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Sent: Friday, November 11, 2011 10:03 PM
To: Tomalis, Ronald
Subject: Re: Pat Meehan

Agree. Will buzz you next week. If anything comes up, I am available all weekend.

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On Nov 11, 2011, at 7:05 PM, "Tomalis, Ronald" <rtomalis@pa.gov> wrote:

> Ken....

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> Good work on Meehan. I think we should expect more of these inquiries ... So the sooner we can announce the remaining members of the panel the better.

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> Re Freeh and Chertoff -- I noted the same thing about Freeh when I had reviewed the names prior to forwarding them to John earlier in the week, and agree that it gives the edge to Chertoff. I think we should talk to both of them though to see what additional resources Freeh could marshal if need be. Also note that earlier in the week, Chertoff had reached out to attorneys in the Administration to express interest.

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> Ron

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> Ron,

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> I reached the Congressman on his cell moments ago. He told me that the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation had decided to send us a letter seeking "representation" on the Special Committee on the basis that PSU receives federal funding. . After we discussed the "slippery slope" that including one group of elected officials but not others would entail, Meehan agreed to go back and suggest that no such letter should be sent.

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> As a lawyer with his own investigatory experience, Meehan fully understands that the Committee must be free of outside influences. I offered to give him periodic status reports, and he said he was grateful.

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> I am being inundated by outside counsel calls and e-mails. On the way back from PSU, I looked carefully at the backgrounds for Freeh and Chertoff. I learned that Freeh is now in a small "boutique firm" of 12 lawyers. Chertoff is at the Covington firm which has much greater resources at its disposal. In my view, this gives a decided edge to Chertoff. In the day-to-day work of these kinds of matters, it matters a great deal what kind of support team the "marquee lawyer" has behind him/her.

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