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Maybe something general to the extent of:

"As with all govt agencies, NARA provides guidance to the State Dept on email management and retention. This guidance includes/applies to emails from both government and personal accounts. Please see X,Y, Z...

NARA records officers continue to work with the State Department to ensure compliance with these guidelines. ..."

FYI: we have a press event first thing tomorrow and then two big TV shoots with interviews that may last into the afternoon. Of course, we will check email and will do what we can to respond ASAP to press requests. Please let us know if/how you would like us to handle interview requests (b) (5)
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Gary and Paul,
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Maybe something general to the extent of:
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