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How does lunch on the twelfth sound (I really have no preference, but we need to get this train moving!)? Since I've decided on the day and venue, you and Kevin have to decide where, the specific time and additional participants! (I got the best of this deal!). Just let me know! If there are people who can't do lunch for whatever reason, but would rather do a happy hour (not to suggest there are thousands of people that concerned one way or another with my brief presence in D.C....) I can probably swing that, too. I am proud of your running totals for Greece! Good job! I had only heard bits of your ARRB staff news, re: promotions, offices of one's own, etc. Jeremy had mentioned something about Joan and the supply closet at your reception... I look forward to getting a full update over lunch! Oscar is coming back early for the Alaska trip (normally he doesn't return to the states until Thanksgiving, and, for all we know, he may be going back to Israel for a couple months after the Alaska trip; he's spent the last month, actually, in Edinburgh, Scotland, living out of some college dorm room) which will include 2 days south of Anchorage on the Kenai peninsula (including boat trips to the Kenai Fjords National Park/marine mammal viewing, etc.), 3+ days in Denali National Park (after what's supposed to be an incredibly beautiful 8 hr. train trip with "bubble--top" easy-viewing railcars...), then 2 days in Fairbanks (further north), than 2+ days in Gustavus near Glacier Bay National Park (southeast Alaska, more boats, "calving" glaciers, marine mammals, etc). 8/27 to 9/7. Should be great if the weather holds and if everyone can get along for that long a stretch! I've purchased binoculars and will be taking plenty of photos! Along with East Africa, Alaska is a place I've always wanted to go (before it, too, gets ruined...). So I'm looking forward to it!! I'm sorry to hear about Huang Sua and the time-to-think syndrome... I hope it turns out OK for Bob. He's such a good person that it just seems he deserves to get a few breaks, personal-happiness-wise. Perhaps part of it is that he's not sure himself where he really wants this relationship to go? On the job front, I applied for the post of "Legislative Affairs and Community Liaison" (or something like that...) person with the city of Peoria (western part of metropolitan Phoenix) last week, though I don't expect anything to come of it... On the dog front, we just got word from the Newfoundland breeders that they have bred three females and hope for litters in September. They sent us photos of the potential parents: if I think of it I'll bring them along to D.C. Let me know about lunch on Tuesday (again, any other idea would be fine with me, as well). It doesn't have to be anyplace "nice"/expensive, unless that's what people want. Tell Kevin to bring in his Grace pictures!

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