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From: Beardsley, Kris
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Subject: Smokey the Cat

Hi all,

I wanted to send you all an update about our missing but beloved Smokey (others may know her as No-tail), the White House cat. There are a great number of you within the NSS (including our former Deputy Homeland Security Advisor Heidi Avery) who had been feeding her, petting her, and giving her lots of love during the past twenty-some odd years she lived between the EEOB and the WW, and we may have some sad news to pass on.

During the past 10 years or so, Smokey had been cared for by a Secret Service officer, who unfortunately died a few months ago. After that, the midnight shift crew took responsibility for her care, and a number of folks here at the NSS began feeding her in the day (or in some cases continued feeding her). I have been told that in her older age, she became more friendly and sociable. She liked Fancy Feast food the best, and during the cold months would stay in her cat house, which had a heated electric blanket.

During the past week, Smokey hasn't been spotted, which has gotten a number of staff concerned. And just this morning, I received an email from one of the Secret Service officers that said a GSA electrician reported an EEOB pass holder scooped her up, took her to the vet, and put her to rest. Unfortunately, we have no other info.

So, I am sending this for a few reasons: 1) you may have wondered where Smokey has been, and I wanted to let you all know what we know, and 2) to find out any info about her whereabouts and whether the info we have above is true. If you do have any info, please email me directly (don't copy all). Attached is a photo of Smokey.

Thanks in advance,
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