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Dear Paul:

Here is the manuscript, as promised.

I think what you've added improves the narrative considerably. The one thing I now feel is missing is a sense of what you've accomplished during your years in Congress. I've marked a couple of places where I think you could get in some foreign policy accomplishments. In the context of your speeches to businessmen's groups, I believe you could work in something about Chrysler or other initiatives you've taken that were favorable to business. Right now the reader gets the sense that everything is routine.

I've also done a lot of editing. I've tried to make the language more precise and eliminate overused words like bizarre, strange, odd, felt, event, (meaningless outside the political fraternity); omit some sentences and paragraphs that seem awkward; remove some mechanics--too often you're driving somewhere or calling someone. I've also nominated for removal of some sentences and paragraphs that involve what struck me as uninteresting political details--there's still a little too much politics and not enough personal details. (As you're going through the text, I hope you can remember some more of the latter, particularly between Niki and you. It's not enough to say: "Niki and I talked and talked and talked.")

Title? I see priorities poking its head up several times in the text.

Best,

Ashbel Green