Chamber of Commerce: "Respectfully, the president is wrong," said Neil Bradley, executive vice president and chief policy officer for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "This bill should have been enacted six years ago. There was a chance to enact it six weeks ago. Delay has consequences, and none of them are good."
- Reaction from Blue Dogs: "It's a sad day for our nation when a few members of Congress block much-needed results for the American people, not because they oppose the bill before them, but because they don't trust members of their own party,"

Surface Transportation impacts:

- The House and Senate voted to extend surface transportation funding through Oct 31.

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- The infrastructure bill includes a reauthorization of surface transportation funding. Since it wasn't reauthorized by its expiration on September 30, parts of DOT temporarily shut down Friday and approximately 3,700 employees were temporarily furloughed but returned to work this Monday.

California pipeline spill

- CA DOJ now investigating cause of spill – cause, and what if anything could've prevented/minimized it
- PHMSA investigators are on-the-ground in the unified incident command center and participating in the interagency response.

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- On Monday, PHMSA issued a Corrective Action Order (CAO) to the operator (Beta Offshore), mandating the pipeline shut down and remain shut until immediate corrective action, including performing an independent-third-party Root Cause Failure analysis and integrity assessment.

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- Further background:

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Debt Ceiling

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Jobs/Economy

- Labor Dept report out today shows record number of Americans quitting jobs (4.3M people, nearly 3% of workforce). Factors include less willing to endure low wages/bad hours. Service/retail/professional business services/health care
- Labor market down about 5M jobs pre-pandemic
- Earning seasons beginning this week – (b)(5)

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- IMF today warned of slowing recovery due to Delta and supply chain. US growth cut from 7 to 6 percent.

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- Fed Reserve Vice Chair: though there had been an "unwelcome" jump in inflation this year, "once these relative price adjustments are complete and bottlenecks have unclogged, will in the end prove to be largely transitory. That said, I believe, as do most of my colleagues, that the risks to inflation are to the upside, and I continue to be attuned and attentive to underlying inflation trends," he added, "in particular measures of inflation expectations."
- Fed Reserve Bank of NY Survey of Consumer Expectations showed medium-term inflation (three years) climbed to 4.2 percent in Sept from 4 percent in Aug., highest since series started in 2013. Short-term expectations jumped to 5.3%, also a new high.

From WH 10/12:

BBB/BIF

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Q&A on BBB/ BIF

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