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Chaney, Rob

Thanks again for the material you sent through earlier. Here are some questions for the governor: any and all responses appreciated. As I mentioned, my deadline is Wednesday morning.

Best

Andy

- 1) On your economic record: some say the job growth in South Carolina during your administration owes more to the country's general economic recovery than to your leadership. Isn't that part of the story?
- 2) How do you respond to critics who say you have been slow to lead on the problems of poor education and infrastructure in South Carolina (and that the recent education spending boost is insufficient)? Some attribute this to your determination not to be associated with anything resembling a tax rise, even if the state needs investment.
- 3) What did you think of President Obama's relatively modest gun-control initiative of earlier this week?
- 4) 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?
- 5) 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".
- 6) 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?
- 7) 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?
- 8) Ideally, should national leaders have prior executive experience?
- 9) Do you regret issuing report cards for legislators in your first term?

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