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Subject: Urgent Slate Reporter Query on Confederate Flag in Capitol Complex

Hello Chaney and Brian,

This is Rachel Gross, a reporter at Slate. I know you're both swamped, but we're writing on the question of why the Confederate flag flown on the grounds of the Capitol Complex and I wanted to make sure I get my facts correctly. I had a few questions. My deadline is 2:30 p.m. today, and I'd greatly appreciate if you could get back to me so I don't misstate anything in the article. Please feel free to call me at 714.932.0595. Thank you so much!

Questions:

1. Is this flag treated the same as South Carolina state flags in the Capitol Complex? (Lowered at the same times, etc)
2. What past tragedies, if any, has this flag been flown at half-staff for since its location moved in 2000? If none, then why not?
3. Is it typically flown at half-staff on holidays such as Memorial Day and Veteran's Day? If not, then why not?
4. Are there any plans for this flag to be flown at half-staff in response to the shooting tragedy? If not the governor, who would have to authorize this?
5. Are there any plans to remove this flag in the near future, given the controversy over the symbolism of the Confederate flag in 2000 and the dwindling number of people in the state who support its use?

Thank you so much for any and all information!

Best,
Rachel