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Dear Chaney,

I hope you are well. As you may remember we met in Columbia, SC, a few weeks ago when I was travelling to research a profile about Nikki Haley. Now - after Trump's triumph - I am planning to come back to the US in January, stay the weeks until his inauguration and research two different stories while I am in the states:

The first is a piece about Washington itself. I would love to write about what some people call the "toughest city on earth". Everything big is here: big politics, big media, big money, big power, big networks. And now there's a new kid on the block: Donald Trump who told his audience to clean Washington and get rid of the system.

I would love to research what system that is, how Washington is getting ready for Trump – or even not.

Therefore it would certainly be interesting to talk to Gov. Haley. In my opinion, she has some good insight views of DC, but also a perspective from the outside so that she's able to comment all this.

More important, my second piece is a bigger story about the transatlantic partnership after the election of Trump – focused on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership TTIP. Therefore I will talk to CEO's, companies and bi corporations who could tell me a bit more about the US perspective on this, about the consequences of Trump's election for TTIP and their expectation under the new administration.

This topic is also worth to be discussed with Gov. Haley. My perspective is of course a German one. I will visit BMW in Spartanburg, Mercedes Benz and VW, Siemens and GE to get an idea, how important free trade is for these companies.

As you know Trump said in his campaign, that he's going to cancel all trade agreements once he's in office. Having this in mind it would be extraordinary important for us and our audience to get some good takes on that from a Republican strategist. That's why I am reaching out. I think it would be extremely interesting to get Gov. Haley's perspective on transatlantic partnership in general and TTIP in special.

I would love to talk to Gov. Haley about both topics - in background or on the record, whatever she prefers! Do you think we could work something out, maybe a short meeting in Columbia while I am there?

I am looking forward hearing from you!

All the best, kindest regards

Simon

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