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Attachments: Memory Joggers - WaPo, PBS, NYT Interview AS O'Brien- 12 FEB 24.docx, Questions - WaPo, PBS, NYT Interview AS O'Brien - 12 FEB 24.docx

Dear PDAS Kim and staffers,

Thank you very much for the edits. Staff assistants, see attached for the updated paper to include lines on Tucker Carlson's interview of Putin.

Best,

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Clear, with edits. One more Q: What do you make of Tucker Carlson's interview of Putin?

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Good evening, PDAS Kim,

Attached please find, for your review and approval, paper Press prepared for A/S O'Brien's interview on Monday with the Post, NYT, and PBS.

Looping in (b)(6) and (b)(6) should you have any questions.

Best,

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Colleagues - please clear linked below Q&As for A/S O'Brien's interview with Washington Post and PBS NewHour.

[Memory Joggers - WaPo, PBS Interview AS O'Brien- 12 FEB 24.docx](#)

Thank you,

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Subject: RE: EUR Paper Due: 02/09

Hi Staffers,

Please see the memory joggers (including reporter bios) and questions attached. The questions/topics document is more of a cheat sheet for the memory joggers, which contain the answers. Apologies this is a bit late – thank you for your flexibility!

Best,

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Apologies for getting our wires crossed double-tasking that one. We'll take it whenever it's ready!

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And sorry – yesterday we were told we had a noon deadline, which is why I didn't plan to have it sooner!

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Hi (b)(6)

Hoping to have it to you shortly – aiming for 12:30.

Thanks,

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Press colleagues,

I wanted to check in to see if you have an ETA for the Q&As and bios for the Monday gathering with WashPo, PBS, and FT journalists.

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**(U) Assistant Secretary James C. O'Brien's
Background Interview with Michael Birnbaum (Washington Post),
Nick Schifrin (PBS NewsHour), and Eric Schmitt (New York Times)
Monday, February 12, 2024, 12:10 p.m. (30 minutes)**

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Reporters' Questions/Discussion Topics

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10. Comment on Tucker Carlson's interview of Putin?

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