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Chaney, Rob, to spare you needles work: if you have a line attributable directly to the governor, I can hopefully squeeze it in, but it's too late for other amendments, so no need to dig out further speech extracts etc.

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On 13 January 2016 at 12:37, Adams, Chaney <ChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Andrew- Here is a first round of answers to questions for you, we are working on the rest.

Thanks for working with us during this busy time.

- Like others, you were clearly moved by the atrocity in Charleston, subsequently changing your mind about the statehouse Confederate flag. Do you think that, beforehand, you hadn't properly considered how this symbol looked to African-Americans?

Gov. Haley addressed this in her National Press Club Speech: <http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article33497625.html>

- As the child of immigrants, how alarmed are you by some of the rhetoric regarding immigration from Republican presidential contenders, specifically Donald Trump's proposal to exclude Muslims and the idea of religious tests for refugees espoused by several candidates? They hardly fulfil your recent pleas for the party to stop appearing "cold and unwelcoming to minorities".

Excerpt from Gov. Haley's Republican Address:

"For me, that starts right where it always has: I am the proud daughter of Indian immigrants who reminded my brothers, my sister and me every day how blessed we were to live in this country.

"Growing up in the rural south, my family didn't look like our neighbors, and we didn't have much. There were times that were tough, but we had each other, and we had the opportunity to do anything, to be anything, as long as we were willing to work for it.

"My story is really not much different from millions of other Americans. Immigrants have been coming to our shores for generations to live the dream that is America. They wanted better for their children than for themselves. That remains the dream of all of us, and in this country we have seen time and again that that dream is achievable.

"Today, we live in a time of threats like few others in recent memory. During anxious times, it can be tempting to follow the siren call of the angriest voices. We must resist that temptation.

"No one who is willing to work hard, abide by our laws, and love our traditions should ever feel unwelcome in this country.

"At the same time, that does not mean we just flat out open our borders. We can't do that. We cannot continue to allow immigrants to come here illegally. And in this age of terrorism, we must not let in refugees whose intentions cannot be determined.

"We must fix our broken immigration system. That means stopping illegal immigration. And it means welcoming properly vetted legal immigrants, regardless of their race or religion. Just like we have for centuries.

"I have no doubt that if we act with proper focus, we can protect our borders, our sovereignty and our citizens, all while remaining true to America's noblest legacies.

- South Carolina is a predominantly conservative state, but America as a whole is deeply divided. Do you agree that what the country really needs is non-ideological, non-partisan leadership? As a two-term governor, and therefore a member of the political establishment, are you disconcerted by the evident anti-establishment rage of many ordinary voters?

Excerpt from Gov. Haley's Republican Address:

"At the outset, I'll say this: you've paid attention to what has been happening in Washington, and you're not naive.

"Neither am I. I see what you see. And many of your frustrations are my frustrations.

"A frustration with a government that has grown day after day, year after year, yet doesn't serve us any better. A frustration with the same, endless conversations we hear over and over again. A frustration with promises made and never kept.

"We need to be honest with each other, and with ourselves: while Democrats in Washington bear much responsibility for the problems facing America today, they do not bear it alone. There is more than enough blame to go around.

"We as Republicans need to own that truth. We need to recognize our contributions to the erosion of the public trust in America's leadership. We need to accept that we've played a role in how and why our government is broken.

"And then we need to fix it."

- Does the governor regard Margaret Thatcher as a personal hero?

Statement from Nikki Haley on Thatcher's passing: "I was saddened by the news this morning of the passing of a personal inspiration and hero, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. In her momentous times, she left an enormous mark on her country and the world, reversing Great Britain's path toward socialism and labor union domination, and helping to defeat international communism. The daughter of a grocer, Margaret Thatcher broke numerous barriers of class and gender, just by being who she was. Her determination and achievements will make her a towering historical figure for generations to come."

On background: In 2010 and again in 2014 the Haley for governor campaign featured pink campaign t-shirts, in addition to red and blue t-shirts, with the famous Thatcher quote, "If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman."

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