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To: Laura Emmett/WHO/EOP
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Subject: Two items for daily report

Food Stamp Fraud: Senator Lugar's staff told USDA Wednesday that he intends to introduce and pass through the Senate before the end of the Congress two Food Stamp fraud bills that would, through legislation, accomplish 2 of the 3 actions we had planned to take by executive order. Lugar's staff has aksed USDA for technical assistance on the draft bills and we expect USDA to send us suggestions for clearance on Thursday. Lugar's bill would accomplish the first two of these proposals: 1) Ensure that Food Stamp recipients who die are immediately removed from the rolls, by requiring the Social Security Administration to share its death records with Food Stamp program; 2) Require USDA to develop a plan to create an interstate matching system to ensure Food Stamp recipients are not receiving benefits in multiple states; and 3) Require Treasury to collect (through offset of federal payments and other means) unpaid fines owed by retailers that have violated Food Stamp rules, such as exchanging Food Stamps for cash.

not done

~~**Tobacco and Medicaid Recoupment:** Through his staff, Dan Mendelson has indicated he doesn't think we need to draft the other parts of the tobacco medicaid recoupment language yet, because he understands Lott said Wednesday he would not allow the recoupment language to be attached. I (CR) have not yet reached him to discuss this with him personally.~~

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To: Elena Kagan/OPD/EOP

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Subject: Update on food stamp fraud

Just fyi -- we're ready to go anytime on the three directives. For one, we're working on some operational matters -- i.e., how we would really proceed once the directive is given -- which we don't really need to work out before the announcement. We will also need to do the WW circulation. But for scheduling purposes you should consider them ready whenever they may be handy.

(The issue, fyi, involves the SSA's Death Files. The directive would make it available to the Food Stamp program so they can be sure no deceased persons are receiving Food Stamps. SSA would prefer to give the data file to USDA or to the states; USDA was hoping the states could send their Food Stamp data to SSA and have SSA run the matches. SSA would do it either way, but they prefer not to be responsible for the extra administrative burden, etc., and are concerned about the long run implications of becoming the national source for all such actions. There are actually four possible options, and I'm having the agencies give me short memos on the pros and cons of each and will hold a meeting on Monday Aug 31st.)