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Mr. President -

The meeting with the Governors was excellent in all respects.

There was only one thing that concerned me and that was some of your statements at the outset. I thought you did two things that could have been omitted:

1) you talked a lot about the schedule for the next week or ten days - this tends to support the notion that this is all a scheme or media event in which they are players;

2) you talked very specifically about changes, actions, etc. This should be your news later - not announced by them.

Finally, you should not want this meeting to degenerate into a bitch session about you, Administration, etc. But these are people with broad political perspectives. You should ask them advice as to how to deal with ~~the~~ ^{the} political problems of your Presidency and encourage them to be frank.