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Cherry blossoms are in full bloom here. If I don't have to come into the office, I'm hoping to stroll down to the Tidal Basin with a picnic and decompress.

Just a few things....

1. As I e-mailed on the classified system, we need some basics on your plans for [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]

2. As I e-mailed to you earlier, we desperately need the OK from C-8 [REDACTED] that funds are available for us to hire the three democracy/governance team members through SAIC. Until he gives the OK, we can't even begin to negotiate contracts with them, and they are beginning to lose interest. This issue has interest from Wolfowitz on down, so we want to resolve this ASAP.

3. A heads-up: SecDef has asked his special assistant, Larry DiRita, to travel out your way next week. He plans to leave here on Tuesday with [REDACTED] in tow. Both will have had NBC training and bring their own gear with them. [REDACTED] will contact you directly with their travel agenda when they have one, and he asks that you arrange housing, airport pickup, etc.

4. We got a copy of the economic jump start paper Jay sent to SecDef. Sounds like a lot of decisions will need to be made on the issues raised. Do you need us to do anything about it, or is Jay dealing directly with SecDef on this?

5. The issue of getting physical security in place around ministries and other critical facilities is still on our top ten list as an action item for JCS/J5 and CENTCOM. [REDACTED]  
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That's all I can think of. Stay well.

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