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Subject: PM Rudd of Australia

Knowing that all of you are probably racing, i'm relaying some important messages from PM Rudd of Australia to HP thru the 3 of you. Can one of you pls let me know when you pass them along? Thks very much.

-1st, Rudd said he expects to be speaking to POTUS in the next 24-48 hours. A key item that Kevin will relay is that AIG is deeply entwined in the Aussie finan system (and he thinks with the UK and others).
(Dave, Rudd said he believed Finan Miinis Swan had called you about this, and i expect you can go thru that channel if you need more info.)

-2nd, Rudd will be in NY next week for the UNGA meetings. He said that for domestic reasons, when he's in the US he needs to speak to either HP or Ben B.
If HP is in nyc, he'd hope to meet. (Fyi i agreed to meet him.) Kevin said he hadn't asked for anything in 12 months. (My own guess is a call wld meet his need, but that's from me, not him.)

-3rd, on a more upbeat note, the reason for my call was to get an Australian contrib to the CTF, and they cam thru. (They have already announced \$50mil for the Strategic Climate Fund and \$50 mil for our Emergency Food fund.) Kevin said it was not yet public, but Australia wld attend our Sept 25 event and contribute another \$50 mil and perhaps more to the CTF. I explained that the first session wld be important for setting up the Trust Fund Com of the CTF, which wld include min contrib for a board seat. I added that \$100 mil shld qualify and \$50 mil might.

Again, cld someone confirm that this gets to HP? Also, if you do set up a meeting/call next week, it wld help if you let me know. Bob