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Kelly,

I ran out of room on the form concerning the PATRIOT Act Outreach Initiative, so I hope that this format will provide you with more complete and legible information.

We have planned a panel discussion on the PA at the USC Law School auditorium on Wed., 9-10-03, from 1:30-3:30 pm. Panelists will include myself, John Barton (our ATTF Coord.), Mr. Chuck Rosenberg, Prof. Seamon (Const. law), Columbia Atty. Bill Nettles (we think), and Prof. Bill Quirk as the moderator. Dean Mood is enthusiastic about this and we are billing it as a co-hosted event by us and the law school. We plan to give 10 minute opening statements, an hour debate, and 15 minutes of questions from the law students, the public, and the media who will all be invited via press release on Monday, 9-9-03.

As for the Congressional contacts:

Rep. Gresham Barrett (voted in favor of Otter Amend.). I had a very productive phone conversation with him last week. He understands the importance of Section 213. A member of his staff called me approx. an hour after our conversation to advise that Rep. Barrett would sign a letter that was being circulated to remove the Otter Amend. from the Approp. package.

Rep. Joe Wilson (voted in favor of the Otter Amend.). I met with him in Columbia 2 weeks ago and gave him a copy of the letter to Speaker Hastert. Rep. Wilson advised that Butch Otter was a good friend of his and that he voted for the "personality" before fully considering the impact of the Otter Amend. He said that he did this in part because "no one from Main Justice was there" and that the Dept. was "silent" at the time of the vote. He now understands its importance to law enforcement and he mentioned something along the lines of "it can be fixed in conference."

Rep. Jim Demint (voted against Otter amend.). Did not contact.

Rep. Henry Brown (voted against Otter Amend.). Did not contact.

Rep. John Spratt (voted in favor of Otter Amend.). Did not contact.

Rep. Jim Clyburn (voted in favor of Otter Amend.). Did not contact

Sen. Lindsey Graham I met with him in Columbia last Thursday and provided him with a copy of the letter to Speaker Hastert. He asked several questions along the lines of "So this is a real benefit to law enforcement?" and "These searches can only be done with a court order?" I advised him of my conversations with Reps. Barrett and Wilson and that they both voted for the Otter Amend. without being fully informed. Sen. Graham advised that the Otter Amend. was a more appropriate matter for the Judiciary Cmte. to take up rather than it passing as part of an Approp. package.

Sen. Fritz Hollings I received permission from OLA for AUSA Sean Kittrell (a former staffer of Sen. Hollings) to meet with the Sen. on my behalf. Mr. Kittrell made several attempts to contact Sen. Hollings prior to meeting with Sen. Hollings' AA, ^{b6} Mr. Kittrell believes that he had a "very positive" conversation with ^{b6} who would brief Sen. Hollings. ^{b6} commented that there would likely be an Omnibus Bill for FY 04 with the result that amendments such as Otter's would be negotiated between the White House and the Republican leadership, and that putting the amendment on the Approp. bill may not have been the best vehicle for Otter and that it may be a "non-issue."

Let me know if you need additional information.