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TO: Rahm Emanuel

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SUBJECT: weeklies

Hey -- I'm going to have start policing your weeklies a little more. President obviously likes to see them, but problem is that you sometimes stick in decision stuff prematurely. It's fine for going to Leon, but not always fine for going to the President. Example -- Shalala sent a memo in on executive action re welfare, which I circulated to the usual suspects. Some opinion has been expressed, including by George, that this needs to be considered in meeting with Leon. Meanwhile, you've got POTUS already rolling down the track on it.

I'm not being critical -- I'm just telling you that I'm going to have to look your reports over more carefully and screen them if stuff is getting put to POTUS prematurely.

On the welfare matter itself -- in view of George's comments and others, I'd hold off before rocking and rolling. tds