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Happy Monday, Pete!

JUST a private note in case you get any unwanted "mentoring" from your NRA brothers (and one-half sister married to Keene): You will NOT be "doing business" during your days with the NRA delegation in Moscow. Should you arrive a few days ahead of the formal delegation, that is YOUR time to be spent on YOUR purposes with ZERO "official" contacts – just an American businessman exploring business opportunities with companies unrelated to the diplomatic / good will tour that Ms. Butina has arranged for the "honcho set."

Don't be intimidated out of a business trip because you happen to have successfully scheduled TWO completely different missions on ONE trip to the opposite side of the world.

A final heads-up: Due to NRA protocols, it will be suggested to you that (due to seniority) David Keene and Joe Gregory are "leading" the delegation in the wake of the Cors withdrawal. That is technically correct due to your as-yet-official election to the office of President. But know with CERTAINTY that the only reason that Torshin / Butina were able to preserve the incredible VIP meeting schedule they had arranged was because of YOUR about-to-be title. Others may be introduced with various accolades, but all Russian eyes – and questions – will be on you.

I'll keep you posted on any other last minute pre-departure intel. Call or write at any hour with questions!

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