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Subject: Notes

I have underlined the portion that POTUS liked.

POTUS Phone Call re: Paris

SP:

- Got the Op-Ed note but didn't get something else he sent. (Letter from Al Gore -Targets are not enforceable).
- Example of DC focusing on things that distract from things we're doing. (He was talking about GOP officials from 14 States and they are all saying they're fired up). SP affirms: Penn and Ohio, EO Energy Independence...excitement. Missouri, 300 miners Sen Blunt, excitement was unbelievable.
- SP says he wants to be responsive to what POTUS sent over. The President's instincts are spot on. SP encourages POTUS to trust those instincts, saying: "You've hit the nail on the head. The Paris Agreement makes us seem apologetic for what we've accomplished and it puts the U.S. in a bad position. Your instincts are to exit and exit cleanly and then reset the discussion...Those are spot on."
- "The rest of the world applauded when we signed the agreement because it put the U.S. at an economic disadvantage. It creates domestic obligations that other countries refuse to do."

POTUS - Bad agreement and not fair. We put up money and no one else did. Paris Agreement is not fair... but Paris to Pittsburg might be too much. When he gets back from his trip he'd like to meet on the next Wednesday.

France will pressure him to stay in - having lunch.

SP's Response:

- For those across the world who say we're going to lose our seat at the table... We're the US--we don't lose our seat at the table. The past

administration talked a lot but this administration is DOING a lot. We're improving the environment through ACTION. We're at pre-1990s CO2 levels not because of regulation but because of innovation. That's our seat at the table. Not % reduction and the rest but through technology.

- POTUS responded to that and SP "agree[s] wholeheartedly with [POTUS's] position.
- Infrastructure - Coal generation facilities. Set goal to build in next 5 years. 90% efficient w/r/t CO2 capture. On infrastructure and the power grid we are top in the world. It's important because coal is a solid hydrocarbon you can store on site. If there is an attack on a system, natural gas doesn't make it to facility. Coal keeps things running.
- German Minister - Says Germany will get rid of all nuclear and fossil and SP says You go do that and meanwhile the U.S. will kick your tail with fuel diversity and strength in the manufacturing base to ensure stability on the grid.
- Returning to the Paris-specific discussion, SP states that it is essential that we get out because the agreement puts America second by putting us at an economic disadvantage. Even more problematic... if we stay in and renegotiate the percentage it still means that you would have to own that percentage. This is not like NAFTA and TPP; whatever percentage you choose means rulemaking out of here (EPA) to meet that obligation. We are rolling back based on and pursuant to the Energy Independence EO. Obama rolled out his entire climate action agenda to meet the Paris Accord. That's what we're rolling back. Targets still fell short, even with the Methane rule, CPP, and others to meet the Paris percentages. We will have to keep one of these rules if we negotiate a lower percentage.
- The enthusiasm that this will create will be unimaginable for the 2018 elections, things like this will make sure that there is no "enthusiasm gap."
- You don't have to go through Congress, that's just you making a decision

POTUS - "Let's get out, okay? Couple of days after I get back and we'll announce we're getting out." Problem with the French. Terminate Paris Accord because they're not treating us fairly. We won't be able to meet obligations and will lose 100s of thousands of jobs in the process.

- Don't need resolution.

- SP to check on accompanying POTUS on his trip. SP to call Joe Hagin to coordinate.
- FERC Commissioners - SP says they have to be on there before we can get it moved. Reminding POTUS that he called Johnny into the office to check on the status of those appointments. SP says he's "not sure where you are in the process."
- SP's team will talk to Hope to get something on the schedule re: Paris for an hour.

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- Follow up from Call -

SP talked to Patrick (Joe's #2); Saudi Arabia a no-go, but potential to meet up later on.

SP's recollection: POTUS talked about the base and the "enthusiasm gap," as SP described it. France has requested time to talk to him about it while he's over there. POTUS request/action item: reach out to Hope directly (will do first thing tomorrow am). Specific instructions were that SP will draft a speech to work on with Miller post POTUS's return. He will announce that we're "terminating the agreement because it's unfair to country and too expensive." POTUS liked the characterization that this puts the U.S. at an economic disadvantage and that's why it was applauded by other countries.

Also, Rand Paul is running some Bill or Resolution terminating the agreement. He wanted SP to call Rand and tell him how much POTUS likes him. He wants all Senators behind him. Decision made to call Rand the week-of.

POTUS to SP: "You're going to write me the best speech ever."

To Research: What does the CPP represent as far as reduction? By what % did Obama say that they would cut? Because if we're supposed to cut 26% with CPP and Methane CAFE, etc. then what would CPP alone have done? If we renegotiate and set at 10% then that's still (at a minimum) CPP.

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