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Some mental notes and thoughts on next steps...We have now made majority (Mrdeza) and minority (indirectly with Hoyer through Stokes) contact with House Appropriation Committee. We know we need to do the justification for Mrdeza. We also have to get Jack to the Hill for a courtesy call on Kolby (per Mrdeza's suggestion). In addition, I think we must make inroads soon with Burton's office at the staff level. We need to introduce ourselves to them and gauge their reaction on the extension. We must keep up the contact with Hertling and company on the Senate side. Hopefully, the Specter staffer, Kevin Mathias will be useful, too. We should probably ask Hertling whether or not we should contact Pat Raymond who they said replaced Chuck Parkinson at Senate Appropriation. The CIA, FBI and Archives letters will be important in support of us. Although it may not help, maybe a visit to Ishtook or his staff may be in order, once we get a sense of what he is going to do. Some more thoughts ...Do we want to get together with Evan Thomas soon? A well-timed column from him may help us on the Hill, given Thomas' credibility. How flexible should we be on how much time we need and how much money? I get the impression that we will be pressed more specifically on what we would accomplish with an additional year. This is the type of additional background that Mrdeza and others will be looking for, I think. Just some late night thoughts. I'll talk to you soon. If you are home over the weekend and want to talk, I'll be at the Cape at (508)349-1983. Hope all is well.

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