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Yesterday, I had a meeting with [article 4.1 b] from AEI. [article 4.1 b] covers mostly China, but is well connected in Washington so has good understanding of politics and challenges some of our offensive interests may face going forward. Here is a summary of his key comments:

- **Overall TTIP:** When talking to Members of Congress, be mindful of your TTIP timeline. Current Chairmen of key committees may leave before the TTIP is concluded (may be replaced in the next elections). Therefore, some commitments you get from certain chairmen may be useless if they leave. For one, the Republicans have time limits (who is required to change over in 2016?), but additionally, there may be already people interested in replacing some Chairmen (even before their time limit is up). Be mindful of that.

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- **Jones Act** - [not releasable]
- **Procurement** - [not releasable]

I hope you find the notes useful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,