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Subject: RE: The 17 GOP Presidential Contenders: My Ranked Preferences AT THIS POINT IN TIME

Alan,
Thank you for sharing this email! This is great!
Hope all is well. Please let me know if you need anything.
Thank you,
Katherine

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Katherine,

I do presume that Governor Haley is in a good position to be considered for Vice President -- with the only 3 obvious exceptions among the 17 Republican Presidential contenders being Governor Jindal (also an Indian American; currently my 2d choice of the 17), Carly Fiorina (also a woman; currently my 3d choice), and Senator Graham (also a South Carolinian; currently my 8th choice).

Yes, I have fun with this. My rankings are below.

The times they are intriguing !

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The below preference rankings are fluid. They will continue to evolve as actions, known facts, and views continue to evolve.

The point of my preference count is Aug 1 Saturday, upon my return from nearly a month away. Delivery of my *Island Packet* did not resume until Sunday. Delivery of my *Wall Street Journal* did not resume until today Monday. I am reading all 3, along with tomorrow's papers, tomorrow.

At **5 PM today Monday**, C-Span is telecasting a live event at St. Anselm's College in Manchester NH featuring 14 of our 17 announced candidates.

On **August 5 Thursday** at 8 PM, the top-10 ranked Republican candidates (as based on an average of the most recent 5 polls, including one being released tomorrow) will participate in a debate in Cleveland moderated by Megyn

Kelly of Fox News. Three hours earlier at **5 PM**, also on Fox News, the seven candidates on the 'B' team (those polling at #11 to #17) will debate.

My rankings are in order of my current preference. The number immediately following in parentheses for each candidate is the percentage of votes (rounded to the nearest whole number) that he/she received in the NBC News / Wall Street Journal Poll released on August 1 Saturday. This should not be confused with the poll being released Aug 4 Tuesday tomorrow.

The 3 candidates with an asterisk after their name are the only 3 potential nominees whom I believe would "structurally" deter the likelihood of his/her strong consideration of our SC GOVERNOR **Nikki HALEY** for vice presidential running mate.

My 'A' Team:

1. (9%) Ohio GOVERNOR **John KASICH**
2. (12%) Louisiana GOVERNOR **Bobby JINDAL ***
3. (0%) BUSINESSWOMAN and former HP CEO **Carly FIORINA ***
4. (15%) Wisconsin GOVERNOR **Scott WALKER**
5. (14%) Former Florida GOVERNOR **Jeb BUSH** (But for his in-my-view unconscionably prolonging the life of Terry Schiavo while Governor, I would have him ranked 3d behind Governor's Kasich and Jindal.)
6. (5%) Florida SENATOR **Marco RUBIO**

My 'B' Team:

7. (3%) New Jersey GOVERNOR **Chris CHRISTIE**
8. (0%) South Carolina SENATOR **Lindsey GRAHAM *** (Outstanding on national security and foreign policy; no domestic executive experience.)
9. (0%) Former New York GOVERNOR **George PATAKI** (Out of office and off the radar for a long time now.)

Adequate: The 'C' Team:

10. (6%) Kentucky SENATOR **Rand PAUL**
11. (19%) BUSINESSMAN **Donald TRUMP**

Uncomfortable: The 'D' Team:

12. (6%) Former Arkansas GOVERNOR **Mike HUCKABEE**
13. (1%) Former Pennsylvania CONGRESSMAN **Rick SANTORUM** (Because I was a Pennsylvanian w 30+ yrs service in the Exec & Leg branches of PA State Gov't, and because Rick has family here and is himself a nice person, I do feel bad about this.)

"No": The 'Last' Team:

14. (0%) Former Virginia GOVERNOR **Jim GILMORE**
15. (4%) NEUROSURGEON **Dr. Ben CARSON**
16. (9%) Florida SENATOR **Ted CRUZ**
17. (3%) Former Texas GOVERNOR **Rick PERRY**

As always, I will actively support and vote for the nominee of our Republican Party.
