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I made a few changes. We need to discuss this asap. I'm in the office. Please call or come by.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Gubernatorial Transition (for use after Haley is sworn in)

On November 23, 2016, then President-elect Donald Trump announced that he would appoint Governor Nikki Haley to be the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations, a role of Ambassador. Before he could officially appoint her, then President-elect Trump must be **sworn in** and the United States Senate must provide its consent to the appointment.

On January 18, 2017, the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations held the Nomination Hearing for Nikki Haley to be U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved her in this position and recommended the United States Senate consent to the appointment. The United States Senate provided consent to her appointment on [REDACTED].

President Trump was **sworn in** on January 20, 2017.

Accordingly, President Trump has now officially appointed Governor Haley to the role of Ambassador and she was sworn in to the position on January __, 2017, at ___ pm. In order to serve in this new role, Governor Haley has resigned from her position as Governor of South Carolina.

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 11 of the South Carolina Constitution, “In the case of the removal of the Governor from office by ... resignation ..., the Lieutenant Governor shall be Governor.” Accordingly, Lieutenant Governor Henry McMaster will become Governor as soon as Governor Haley resigns, and will serve the remainder of Governor Haley’s unexpired term, which will end at noon on January 9, 2019.

Although Lieutenant Governor McMaster assumes the role of Governor automatically upon Governor Nikki Haley’s resignation, a small swearing in ceremony will occur to document the transfer of the governorship on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at [REDACTED].

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