- FEMA is too important to the working poor people of this country to be hidden inside DHS, DHS is focus on protecting this country , FEMA is focused on helping our people, before during and after disasters, natural and manmade.

- Imagine FEMA as the great big St. Bernard dog prepared to save life in a room debating on budget to help the people, and he is debating with the German Sheppard and a Pit Bull who are there to protect the people from terror, drugs and illegal folks trying to get into our country. Well guess what...the St. Bernard loses every time. As example, the USG has spent ten times more money on counter terror then we have on preparedness since 9/11, yet for every dollar we spend on preparedness we can save nine dollars in response to natural disasters, some may say (the Red Cross) its one to six in savings but I believe it's more like one to nine

- FEMA need to be Cabinet level, it takes up to 5 years to complete most recovery operations from a hurricane or flooding. FEMA needs to be able to look the other Cabinet level agency eye to eye versus having to work through DHS. This is not about POTUS access, it's about the power to deal with other principles in the USG directly, i.e. DOD right now has to get approval from DHS for DOD support, this adds an unneeded layer to respond to save lives.

- We need a national Preparedness plan and we need it now. DHS National Response Format is focused on responding. FEMA needs to be more focused on a balance between Preparedness, Response, and Recovery but what DHS is focused on Response, and it shows in the budget.

- Grants, all of FEMA objectives for Grants go through and compete with DHS which is focused on counter terror and border protection, well guess, what c-t and protection stuff is, is not the technology FEMA needs.

- We don't need to rush to take FEMA out of DHS. This can be done over the next budget year, as FEMA lost a lot of talent when it was merged with DHS, but this should be done and the Congress need to make this happen.

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