

- State's policy is to construe the Hamilton letter broadly, recognizing that that may involve a "poison pill," and produce everything responsive as quickly as possible, in order to force the Hill Democrats to assume the risk of blame for any delay. [In this respect, he views the delay/filibuster strategy of the House and Senate Republicans as counterproductive.]
- State does not desire to exercise any "lead agency" authority. Ed believes that I (or at least our office) should do so with respect to responsibility to provide the President and senior White House staff an integrated perspective on information being produced.
- Ed will review the materials to be produced by State with me before they are produced. He intends to accelerate his staff's efforts so that he and I can meet Thursday to do so, before he leaves town Friday.

In response to my question, Ed indicated he could not characterize the amount of information State had identified, but that it had been characterized to him as "boxes." Presumably, we will know on Thursday what the quantity is.

I indicated to Ed that we may have an interagency meeting later this week, inasmuch as State seems to be well ahead of everybody else and we do need to have a consistent understanding and consistent approaches to production issues. He was agreeable to that.