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FOR : BRENT SCOWCROFT
FROM: GEORGE BUSH

FIRST WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON THIS WELL DESERVED AND IMPORTANT PROMOTION. I LISTENED WITH INTEREST AS THE PRESIDENT SPOKE IN THOSE GLOWING TERMS ABOUT YOUR ABILITY.

AS SOON AS YOU COULD GIVE ME SOME IDEA AS TO THE PRESIDENT'S THINKING ON CONFIRMATION HEARINGS IT WOULD BE MOST HELPPUL IN TERMS OF MY OWN PLANS.

MY CURRENT THINKING IS AS FOLLOWS:

BARBARA AND I WOULD PLAN TO LEAVE CHINA ONE WEEK AFTER THE PRESIDENT DEPARTS WHICH WOULD PUT US IN WASHINGTON IN MID-DECEMBER. UNDOUBTEDLY THAT WOULD BE TOO LATE FOR HEARINGS BEFORE CONGRESS ADJOURNS FOR CHRISTMAS. I COULD, HOWEVER, USEFULLY USE THE ENSUING THREE WEEKS FOR FULL BRIEFINGS.

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW COLBY'S PLANS. I RESPECT HIM AND WOULD LOVE TO HAVE SOME TIME WITH HIM AT HIS CONVENIENCE.

IN THE EVENT CONFIRMATION BEFORE ADJOURNMENT IS DEEMED ADVISABLE THEN I SHOULD PLAN A ONE WEEK VISIT TO THE US SOON, PERHAPS FLYING BACK WITH THE ADVANCE PARTY AND RETURNING WELL BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. I SEE THIS TRIP AS LOW PROFILE GIVING ME A CHANCE TO GET SOME GENERAL GUIDANCE FROM PRESIDENT, TO TALK TO YOU, SEC KISSINGER, RUMSFELD AND PEOPLE AT THE AGENCY.

I REALIZE YOU ARE SWAMPED BUT WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE.

WARM REGARDS,

GEORGE BUSH

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